

Dear Community Group

After two and half years of gathering views and documentary evidence, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has now produced a draft of the Plan for further informal consultation with the Totnes community and this is attached to this note and can also be viewed on our website. www.totnesneighbourhoodplan.org

Whilst we should appreciate your comments on the whole of the Plan we do understand that you may want to comment only on those areas, which having regard to its considerable length, are of relevance to your organisation.

The Final pre-submission draft for consultation will have a user friendly summary but at this stage it is important for the detail to be fully available.

To help you navigate through the Plan, below is a broad list of what the Plan covers but you can find a fuller list of the Contents at page 2.

Section 1 contains the overall Vision and key Objectives including paragraphs where we say what we feel is special about Totnes.

Section 2. The town has been divided into Four Quadrants - the Town Core, Bridgetown, Plymouth Road/Follaton, Northern Quarter and this section also includes the River Dart. It is a “geographical” tour of the town and the River and includes aspirational “Objectives” for these areas over the twenty-year span of the Plan.

Section 3. The Totnes Community encompasses all aspects which go to make up the Community including Housing, Health and Wellbeing, Heritage and Design, Public Realm, Open spaces, Landscape, Services and facilities.

Section 4. The Economy covers many aspects including Retail and hospitality, Training and education, The Industrial Estate and the Green Economy.

Section 5. Environment takes in Sustainability and sustainable use of land for new development, Mitigating and adapting to climate change, Renewable energy generation, Waste management, Enhancing air and water quality, Local food growing and Designing for sustainability.

Section 6. Transport: this reviews the present position and contains policies for Environmentally sustainable transport, Walking and cycling, Public and community transport and car parking.

Section 7. Area Policies takes in five areas – KEVICC, Steamer Quay, The River Park, Market Square and Car Parks, Leechwell, Heath and Lamb gardens and Vire island.

There is a list of Appendices containing supporting documents to which you might want to refer. These can be viewed on our website www.totnesneighbourhoodplan.org

We will be undertaking formal 6 week consultation, as we are required to do, later in the year, before moving forward to a referendum which we hope will approve the plan and allow it to be adopted. At the moment, we are very keen to have informal feedback to check that we are working along the right lines, and to test out anything which might be considered contentious. We want and need as many people as possible to give us their thoughts, so we can be confident that local people support the plan. There is still time to

amend elements or reconsider policies in the light of this feedback, so we would like to know what is supported as well as anything people wish to challenge.

We should be very grateful if you would kindly circulate this note and link to the draft Plan to your members and if you would like us to come and discuss it with you we are of course happy to do so.

Mary Coughlan-Clarke

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