Dear Sir

**Priory Park/Development of Priory park Bodmin**

The new proposed plans for the above mentioned road and development gives both myself and my partner great concern for the future of Bodmin. It appears that headstrong councilors are set on destroying the one green space close to the town and housing estates.

The concerns regarding traffic pollution at Dennison Road and the town centre, would in our view only be caused somewhere else. Should the new layout be approved air quality in those areas may be improved, but in so doing it will transfer the problem to Priory Park and surrounds which includes a play area, Mary Kendall Playgroup and St Petroc’s Primary School, all of which are used by vulnerable young people.

As regards to the skateboard park, we understand that consideration is being given to move this, possibly to the Dragon Leisure Centre. Its current central location makes it easily accessible on foot to the age group who use it, whereas if it was moved to the leisure centre, children would have to rely on parents to take them there and bring them back. **This would increase pollution!**

In trying to cut down the traffic along Dennison Road, traffic not destined for the new access into Priory Car Park or the B3268 would then pass along Harleigh Road and proceed up Beacon Road and Barn Lane to link up with the roundabout at the top end of town. This means it will pass close by another two primary schools and along a road used by numerous students walking to and from Bodmin College. Apart from the obvious potential health risks to this section of our community, the nature of the road makes it totally inadequate to cope with the increased traffic that would be generated.

Currently, visitors entering the town from the A389 (Priory Road/Launceston Road), are greeted by an attractive flowerbed on that junction with the green backdrop on the left-hand side of the road. Should the proposal go ahead, and also a supermarket be constructed in the vicinity of the football pitch - those features would be gone forever and completely alter the face of Bodmin.

Having been brought up in Cornwall and lived here all my life, I have witnessed some appalling decisions by our Council and its leaders. Please don’t ruin Bodmin; a town which is supposed to value its heritage. Priory Park, up to the field approaching Abbots Close contain the only green areas easily accessible to anyone visiting the town centre and we feel it is crucial to preserve it for locals, visitors and future generations.

Often we are accused of apathy regarding interest in proposed changes, but surely the strength of feeling was clearly demonstrated by the number of people who attended the consultation meeting, and subsequent walk of the route. Please take on board what the electorate want, the feelings of the townspeople and don’t destroy our heritage.

Yours faithfully
12th April 2013

Dear Sir,

I am in favour in most part to the plans for the improvement of Bodmin Town, but I strongly object to the proposed new road across Priory Fields, also the demolition of The Eaves, St. Nicholas Street to make way for this road. I have lived in Bodmin for 22yrs. and have always enjoyed the walk to Bodmin across Priory Fields two or three times a week, free from traffic. The loss of the skateboarding park would also be a great loss for those concerned. There are not many open spaces left in Bodmin, so please, please do not destroy Priory Fields as we know it, with noise and pollution.

I have also heard that Sainsbury’s have expressed a wish to build on the football field. Just where will it all end? Please save this open space for future generations.

Yours faithfully
Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the proposed road through Prinseny Park site in Bedmin, please do stop and re-consider.

My husband and I strongly object to this proposal for the following reasons.

1. Destroying much needed areas of recreation. As the recession goes on, more people will have less money to spend on outdoor activities, so cost-free areas will be used more.

2. Where will the football, its stadium and club facilities go? At present they are central and easily accessible with good
Parking close by. The club building facilities are used by other groups.

2. The skate park will be too close to a busy road for safety, even if it survives.

3. This beautiful open green space is such a benefit to the town apart from being a pleasant way in.

4. Dust, dirt, fumes etc. will harm the water meadow which has been there for over 1000 years and is part of Badminton's history.

5. The same applies to the wall.

6. There are other options which should be considered.

7. At a time when money is so short why is such a scheme even being considered? Roads, schools etc. etc. should come first.
8) If Bodmin ever should expand then such a lovely area will be needed even more than now.

9) Councils exist to carry out the wishes of the people, and the people of Bodmin (or most of them) do not wish to have the road. In a true democracy, the people’s wishes should be observed.

Please listen to us and do not push this through.

Yours faithfully.
2.
The Bodmin Community should have a say in what happens to their town.
There should be a public meeting for both sides to put their views forward. Yours sincerely.

5th April 13

Dear Sir or Madam,

We strongly object to the new road proposal for Bodmin to Plympton link.

Bodmin has few green-space facilities and this road will take that away.
If the proposed Sundays Inn building (of which we have one already) it will be gone forever.

The through traffic from Plympton to Wadebridge will not be alleviated by this scheme.

As seen by the protest on Saturday 6th despite against the proposed, which happened to location?
Planning Delivery Team  
Dolcoath Avenue  
Camborne  
TR14 8SX  

10th April 2013

Dear Sirs,

**Bodmin Town Framework**

I have been a resident of Bodmin for over sixty years and have two businesses in the town. Our has been in existence for twenty eight years, twenty four of those in St Nicholas Street, and my wife has had a retail outlet in the town for twenty five years. We both feel that the proposed Priory Link road will not benefit Bodmin and alternative suggestions should be considered that may well release funds for other improvements. The current proposal desecrates the Priory Park and will not provide a welcome to potential new visitors to Bodmin, in particular those coming from the Lanhydrock direction. The proposed link road takes them away from Bodmin before they have a chance to see the Mount Folly and the proposed pedestrianised area. I would ask you to consider the alternative suggestion that I have outlined on the attached sheet.
Primary objective should be to improve the traffic flow in St Nicholas Street and Mount Folly. Traffic flow is currently hindered by the two sets of lights on Mount Folly, one controlling the traffic flow in and out of the Car Park and the second controlling the pedestrian crossing. Making the car park entrance, on Mount Folly, entry only would remove the necessity of two sets of lights. Traffic coming up Turf Street and wishing to enter the car park would do so without any hold up, traffic coming down St Nicholas Street and wishing to use the car park would have to wait for a break in the oncoming traffic.

The main exit from the car park could be created by having a single lane road at the far end of the upper car park (above the football field), down past the skate park and out to Priory Road. As a single lane exit, without the volume of traffic associated with the proposed road, this could follow the contour of the existing path thereby minimising any visual disturbance to the area.

On occasions when this access would not be available, i.e Football match days, Bonfire night and other Charity fund raising events, the exit through Monks Walk, back on to St Nicholas Street, could be used.

The above suggestion has minimal visual impact on the park, thereby retaining the green space, and does not direct the inbound traffic away from the town centre. This would also allow commercial access to the main street, at suitable time slots, through Mount Folly rather than the suggested “reversing” of the traffic flow in Crockwell Street.
PLANNING DELIVERY TEAM
DO/COTHY AVE,
CAMBORNE
CORNWALL
TR14 8 SX

Dear Planning Delivery Team: Cornwall Council

With regard to planning of Priory Fields I am totally opposed to this proposition.
No common sense has been used in every aspect of the residents and business people here.
Residents and visitors are free to enjoy these facilities which you are endeavouring to destroy. It isn’t many years ago that the fields were beautifully landscaped with trees planted and a picnic area created to benefit everyone. It lifts the spirit and gives a good feel factor.
St Peter’s School children can safely walk through Priory to school and on the way back home have a playtime in the park and feed the ducks, swans, with no pollution of our quality.
Visitors come in my shop and say “how blessed we are to have such good facilities so near to the town Centre”
Please do not desecrate this beautiful well used area of Bodmin. It is so well used.
I remain yours faithfully
16th April 2013

Dear Sirs,

Bodmin Town Framework

I have studied your consultation document and your plan showing the proposed Priory Link Road. I have strong objections to the creation of the link road and will outline these first and make some general comments under a separate heading. A summary of my comments and objections to the Priory Link Road is set out on page 3.

Priory Link Road

Route through Priory Park

Priory Park is an historic area once trod by the monks of Bodmin. The holy well of St. Petroc is in the Park. Since its purchase from the Gilbert Family the park has been held by the Bodmin Town Council for the benefit of the people of Bodmin. It is an extremely important recreational facility used by the population of Bodmin and also by visitors. It includes the local football ground and club house, a children's play area and a skateboard area for teenagers. It is in constant use, summer and winter, as an area of general recreation for adults and children; used for informal games including football and cricket, walking with and without dogs, jogging and other summer activities like picnics. It is also the site of the War Memorial. Organised activities include open air memorial and other concerts, official firework displays, particularly on November the fifth and other special activities organised for children. The park is an easily accessible well maintained green space away from traffic and other noise and the busy activities of the Town and is safe for enjoyment by all age groups including the elderly and parents with children. The consultation document in its list of "green assets" like Cardinham Woods, Lanhydrock and Dunmere does not include the Park which unlike those listed is in the centre of the town and so can be accessed without the use of transport.

I hope that the reader can gather from the above that Priory Park is an important social asset for the people of Bodmin and that any drastic modification of the park could be disastrous. At
present it is a healthy open space. To bring what could be a busy road through it would not only introduce danger to the users of the park, many of whom are children, but would also negatively affect its air quality and bring to it substantial noise pollution.

Judging from a look at the Priory Link Road plan the road will use up a large amount of the park and also split the park into pieces. We all know that roads are not just strips of tarmac. They also require drainage and space for contractors to service the roads. The proposed road would have to carry private and commercial traffic and so will have to be big enough to be safe for vehicle drivers. There is no indication in the framework document as to whether or not the link road is to carry one way or two way traffic. If it is to carry two way traffic it will take out a substantial amount of the park and will be more dangerous and create more noise and air pollution. The plan also indicates that the skateboard area will have to be be moved and also the football clubhouse. The clubhouse area not only provides valuable overspill parking but is also used for organised events for children including firework displays which will no longer be possible if it disappears under a road. At present many parents of children who walk to St. Petrocs Primary school with prams and toddlers have safe access to the school using Monks' Walk, a path from St. Nicholas Street to a gate behind the football clubhouse or close thereto. The plan appears to show that this will be replaced by a vehicular access and the the old safe pedestrian access would disappear.

A row of old trees acts as a boundary between the park and the St. Petrocs School grounds. These, apart from having some age, are an environmental asset to the park and the area. If these are to go this is yet another reason not to have the link road in the Park.

The Eaves

The plan shows "the Eaves" on St. Nicholas Street as unaffected by the proposed development, apart from its close proximity to the link road, yet the Gyn family claim to have had a purchase offer from the County Council. This indicates an unjustified assumption that the link road proposal will go ahead in spite of a lack of necessary planning permissions and before comments have been received by the people of Bodmin and the Bodmin Town Council. Leaving this aside, if there is an intention to demolish the house this has been decided without taking into account its historic significance. Records should reveal that the house was occupied by successive commanding officers of the DCLI, a regiment much loved by the people of Bodmin and indeed Cornwall. The colours of the regiment hang in a side chapel of St. Petrocs Church.

St. Nicholas Street and Harleigh Road

It appears that the junction between the link road and St. Nicholas Street may be controlled by traffic lights. This will result in more exhaust pollution being pumped into the St. Nicholas Street Conservation Area from stationary vehicles many of which will be fuelled by diesel.

The traffic passing through St. Nicholas St. in both directions has increased dramatically over the
past few years both out of the holiday season and in season. The average traffic density out of season counting traffic in both directions is 558.75 per hour (personal count (March/April 2013)). This traffic causes increasing air and noise pollution which adds to the diesel and coal smoke pollution created by the Bodmin and Wenford Railway which is no longer a seasonal operation. It is not suggested that the railway should go but it is suggested that something has to be done about the increasing traffic in St. Nicholas Street and that a solution for Dennison road traffic could well also cover the St. Nicholas Road traffic.

It seems that much of the traffic using the proposed link road is to be routed up Harleigh Road and then onto Beacon Hill and Barn Lane bringing the traffic out into the five ways junction. The route is not satisfactory for heavy traffic. The exit from Harleigh Road onto the Beacon Hill Road by the Plas Newydd Bridge is hazardous at the best of times there being difficulty in seeing the traffic coming onto the road from the bridge. The placing of traffic lights at that junction would be an improvement even now. If heavy traffic, including commercial vehicles, were to use the road from the Priory Link, lights would be essential.

Beacon Hill and Barn Lane

Beacon Hill and Barn Lane are narrow and unsuitable in their present state for heavy traffic particularly for large commercial vehicles and the roads do not have continuous pedestrian pavements. Barn Lane, in particular, is bordered by two primary schools and St. Mary's has a drop and pickup point for small children where the Lane is very narrow. This would be too dangerous to maintain if the Priory Link Road were to go ahead.

The Priory Link Road is stated to enable pedestrianisation of the town centre and the expansion of St. Petroc’s School. If the money is available and there is support for both projects they can be undertaken without putting a road through Priory Park. The road is also said to enable improved access to Priory car park. The present access is fine now that it is controlled by traffic lights. The entrance is conveniently situated close to Fore Street and does not need improvement but could do with better signposting.

Summary

1. Priory Park is an historic area and an important safe recreational social asset and green space used for general recreation by young and old away from the business and noise of the Town.

2. It also contains the Town football club.

3. The proposed link road would be a disaster which would use up too much of the Park

4. The link road would bring danger to users of the park, including many children, and bring substantial noise pollution and negatively affect the air quality of the park.

5. Safe access for parents of children with prams and toddlers to St. Petrocs primary School
along Monks Walk will be replaced unnecessarily.

6. If trees, (an environmental asset) are to be felled to create the link road this adds to the reasons against the making of the link road.

7. If an offer has been made by the County Council for the Eaves this is on the basis of an unjustified assumption that the link road will go ahead in spite of the lack of planning consents and before comments have been received from the public and the Town Council.

8. If a decision has been made to demolish the Eaves; it has been made without noting its historic significance as the residence of former CO's of the DCLI.

9. The installation of traffic lights at the junction of the link road and St. Nicholas Street will add to the noise and air pollution caused by the Bodmin and Wenford Railway and the increasingly heavy traffic on St. Nicholas Street.

10. Something has to be done about the increasing traffic in St. Nicholas Street and a solution could cover the problem of Dennison Road as well.

11. The exit from Harleigh Road onto Beacon Hill Road is already hazardous.

11. Beacon Hill Road and Barn Lane are narrow and unsuitable for heavy traffic.

13. The St. Mary's School drop and pickup point would have to go if Barn Lane were used for heavy traffic.

Dennison Road

As a frequent vehicle user of Dennison Road I am intrigued by the proposal to solve its traffic and air quality problems by diverting traffic moving in one direction. The traffic seems equally dense in both directions and possibly heavier coming from the Wadebridge, North Cornwall, Truro direction. Much of the air pollution appears to come from stationary traffic. A big problem is caused by the tight corner at the junction of Dennison Road, Castle Street and Turf Street. Traffic often has to wait to allow Large commercial vehicles to turn into and out of Dennison Road. It is suggested that this junction needs to be changed even if this means removal of the buildings opposite Castle Street entry.

If there is a need to improve the air quality in the Dennison Road area this should not be done by taking air and noise pollution into Priory Park and the St. Nicholas and Harleigh Street conservation area.

It is suggested that, apart from remodelling the Turf Street/Dennison Road corner, traffic coming down from the A30 could be rerouted left onto the A38 past Morrisons and round the the next large traffic island onto Respryn road past the industrial estates and over the little
bridge over the railway (Which would need widening) and down to the Lostwithiel Road. From there the traffic planners could bring the traffic back to the Plas Newydd Bridge and through a much improved Beacon Hill road down to the Five Ways junction. Traffic planners may have another way of rerouting traffic onto the A38 to Wadebridge and North Cornwall. I have not access to the right maps or the expertise to work this out. What I can suggest is that it must be possible to work out a bypass system that keeps all heavy through traffic out of Bodmin commercial and residential areas.

General Comments

General message and out of town residential developments - The general message of the consultation document is welcome. Bodmin is well sited to be a centre of high technological development. The development of out of town residential areas could be exciting if good quality housing and thoughtful landscaping and planning of necessary facilities for adults and children is ensured.

Improvement of Dennison Road and ATS corner - The improvement of Dennison Road is long overdue and a good quality redevelopment of the ATS corner and similar sites would be welcome.

Urban development sites - The sites identified for urban development is noted. If the Beacon Technology Park is to be further developed it will be necessary for the Beacon Hill Road and Barn Lane to be improved and made safer for schoolchildren and other pedestrians.

Development of Castle Street and Callywith - Development of the Castle Street and Callywith sites will have to ensure that traffic pressure does not cause problems at the Dennison Road/Turf Street corner.

Development of Bodmin as a quality retail venue - It would be exciting for Bodmin to become a quality retail venue. The worry is that there are frequent references in the consultation document to national multiple retailers. It would be a shame if Bodmin were turned into a clone of some towns in the South East of England. It is sad and boring to see high Streets where one shop after another is a national retailer. Let us hope that we can encourage quality shops which give Bodmin its own character and encourage people in Cornwall and from elsewhere to shop here.

Development of office space over retail premises - The reference in the consultation document to the development of office space over retail premises in Fore Street would be welcome. However the integrity of the buildings should be protected. Many of the buildings in Fore Street are attractive if one ignores some of the shop facias at street level.

Parking for vehicles - The Consultation document makes no recommendations for the provision of parking of cars and other vehicles. As the population grows and industry and
business develops parking could cause a substantial problem. This would be exacerbated if some current car parking spaces were to be developed for commercial purposes. It is suggested that a multistory car park should be constructed in Bodmin possibly combined with shop premises. Great care would have to be taken with both the design and siting of the facility. There may be a need to allow lorries to deliver in Fore Street after pedestrianisation during restricted times as happens elsewhere.

Final comment - I repeat that the Town Framework Plan is welcome. Bodmin needs help to once again become an attractive vibrant Cornish town.

Yours faithfully

Bodmin Town Framework Consultation,
Cornwall Council,
Planning Delivery Team
To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you about the idea of Priory Park, football pitches and football club being destroyed for another Supermarket.

There are several issues with this idea and the general public/locals are extremely upset:

First of all as a local from Bodmin (Gulber rd area) I use the cut through to meet my friends before school, I go to the park on weekends and attend parades for remembrance Sunday. If roads are being built it will be too dangerous for me to walk to school, in long term effects damaging my education and in order for Sainsburys to be rebuilt the monument for the soldiers who died for us will be destroyed and that is disrespectful not only to the soldiers but the thousands of people affected by their deaths.

Another bad point of the Priory area being destroyed is the atmosphere of the football club pub being destroyed as it has been running for years. Football matches will be prevented from being held there, putting people of all ages out of sport, therefore in the long term effects creating and increasing the dangers of people becoming obese.

Also by taking away all the vegetation where will all the wildlife i.e. Ducks, squirrels etc... live? You will be destroying their homes.

The area is also used for communal gatherings where the community can gather and appreciate simple things in an area that is reading this now that is solely responsible for the deterioration of the town.

yours sincerely

(aged 14)
I submit these comments from the perspective of a resident who has lived in Bodmin since 2005. I found myself here quite by accident, but subsequently I really enjoy living here. I currently own a residential property on Fore Street and reside in St Mary’s Road. Bodmin provides a brilliantly accessible location within Cornwall and beyond via the current road and rail network boosted by local bus service. Other benefits include the balance of independent and chain retailers, easy parking for shopping and leisure, the fantastic Dragon Leisure centre, the Beacon area, the Camel Trail and Priory Park.

My thoughts are summarised below.

**Respryn Lostwithiel Road**
No comments

**Five Ways Junction**
Why are you proposing to close off the junction at St Marys Road? The local Co-op (St Marys Road) and Spar (Rock Lane) shops here are very popular, and easy access from Five Ways junction is integral to this. Please don’t encourage more people to drive on roads which favour the large supermarkets.

**Fore Street and Turf Street**
I hope your proposals will take into account the number of residential properties along these roads and accommodate for their needs. In addition, businesses in Bodmin town centre rely on customer’s current ability to quickly and easily short term park for free. I hope this will also be considered within your plans. Without this, I see a rapid demise of many of these businesses which would be very sad.

**Callywith Gate Junction**
No comments

**Priory Link Road**
Where do I start? You propose to slice up the only safe area which is easily accessible on foot. Priory Park is where our families allow children to play freely, our teenagers hang out with their mates and skateboards, our dogs run after sticks, we have impromptu picnics, go blackberry picking and make daisy-chains. Priory Park is our quiet and relatively tranquil refuge from the busy-ness of day to day life. You propose to increase noise and pollution to the local primary schools and reduce the opportunity for children to walk safely to school. And you propose to build a road in the middle of a flood alleviation scheme. On a positive note, I do welcome the concept of the town square area, particularly if the leat channel currently culverted downstream of Priory Pond is opened up.

**Additional comments**
What happened to the idea of a northern by-pass from Callywith Gate to link up with the A389 to Wadebridge? This would provide a sensible route to relieve the traffic congestion along Dennison Road / Higher Bore Street / St Leonards.

I am very disappointed I only found out about these proposals by chance. Considering I own property on one of the roads directly affected (Fore Street) and I reside on another directly affected road (St Mary’s Road), I would expect a more pro-active approach to provide me with opportunity to put forward my comments.
14 April 2013

Dear Sirs

Proposed Priory Link Road, Bodmin

We are writing to express our concerns at the proposed new road in Bodmin.

It would appear that a current concern is traffic pollution at Dennison Road and the town centre. Should the new layout be approved air quality in those areas may be improved, but in so doing it will transfer the problem to Priory Park etc - in particular the play area, Mary Kendall Playgroup, St Petroc’s Primary School, all of which are used by vulnerable young people.

As regards the skateboard park, we understand that consideration is being given to moving this, possibly to the Dragon Leisure Centre. Its current central location is easily accessible on foot to the age group who use it whereas somewhere on the outskirts of town in many instances will necessitate travel, thereby creating more pollution from vehicle emissions.

Bearing in mind that the aim is to minimise traffic along Dennison Road, as we understand it, traffic not destined for the new access into Priory Car Park or the B3268 would then pass along Harleigh Road and proceed up Beacon Road and Barn Lane to link up with the roundabout at the top end of town. This means it will pass close by another two primary schools and along a road used by numerous students walking to and from Bodmin College. Apart from the obvious potential health risks to this section of our community, the nature of the road makes it totally inadequate to cope with the increased traffic which would be generated.

Currently, visitors entering the town from the A389 (Priory Road/Launceston Road) are greeted by an attractive flowerbed at that junction with the green backdrop on the left hand side of the road. Should the proposal go ahead - and also a supermarket be constructed in the vicinity of the football pitch - those features will be gone for ever and completely alter “the face” of Bodmin.

We have lived and/or worked in Bodmin for over 40 years and have always understood it to be a town which is supposed to value its heritage. Priory Park up to the field approaching Abbots Close contain the only green areas easily accessible to anyone visiting the town centre and we feel it is crucial to preserve it for locals, visitors and - just as importantly - for future generations.

We think it fair to say that generally there is a feeling of apathy in Bodmin but surely the strength of feeling over this particular issue was demonstrated by the number of people who attended the consultation meeting and subsequent walk of the route. Please take on board what the electorate want, the feelings of the townspeople and leave well alone.

Yours sincerely