

Launceston Masterplan

Consultation Summary Note

Consultation on the Launceston Masterplan took place for 6 weeks from 2 September to 14 October 2019, including a two day exhibition in the town on the 27 and 28 September 2019.

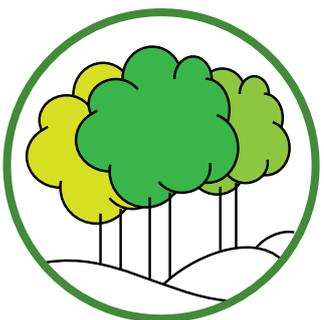
This note highlights some of the main themes that were raised by Launceston residents, all of which will be considered in the next draft of the Masterplan.

Main themes



Infrastructure & Facilities

Many comments raised the need for improving infrastructure including expansion of the medical centre; dentists; utilities and schools. Suggestions for new facilities included a community centre, leisure facilities/buildings and allotments. Concerns were raised over the local road network.



Valley Park and Open Spaces

Residents felt that a valley park should include the following: a free carpark; café / picnic /barbeque area; public toilets; dog walking areas; disabled access; litter/dog bins; nature play grounds for children; and a suggestion that south facing slopes below the development area could be wooded to offset carbon emissions. A couple of comments queried how will the park be maintained and by who?



Movement & Roads

Many comments raised safety concerns over the proposed new signalised junction on the A388 /Tavistock Road and traffic queuing. HGVs using the town centre to access the Newport Estate was also raised as an issue. Pennygillam was raised as an issue in relation to congestion. How a new main street will be delivered was raised, as well as concern over its use by HGVs and safety through residential areas. Other comments talked about a need for footpaths and cycle paths, as well as parking and electric vehicle charging points.



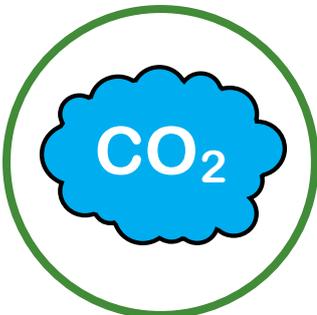
Quality of Development

A few comments mentioned that a Design Code should be prepared to provide more detail on design and local distinctiveness. Avoiding pastiche developments was mentioned. Terraced houses and a 'Town Square' design were mentioned as good examples for new development. Photos shown of Dunheved Road and Tavistock Road were mentioned as good examples of distinctive development in Launceston.



Employment and jobs

Comments raised that office space rather than industrial was needed. Restricting heavy industry to out of town areas, reducing unnecessary traffic and air pollution were mentioned and that employment space shouldn't become retail units which then harm the town centre. Employment areas should have off-road parking.



Climate Change

Some comments felt that the Masterplan needs to do more to reflect the challenge of climate change, with the emerging carbon neutral aim / requirement for Cornwall by 2030 or 2050. Suggestions included creating a new woodland to off-set carbon emissions; rooftop solar panels; neighbourhood scale heat; orientation of street design; solar array or wind generation on adjacent land; passivhaus standard for all building; and cycle ways incorporated through the development area.



Other comments

Other comments raised concern over the scale of new development, concern with infrastructure already struggling, including health, capacity of roads, drainage, and policing and the need for infrastructure to be delivered alongside new housing. A need to integrate Stourscombe to the development area was mentioned. There was both concern and support for development proposals near Badash Farm. The importance of the Millenium Trees along the Link Road was raised.

A more detailed review of all the comments received during the consultation, can be viewed in the Launceston Consultation Report November 2019.