



Neighbourhood Planning Parish Council Projects



Neighbourhood Planning can provide you with an opportunity to gather information that could support other types of regeneration activities in the town/parish that come out from your research. When consulting the local community, you may identify projects that do not relate to the development of the land use based Neighbourhood Development Plan. This guide note sets out what you can do with the projects identified.

Neighbourhood Plans set out policies for the development and use of land. The steering group may identify projects when consulting the local community that do not form part of the planning policies. The projects can be set out in a separate project list at the back of the plan. The projects identified can be taken forward by the town or parish council working with the local community. This could include projects relating to play areas, new or improved community facilities such as village halls, setting up a foodbank, the community taking over the running of a community asset, or a tree planting scheme.

A Neighbourhood Plan can help evidence the need for a project when applying for funding if it is included in the project list. This will demonstrate that you have consulted the community and you can use the plan and the data recorded from the consultation as evidence in a funding application.

The following questions are examples you can include in your questionnaire when you come to consult the local community on the neighbourhood plan. You may want look at examples of other questionnaires used by other neighbourhood planning steering groups to give you an idea on the types of questions you could include that relate to your neighbourhood area.

- Would you support an increase in the current level of the local Precept of £ pa to contribute to the cost of the improvements to the public facilities and services in the town/parish? Options could be: % or £ increase per month; No increase; Decrease
- Which of the following do you consider important for the Town/Parish Council to use money from your Council Tax to funds?

Information boards, maps and signs	Public toilets
Regular beach/open space cleaning	Tree planting
Co-ordination of tourism promotion activities	Local bus service
Creating new business areas	Cycle path network
Support for improvements to community owned facilities	
- Employing a person to help keep the parish clean and tidy
- If we aim to be a “greener” parish, please choose 3 things which you would support and which you feel will have an impact.
- Do you belong to, or would you consider joining, a local group to help with projects concerning the above?
- Do you think that the parish would benefit from an environmental ‘smarten up’ project to encourage pride in where we live? e.g. litter picking, tree planting. If yes, which areas do you think need improvement and how do you think this could be achieved?
- Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan promote a tree planting scheme?

- Should the town/parish have policies to support the council taking responsibility for public toilets, improving the facilities, cleanliness and opening hours?
- To pay for improved public toilets in the parish a reasonable charge should be made for using the facilities?
- The Parish/Town Council should support and facilitate appropriate development and promotion of tourism across the parish
- Would you be willing to become part of an emergency community resilience working group who would create and implement an emergency plan for the town/parish?
- Would you be willing to volunteer to help develop the Neighbourhood Development Plan?

You can contact the Neighbourhood Planning Team if you have any queries relating to this guide note by e-mailing neighbourhoodplanning@cornwall.gov.uk