

St Erme Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Results June 2017



Overview:

The Questionnaire was hand delivered to every household, known business and organisation in the parish at the end of May 2017.

A total of 648 Questionnaires were delivered as follows:

620 Households
16 Parish Organisations
12 Businesses

The consultation lasted 3 weeks with a deadline date for responses of 23rd June 2017.

The community were asked if they agreed with the statements highlighted in the Questionnaire and if not to state their reason why. These statements had been taken from the surveys and consultations held so far during the Neighbourhood Plan process.

The response rate worked out on per household, business and organisation is as follows:

Household response: 169 returned = 26%
Business response: 2 returned = 0.3%
Parish organisation response: 1 returned = 0.2%
Not stated response: 32 returned = 5%

31% response rate

** Please note additional questionnaires where available from Trispen Post Office and the St Erme Community Centre, as well as on St Erme Parish Council's Website*

A summary of the key responses are shown below, with an opportunity to comment further at the end of this summary.

A copy of the full report and all comments received are in the document on the table below



St Erme Neighbourhood Plan

This is YOUR Parish

CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE



MAKE YOUR VIEWS COUNT



St Erme Neighbourhood Plan

CONSULTATION

Please take time to complete the following questionnaire.

Following our initial survey carried out in 2015 and consultations since; we have collated all the comments and have put into statements the main points highlighted

We would like to know if you agree with these statements

Everybody in the household can contribute including children; additional questionnaires are available from the parish clerk, Trispen Stores or at the St Erme Community Centre.

Please return the completed questionnaires to a designated box at Trispen Stores, or download a PDF version on the council's website and e-mail to stermepc@btinternet.com, or post to the clerk at 1 Forestry House, St Erme, Truro TR4 9BW by 23rd June 2017

We require the following information:

About You

Postcode _____ House number _____

Are you? Male/Female

Age?			
76+	<input type="checkbox"/>	36 - 45	<input type="checkbox"/>
66 - 75	<input type="checkbox"/>	26 - 35	<input type="checkbox"/>
56 - 65	<input type="checkbox"/>	16 - 25	<input type="checkbox"/>
46 - 55	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/>

How long have you lived in the parish?

Under 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/>	11 - 20 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 - 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 20 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 - 10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>		

1 Housing

Please note the St Erme Housing Needs Survey will form part of this section

88%	178	Yes	Future development should be for local need only – Housing Needs Survey
12%	25	No	

Reasons for stating No and general comments:

- Developments should be both for addressing the local need issue allowing the village to thrive. By restricting too much is a risk that the village will not modernise in line with times and fall behind which translates into a lesser voice / influence in the county.
- St Erme is part of the wider Cornwall and UK community and should not consider itself too inward looking. Encouraging a flow of citizens refreshes the community.
- Anyone should be welcome to the village
- You should be open to all
- Future development should be available to those requiring homes (affordable houses could be made available/set aside for local need only)
- People from other areas might need to move here for work purposes
- An introduction of additional people will help the school, pub, church's and shop.
- A diverse movement of people should be encouraged as well as local needs
- Future development should consider a wider variety of need e.g. people moving from further afield.
- We moved to the village from out of county
- No because the village still be able to have new people moving into it
- 'Local' not defined! Trispen/St Erme or Truro or Cornwall!
- To include family members, local employment, care and support
- Depends on what 'local' means
- Everyone needs a roof over their heads
- Need to bring new blood into the village
- I feel that any future development should be led by local need however some open market housing may be acceptable as enabling development to bring forward the local need element.
- Unsustainable for larger builds. Cornwall requires movement of people. E.g. Key role workers close to local services. Housing needs to support movement in the economy
- I am standing up for the children of the village. We do not believe that Trispen and St Erme need any more development because the countryside is

important to us. We find the natural world as an escape from daily stress and anxiety. Our backplanes and country side is the only thing that gives our village real beauty.

- We have always felt that St Erme & Trispen over the past 30 years have seen a disproportionate amount of development compared to other local villages. This village has seen enough development
- Local need should be truly affordable, or scheme should be set up to help over time. Market price helps off set the local resident's. All new estates should include local need that stays local residential
- The housing requirement is across the country
- Future development should enable others to move to the area and not be constrained to local needs only – development needs are a county / national challenge
- Open market housing will be made available to make it viable, the scheme should be local need led.

Please see details on the rewording of the above 'Statement', at the end of the summaries, and make any comments in the space provided

100%	203	Yes	Any future development should provide a good mix of housing suitable for all generations, disabilities and retirement properties - to suit local need
	0	No	

98%	198	Yes	Any future development should focus on suitable brownfield sites first
2%	5	No	

93%	189	Yes	The provision of self-build plots within new housing schemes will be considered if a local need is highlighted.
7%	14	No	

Reasons for stating No and general comments:

- Self builds would need to be built to a plan
- Self-build could disrupt building by developers in a housing scheme
- A nice idea, but it is slightly contrary to the need to focus on building enough homes for local people by 2030. It could be argued that those wanting to do this will want to find their own plots and a self-build section of any development could take longer to complete and be disruptive overall.

- Self-build houses should strictly adhere to the character of surrounding houses.
- No because the houses might be all different style and colour and it won't fit in.
- Self builds won't be the same
- Self-build plots will not be in keeping with the other properties
- If built to set plans and if self-build plots are offered up in terms of 1 plot for 1 developer so that no one developer can take advantage of these self-build plots for their own financial gains
- On the basis that one plot is sold to one developer, the buildings also keep within village design. Not to be bought as multiple plots by 1 developer and sold for financial gain! Be good to see local people in our pariah benefit from housing
- Self-build plots could lead to vacant undeveloped sections in a new build plot and be unsightly whilst build is awaited
- The danger is so called self builds can drag on and on
- Self-build plots should be kept apart from new housing schemes due to the length of time self builds could take off to the completion of the properties
- All housing within a scheme should follow a distinct style and character, as well as meeting certain standards. A self-build project may not conform to this
- Enough house building currently self-build plots will only highlight the fact that we have no infrastructure in place to deal with more families etc.
- Only with set guidelines, so in one area and design etc. all in keeping with the area and other building

98%	198	Yes	New housing to be in keeping with the 'St Erme Local Landscape Character Assessment' and the 'St Erme Village Design Statement'
2%	5	No	

2 Infrastructure

99%	202	Yes	Developers must ensure there's adequate service connections and infrastructure prior to any future development.
1%	1	No	

3 Open Spaces

99%	202	yes	Any new developments must make provision for open space
1%	1	No	

3 Open Spaces

100%	203	Yes	Open space should be suitably linked to the community
	0	NO	

100%	203	Yes	The open spaces we have should be protected
	0	No	

99%	201	Yes	All the communal open spaces for community use within the Trevispian Parc Estate should be protected irrelevant of size and ownership
1%	2	No	

Please see adjacent map that highlights the area of Trevispian Parc which incorporate Killigrew Gardens, Trevella Veian and Polglase Walk.

There are several pockets of Public Open Spaces within this area that are important to the community.

97%	197	Yes	Open spaces should be suitable for all ages
3%	6	No	

Reasons for stating No and general comments:

- This could say that within the village there should be a range of open spaces to cater for all ages
- How about creating a space which is more tranquil for older people to sit and enjoy
- Age specific open spaces should be made available
- Could have some for supervised children only
- I think there should be a range of open spaces which address local needs and ages but not all spaces to be necessary suitable for all ages
- Open spaces are a priority to protect
- Not all spaces as size could make inappropriate
- All ages should have some suitable open space, but not necessary to have all open spaces suitable for all ages

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4 Highways

95%	193	Yes	Any future development must contribute towards a safe commuter cycle route to Truro along the A39.
5%	10	NO	

Reasons for stating No and general comments:

- Cycle route too costly – better ways of spending money
- How many people in the village cycle to Truro?
- I do not consider a cycle route necessary
- Too few cyclists to warrant this when we could signpost lane routes through to Idless
- Needs to link to other routes such as national cycle network
- Can't narrow road further, no room, expensive to add more room? Not big enough demand
- Very few use cycles compared with cars – so cycle route not required – It just slows traffic down
- Is there demand for a cycle route? More buses would be good
- Cycle routes throughout the village should also be a priority for children to be able to use safely
- Don't feel its relevant
- Yes if quantified as needed
- The parish council cannot install a cycle route beyond the parish boundary, are other parishes bothered
- Would the use justify the expense
- A cycle route was promised last time – what happened?

**Please see additional details on the above 'Statement',
at the end of the summaries, and make any comments in the space provided**

84%	170	Yes	Traffic calming measures are required along Trispen Hill, Chapel Road/School Lane and Eglos Road
16%	33	No	

Reasons for stating No and general comments:

- No calming measures required if people park sensibly
- No need for traffic calming measures
- A 20mph limit in the village with name and shame policing

- School Lane looks after its self/ something at Trispen Hill needed
- No need for traffic humps, fine as is
- We do not need any speed bumps
- Only for Chapel Road / School Lane not required for Eglos Road and Trispen Hill
- I don't think they work well
- Too many road humps make for very uncomfortable driving. Places additional strain on chassis
- Traffic calming bumps add to noise – add a flashing speed warning sign
- I do not consider these calming measures necessary
- Physical traffic calming increases CO2 emissions and road noise as people accelerate between them. If necessary suggest flashing warning signage
- Not Trispen Hill
- I'm not aware that traffic speeds along these roads
- Yes we need to slow traffic down, but not always with bumps, ambulance drivers hate them
- Speed limit restrictions and any measures to stop drivers treating village like a race track
- Why? Not heavy traffic
- The current traffic calming creates problems – Chapel Road – fear if we have more it will make it worse
- Bad for the environment (accelerating and braking), makes driving more difficult and possible damage to car
- No 'sleeping policeman' please. Agree need to reduce speed but would prefer enforcement rather than physical barriers
- If people obeyed the laws (highway code) no more calming would be needed as anymore will make matters worse
- I'm not sure, I think the speed limit could be dropped - evidence to support this
- And all parish roads and lanes
- I've put no above as I don't know if traffic calming measures are needed. Possible reduced speed limit on Trispen Hill – 40mph
- I don't think that there is any need for these measures as the roads are narrow enough to slow traffic down and it will enable the money to be spent on something more suitable for the community
- Never seen any sign of traffic calming measures being required
- All motorists should obey the Highway Code; traffic calming measures frequently add danger to the highway.
- Eglos road needs double yellow lines continuing all down the roads as buses currently get stuck

- I would prefer to see parking restrictions to one side of Eglos Road as parking both sides could restrict access of emergency vehicles. Also it can be very painful for passengers when a car goes over them at even at a slow speed
- Not sure it's needed in all areas
- Speed bumps create bud noise when lorries go over them
- Traffic calming – not speed hump, people just drive round them and thus towards pedestrians/cyclists
- Not sure traffic calming is necessary down Trispen Hill
- Unconvinced of the effectiveness of traffic calming measures. Some options results in erratic driving and increased pollution
- Far too many speed bumps in Truro already
- Calming measures in village along Chapel Road only
- Gateway to Trispen Hill with new development - rumble strips
- Not busy – only if complaints made

Please see further information at the end of these summaries and the types of Traffic Calming available and comment on you preferred option and the roads you feel require any in the space provided.

97%	198	Yes	Any future developments to include at least two car parking spaces per household, plus additional visitor car parking suitable for a rural village
3%	5	No	

98%	199	Yes	Any development in the area of Chapel Road must not put further pressure along this narrow road due to safety and lack of parking provision
2%	4	No	

99%	201	Yes	Any development that could put further pressure on Eglos Road would need to address existing parking issues
1%	2	No	

100%	203	Yes	All new roads must maintain clear access for emergency vehicles
	0	No	

100%	203	Yes	All new developments must incorporate pedestrian routes designed to integrate new housing and residents with the existing village.
	0	NO	

4 Highways

99%	202	Yes	Any alterations to the highway should include dropped curbs for easier access for pavements, as with any new development
1%	1	NO	

99%	202	Yes	'Public Rights of Way' to be maintained and signage upgraded and replaced when necessary
1%	1	NO	

5 Historical and Natural Environments

98%	200	Yes	The ancient field patterns at Trevella Valley north of the village should remain as they are important historical features
2%	3	No	

98%	200	Yes	The Medieval Woods at Tregassow should be safeguarded
2%	3	No	

97%	198	Yes	Any alterations to historical or listed buildings must be in keeping with the historical character of the area in which it sits
3%	5	No	

99%	201	Yes	The boundary milestones and finger posts are important assets and should be protected, to keep the rural feel of the parish
1%	2	No	

97%	196	Yes	Historical assets that are not currently listed, such as the Methodist Church, the Water Pump at Churchtown, Phone Box at Trispen Hill, the old School House and Railings, and Public House should be protected as important historical features of the parish
3%	7	No	

99%	202	Yes	Local wildlife and biodiversity is important especially the Nature Reserve and Ponds at Trevella which should be protected
1%	1	No	

99%	202	Yes	Cornish hedges and hedgerows should be protected where possible
1%	1	No	

6 Rural Dwellings

98%	199	Yes	Some diversification of existing farms to support core businesses will be supported where there are no negative impacts on the landscape or neighbours
2%	4	No	

94%	190	Yes	Farming communities need to be able to improve/convert unused barns to dwellings on a small scale for local people
6%	13	No	

97%	197	Yes	Any barn conversions should be in keeping with the original character with sympathetic materials; as not to detract from the rural historical nature
3%	6	No	

95%	192	Yes	Conversions and diversity applications should be tied/attached to the farmstead.
5%	11	No	

7 Leisure and Community

97%	198	Yes	Existing facilities need to be protected and maintained before the implementation for further equipment/areas
3%	5	No	

97%	198	Yes	To look at extending the Community Centre with Phase 3 to include an indoor sports hall and facilities
3%	5	No	

100%	203	Yes	The loss of any existing community / recreation facilities will not be supported unless appropriate replacement facilities and services can be provided in a location suitable / appropriate for the community
	0	No	

8 Landscape

Please note 'The St Erme Local Landscape Character Assessment' will form part of this section.

A copy of the St Erme Local Landscape Character Assessment is located on the stand to view.

100%	203	Yes	The avenues of trees that line the rural roads around the parish are an important natural feature helping the village to retain its rural feel
	0	No	

100%	203	Yes	Natural woodlands, native trees and hedgerows in and around the village help to keep its rural nature and break up the built environment; providing a soft border to the village boundaries leading into the open countryside
	0	No	

99%	202	Yes	The approaches to the village must retain the rural feel and not be prominent
1%	1	No	

9 Renewable Energy

97%	196	Yes	Solar panels should be encouraged on roofs of houses, community buildings and commercial buildings rather than fields
3%	7	No	

97%	198	Yes	New builds should consider renewable energy such as ground source heat or solar panels
3%	5	No	

10 Business

98%	200	Yes	Small businesses should be encouraged
2%	3	No	

97%	198	Yes	Small cottage industries on farmsteads to allow for diversification and sustainability
3%	5	No	

10 Business

88%	179	Yes	Light industrial units if the need is shown could be considered along the A3076 corridor to the north of the village, but should not impede on the village views, landscape and amenities
12%	24	No	

Reasons for stating No and general comments:

- Would want advance notification and discussion regarding the nature of the units and their impact
- Small cottage industries!! The risk of ever-increasing expansion
- Cottage industries on farms could lead to undesirable and intrusive expansion
- This forms part of Trevella with the Ancient Woods, to the north and fields system. Why not look at the south side closer to housing
- No only if there is small business
- And flow of traffic
- Wood processing business at Trevella Farm is unsuitable and unsightly and very noisy
- Not in favour of turning a rural community with an industrial site. This is a too grey ended question
- Keep village distinct and don't creep along main road to join up with Truro
- The industrial units already at the top of the village and often noisy and obtrusive and could do with landscaping more industrial units would be detrimental to the feel of the village. There are enough employment opportunities available close by
- Light industrial units would have an effect on the village
- There are already enough industrial units in the area which are often noisy and need landscaping.
- The development of further businesses on the out skirts of the village will damage the natural environment that is now several years old along that corridor. Consultation with residents of exact plans must be carried out.
- It could increase traffic/journey times for residents
- Due to spoiling of natural environment
- Having previously lived where commercial / industrial units were allowed to be built on the same type of promise it was evident from what occurred less than 10 % of local people found employment and most e.g. 90% commuted into the village causing traffic chaos.
- Previously lived in a similar village. The 'light' industrial units did not employ many villagers. Resulting in people commuting to and fro the village, increased traffic and accidents. Then it ended up as a massive industrial estate.
- This is a parish statement not restricted to the village!

- Where does this end!
- Light industrial units are currently in place in three areas and do not give tend to local people. They are north of the village and would not be seen by village views only those outside of the village, this is a discriminating comment to those living outside of the immediate village.
- There is more than enough development at Killigrew and Trewaters and its spreading creating an eyesore for us. Impeding the views for non-village residents who seem to be forgotten
- The design of light industrial units i.e. metal sheds would not add anything to the parish excepts more traffic/pollution
- Not sure where this would be exactly
- Not industrial units, but small business units would be more appropriate to the area
- We already have industrial units at either end of the village that suffice the need of village. No more required

96%	195	Yes	Businesses could give employment opportunities for local people
4%	8	No	

94%	191	Yes	It is noted that the village shop is now landlocked, if the need requires suitable land may need to be sought
6%	12	No	

Reasons for stating No and general comments:

- Perhaps could read as - The village values the village shop and wants to support anything that will assist in its retention and would expect all parts of local government to do likewise.
- Shop should stay where it is
- Shop to stay where it is
- It is an individual responsibility to acquire land for a village shop not the parish council's
- Why? For what? If for parking for customers – Pub car park is more than big enough and underutilised. Some pub users park on the road even though the car park is never anything like full
- Not in village though
- New pub before new shop
- Note the business enterprise not a public service
- Village shop is a private business

- This question needs explaining a bit more if a new shop is required the developers should be responsible for providing some
- Extra land for a larger village shop would be expensive if the public house went, the village shop could be relocated in its place.
- The local shop is just that, local and its position is just so.
- Shop – it a commercial business and really sold be the responsibility of the business owner. But – If it is suitable location can be found this could be noted – I’m slightly conflicted over this one.
- The shop is a commercial business. How does the parish determine which business needs and support what? What about the pub? Is that not landlocked too? Or the other local businesses. I’m not sure it’s part of the plan. Where is it located? a shop.
- The current position (central) of the village shop is preferable to moving it to a less ‘landlocked’ position. Plus this should be at the discretion of the owner / occupier not the parish.
- I am not sure what this means. If a community business – yes. If a privately owned business, I don’t think this needs to be in a community plan
- The shop and post office was considered one of the most important assets of the parish during the Parish Plan and survey March 2015. In the future as the village develops we need bigger premises somewhere sustainable

99%	202	Yes	The provision of the local shop, post office and public house are important in helping to retain a sustainable rural village
1%	1	No	

The Business use statement in the Questionnaire received several different views / comments as above. Further comments can be made regarding this section on the next stand

11 Education and Adult Learning

99%	202	Yes	The land around the school should not be developed without allowing the school to expand, this is important for the sustainability of the village
1%	1	No	

98%	200	Yes	Adult education classes to be considered if the need is shown
2%	3	No	

12 Health Provision

96%	195	Yes	We can inform Doctors surgeries of a need for a local surgery
4%	8	No	

95%	192	Yes	We can work with surgeries to provide a venue in existing facilities for a drop in surgery or consider land/premises if approached.
5%	11	No	

98%	200	Yes	Look at the possibility of a voluntary drivers service
2%	3	No	

97%	198	Yes	Look at a pharmacy delivery service in the area
3%	4	NO	

Please look on the next display stand where you will find further information and a further consultation where you can place your comments.

Please feel free to ask any questions – there will be a Steering Group member present to speak too.

Thank You