

St Erme Neighbourhood Plan

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Update

The Steering Committee for the Neighbourhood Plan has spent time examining all the comments and information from the public consultations and the 'Vision and Objectives' for the Plan have been agreed. These are shown on the back page.

The policies that stem from the findings of the consultations so far are now being finalised. We are following the template set out for all Neighbourhood Plans and are approaching the point where the draft Plan is put to the parishioners for further comment in the pre-submission consultation before going to Cornwall Council and other major organisations locally, ahead of an Independent Examination. There will be further consultations and amendments before a local referendum. When it is agreed by a simple majority of voters it will have full weight in planning matters.

The Neighbourhood Plan must reflect the wishes of those in the Parish and be in line with the Cornwall Local Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework and the Government Housing Strategy. We are paying particular attention to the proven local housing need in the Parish in the period up to 2030. All our Policies will be local led.

10 parishes in Cornwall have successfully held a referendum and have plans in place. 3 others including Feock have passed the examination stage and will hold referendums in early 2018. 7 parishes including Crantock have completed their consultations and have submitted their plans to Cornwall Council. Feock and Crantock started a little ahead of us. Please watch out for details of our next consultation event which will include the 'Development Settlement Boundary'.

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The next stages:

Writing the Plan—Policies and proposals

Pre-Submission Consultation

Submission to Cornwall Council

Independent Examination—Examiners Report

Referendum for St Erme Parish

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Vision

“To maintain and enhance St Erme’s distinct rural feel, identity and vibrant community; by ensuring that appropriate development is in keeping with and of benefit to the community, its local environment and economy.”

Objectives

1: Housing

To deliver local needs led housing for the parish, including sufficient affordable housing, to promote a sustainable and diverse community whilst maintaining and enhancing the character of the natural and built environment.

2: Infrastructure

To ensure that the utilities infrastructure in the parish is improved and taken into account; when any development is proposed.

3: Highways, Transport and Public Rights of Way (PROWS)

To ensure that the highways, by-ways and PROWS are adequate, with good cycle and pedestrian links. New development will be required to have adequate parking and good vehicle access without causing further congestion in the parish.

4: Community, Leisure and Amenities

To promote a healthy community by sustaining and improving recreation and open spaces valued by the community, and by promoting the development of local services and community facilities.

5: Historical

To ensure all historical features within the parish are preserved including those with local significance

6: Landscape

To ensure that development does not spoil the visual and distinct rural aspect of the parish and that the biodiversity and environment are preserved.

7: Business and Commerce

Commerce that fits into the rural environment should be encouraged to help keep business and the community sustainable.

8: Renewable Energy

Encourage renewable energy systems to be incorporated in the build, and not to detract from the landscape character or historic environment.

9: Health and Social Wellbeing

To encourage the appropriate provision of health, retail, transport and social wellbeing facilities for the parish