

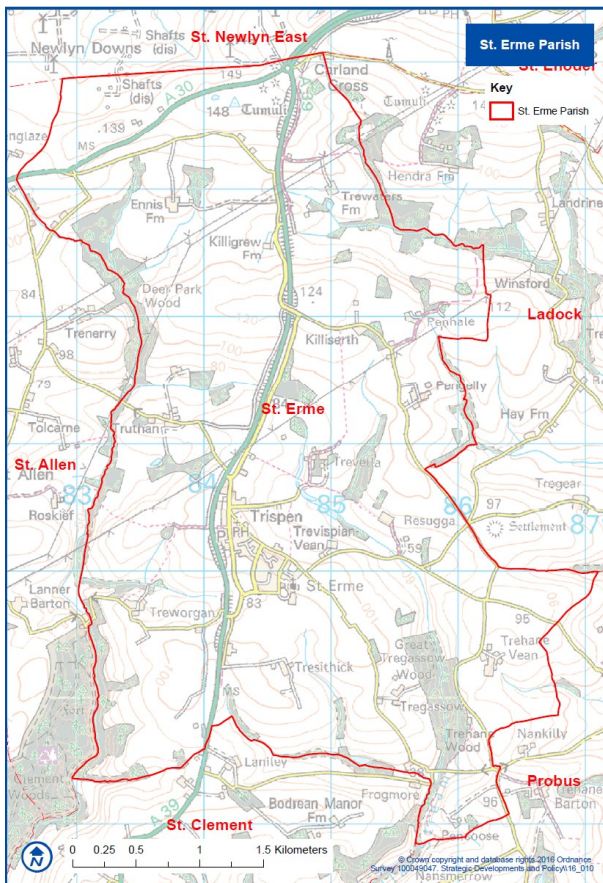
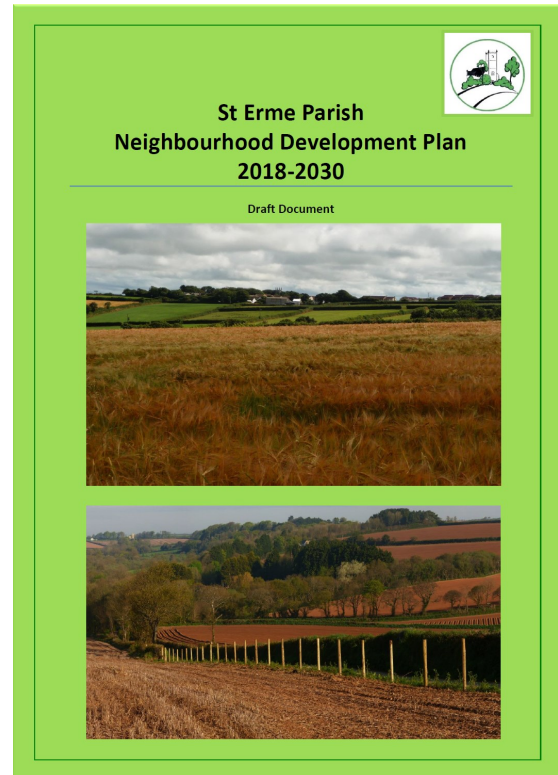
# St Erme Neighbourhood Plan

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## 'Are we nearly there yet'

**We certainly are!** The draft Neighbourhood Plan proposal was approved by the Steering Group and the Parish Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> February and submitted to Cornwall Council. It has been checked to ensure that it is legally compliant under the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations and signed off by the Portfolio Holder for Planning. Cornwall Council commenced their six week statutory consultation period on 4th April 2019 to 16th May 2019. The Plan is available for inspection on the Cornwall Council website, at Trispen Post Office and Stores, the St Erme Community Centre and on the parish council's website at [www.sterme-parish-council.org.uk](http://www.sterme-parish-council.org.uk).



St Erme NDP's Designated Area

Cornwall Council will then look to appoint an Independent Examiner who will examine the Plan in detail and come back to Cornwall Council and the Parish Council with a draft report. Cornwall Council and the Parish Council will discuss the report and any necessary changes can be made before the Portfolio Holder at the Council signs it off, allowing us to proceed to a Referendum. This is arranged in the same way as any election by Cornwall Council and a simple majority will allow it to be accepted.

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# St Erme Neighbourhood Plan



## What will a Neighbourhood Plan mean for us?

It is a set of policies in relationship to development and use of land in a defined neighbourhood. It must be permissive and be produced by the community. It covers the period up to 2030 and it is positive about land use planning paying particular attention to the proven local housing need. Once agreed at a referendum and accepted by Cornwall Council it becomes a material consideration for planning decisions, reflecting our local needs and conditions.

This is an important way that the residents can have their say about how this parish develops in the future.

## The Background

The latest figures show that of the 215 Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall, 130 are engaged in this exercise. 116 'Designated Areas' have been agreed, with 17 parishes being dealt with as 5 clusters. 35 draft plans have gone to Cornwall Council, 28 examinations have been held and 5 are ongoing. 26 Referendums have been successful.

Of our neighbouring parishes: Newquay goes to referendum in April and Gwennap, Falmouth and St Enoder are in a similar position to us.

The Steering Group was formed in 2015 and since then parishioners will have received 6 newsletters and seen many articles in the Village Voice as well as having a chance to see progress and express their view through questionnaires and at various consultation events. All the comments from the public and statutory consultees have been recorded and considered and form part of the Plan.

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**The Next Stages**  
**Independent Examination—Examiners Report**  
**Referendum for St Erme Parish**

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