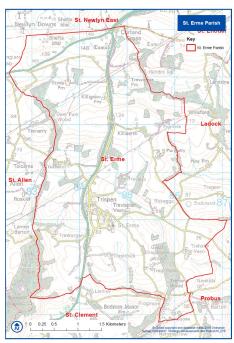
St Erme Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS)



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What is a Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS)?

WHAT IS AN NPS?

St Erme Parish Council have been selected to carry out a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS) for St Erme. We will be part of a pilot project to prepare and produce an NPS and are one of the ten Council's in Cornwall that have been given this opportunity.

A NPS gives residents a real opportunity to shape the future of their area. It allows the community to identify local planning priorities, highlight areas suitable or unsuitable for development, and suggest the kind of infrastructure investments that will help ensure any future developments benefits the Parish. It enables residents to set clear design expectations for new developments to ensure they enhance the character of St Erme Parish.

It is a visioning and objective project which addresses and describes the needs over the next 10-15 yrs for housing, use of land, management & development, infrastructure, transport, economy, services, community facilities, design, character, heritage, natural environment & climate change, and open spaces.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The NPS document, will be subject to public consultation. Once NPS is completed Cornwall Council 'must have regard' to the NPS when preparing its "Cornwall Local Plan" 2030-2050.

St Erme Neighbourhood Priorities Statement

Progress so far:

We are working with the support of Cornwall Council and have shared information about the St Erme NPS in newsletters, leaflets, in parish noticeboards, the St Erme Parish Post, the Council's Facebook Page and website to engage the community to get involved and have their say; whether that is joining the committee or attending and responding to consultations.

The first survey in July was on-line and all parishioners were encouraged to complete the 'Let's Talk' survey; details of which were delivered to every household in the parish, (hard copies were available too). The survey gave the opportunity for the community to have their say about where they live and what the priorities should be for the future. The overall response was high in comparison with other parishes.

We held drop in events at the St Erme Village Hall, the St Erme Community Centre and we had a stand at the annual Funday weekend in July, where the aim was to encourage participation and highlight the importance of getting involved.



This was followed by an on-line 'Business' survey and drop in event to engage with local businesses, to help inform and identify any likely areas for growth including employment and business to help formulate this section of the NPS .

The results of the survey's have now been collated and will help form the first draft of the St Erme Neighbourhood Priority Statement.

The NPS is different from the St Erme Neighbourhood Development Plan 2019 –2030; in that Cornwall Council must have regard for the St Erme NPS when writing their 'Cornwall Local Plan 2030-2050'; the results in the survey's so far have shown that the communities views are still relatively the same as in the St Erme NDP in showing how they wish to see the future of our Parish.

Overall, the responses confirmed the views as to where development would be acceptable in the parish and in answer to the specific questions, pointed out clear wishes for future development.

Work in Progress:

The Steering Group are now collating the information from the survey results and have started to draft how you see 'Our Parish Today', the 'Visions & Objectives' and 'Priorities' for the future. It is important to get your views on the 1st draft and we need <u>YOUR</u> feedback.

There will be consultation events during November TO HAVE YOUR SAY
Thursday 20th November 2025—St. Erme Village Hall – 6.00 pm till 9.00 pm
Saturday 22nd November 2025—The Methodist Church Rooms 10.00 am -1.00 pm
There will also be a short presentation on the NPS at the Parish Council Public Precept meeting on
Tuesday 18th November 2025 at the St Erme Community Centre at 7.30pm

The Steering Group looks forward to seeing you at these events. This is <u>YOUR</u> Parish and it is important that <u>YOU</u> have <u>YOUR</u> say!

The Members of the Steering Group:

The Members of the Steering Group (which is a sub-committee of the Parish Council) are: Cllr Robert Trethewey BEM, Michael Edwards, Richard Kerswell, Cllr Phil Jones, Clive Grose, Cllr Phil Hodgkinson, Rennie Evans and Sally Trethewey (Clerk to the Council)