

## *Planning and the Local Environment*

*You told us in 2007 that you value the existing character and setting of the parish area and the villages within it.*

- *The rural situation, outlook, special character and “feel” of the area is important to you*
- *The majority of you like the clean, peaceful and safe environment of the local villages*
- *You value the landscape around local villages, the open spaces and the farmland within them, the grass verges, the lanes and hedgerows, trees and the local wildlife are important and all contribute to local quality of life*

*You also told us that*

- *You believe the area needs further protection and conservation*
- *You believe that local villages need to retain their individuality and identity and be protected from further indiscriminate development*
- *The rural situation, outlook, character and “feel” of local villages is important to you*
- *The majority of you like the clean, peaceful and safe environment of local villages*
- *You value the landscape around the villages, the grass verges, hedgerows, trees and the local wildlife*
- *Special Conservation measures are necessary for Devoran*
- *Special work is necessary in Devoran to protect the former school site from indiscriminate development*
- *The parish council needs to work with residents to define what makes acceptable local development*
- *There needs to be clearly defined and understandable land use and development criteria for the parish area in the future*

*What has been achieved so far?*

- *A Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for Devoran has been completed in a partnership between the parish council and the former district council and adopted by Cornwall Council as formal planning policy.*

*The policies within the Plan will help to enhance the character and appearance of most of Devoran, will enhance awareness of the areas heritage and provide the basis for grant funding and regeneration opportunities*

- *Special Planning Policy has been completed by the parish council and adopted by Cornwall Council to protect the former school site in Devoran from indiscriminate development.*
- *A Design Guide and Local Development Order has been completed for Carnon Downs through a working partnership between the parish council, local residents and Cornwall Council. These documents have been adopted as planning policy by Cornwall Council and will enable the parish council to approve applications for minor development. The Design Guide will enable all those involved in development to understand what kind of development is acceptable within the village in the future.*
- *The parish council has become much more influential and involved in the decisions made on other planning applications throughout the parish area through formal planning protocols developed and agreed with Cornwall Council. Over 160 applications have already been satisfactorily resolved under these new arrangements*
- *The Planning Access point for residents continues to be sustained at the parish office.*

***What is the Parish Council currently working on for completion during 2011/12?***

- *Conservation policies within the Devoran Management Plan need to be completely implemented and shared with the local community*
- *Studies need to be undertaken to establish if a Local Development Order is also appropriate for Devoran*
- *The parish council is evaluating how it can contribute to a new formal spatial plan for the parish area to define future land use criteria*
- *New IT arrangements will be fully introduced in partnership with Cornwall Council to improve residents and parish council consultation arrangements at the parish office and at home. The proposed new Broadband speeds for Cornwall will be essential*
- *The parish council will evaluate the cost/benefit of producing a Design Guide for Feock and Point and Penpol, through experience of the template available from Carnon Downs, evaluation of the Carrick Design Guide, and by drawing effective day to day links with the Area of Natural Beauty Management Plan for Cornwall.*

- *The council will see further enhancement of the parish council role in planning through the evolution of effective pre-planning application procedures*
- *The council will continue to develop its role for community and neighbourhood planning, and enhancing opportunities to represent communities under the proposed Government Localism Bill.*

*What further planning related issues will the Parish Council be looking to complete by 2014?*

- *The parish council will engage on schemes to ensure the enhancement and protection of locally public owned spaces, including verges, through more regular maintenance arrangements*
- *Schemes will be put in place to soft plant along the main access corridors in local villages and, where appropriate, village centres*
- *Consideration will be given to protecting mature trees which make a significant contribution to the visual aspects of the area*
- *The parish council will define with Cornwall Council how it can introduce tree management policies for the whole parish area*

*Do you agree with the current plans set out by the parish council for Planning and the Local Environment?*

*Do you believe that Parish Council intervention continues to be necessary to ensure that Planning and Development Control is effective in the area?*

*In what other ways do you think the parish council should develop its planning role?*

*Is there anything you want to change or add?*

*Please let us have your views, they will make a difference. Complete the questionnaire provided, or the comments box if you are replying online*