

WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR LOOE?



Looe Neighbourhood Plan

LOOE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY SPRING 2016

We would like your help in drawing up a new plan for Looe in which our community shapes the future development of its area.

The Looe Neighbourhood Development Plan is being prepared by Looe Town Council. It's a new type of plan made under the Localism Act 2011 which gives everyone who lives in Looe the democratic right to be involved. This is a real opportunity to have an active say in the future of Looe and we would like to know what you think. Please take the time to fill in this questionnaire and let us know your views.

**YOU CAN DO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ONLINE AT:
WWW.FUTURELOOE.TOWN/QUESTIONNAIRES**



OR YOU CAN POST THIS FORM TO THE TOWN COUNCIL at
Looe Town Council, The Guildhall, Fore Street,
East Looe, Cornwall, PL13 1AA

The Neighbourhood Plan is important because it could control how land is used for housing, business, shops and leisure. It could protect green spaces, guide the design of buildings and estates, help tackle difficult issues and support the things that make Looe a great place to live, work and visit.

When its written, everyone who is a registered voter in Looe will get a vote in a local referendum to approve or reject the Neighbourhood Plan.

If it is approved, the Plan can't be ignored when planning applications are decided by Cornwall Council, Planning Inspectors, or the Government.

The Neighbourhood Plan must be realistic. It's not about stopping development: its about planning sensibly to meet todays and tomorrows needs. This is called 'sustainable development':

- Looking after and improving our natural and man-made environment, and responding to climate change.

- Meeting present and future needs for the housing, work and community services
- Building prosperity for all and using resources wisely.
- Making sure that all our community's creativity, energy and diversity is involved in drawing up the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan must also fit with the National Planning Policy Framework, Cornwall's Local Plan, and European legislation.

Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and cannot be traced back to you*.

For more information please see our website www.futurelooe.town and our Facebook group at <http://tinyurl.com/hjtum8o> You can also follow us on Twitter - @futurelooe - to get the latest news on the Plan. For any other information please telephone Looe Town Council on 01503 262255

NOTE FOR BUSINESSES: If you own/run a business in Looe, or have a home-based business, there is also a Business Questionnaire which we would like you to complete. You can find it on our website www.futurelooe.town or you can ask for copy by emailing Looe Town Council at: clerk@looetowncouncil.gov.uk.



YOUNG PERSONS QUESTIONNAIRE: There is a special questionnaire for people under 18. You can find it on our website www.futurelooe.town or you can ask for copy by emailing Looe Town Council at: clerk@looetowncouncil.gov.uk.



PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM BACK TO US BY 31ST MAY 2016

To begin, we need to create a shared vision for Looe.

1. How would you like to be described in the future? Please tick one box in each row

Description	Least Like 1	2	3	4	Most Like 5
Affordable					
Exclusive/aspirational					
Tranquil & Quiet					
Vibrant & Exciting					
Modern					
Traditional					
Tourism destination					
Commuter centre					
Retirement destination					
Working harbour					
Leisure Harbour					

‘Sustainable development’ has many aspects. What are the most important aspects of ‘sustainable development’ for Looe?

2. With sustainable development in mind, what do you think are the most important benefits the Neighbourhood Plan should bring to looe? Please tick one box in each row

Benefits	Least Importance 1	2	3	4	Most Importance 5
Better energy efficiency					
More green energy production					
More use of local materials					
More use of recycled materials					
Designing to avoid issues such as flooding, drought and water course pollution					

Encouraging community and business recycling					
Protection of local identity, heritage and the history of Looe					
Better access and facilities for people with disabilities					
More formal leisure facilities (e.g. playing fields, courts and buildings)					
More land for informal recreation (e.g. parks and play areas)					
Protection of local green spaces					
Sites for additional medical and care facilities					
Sites for additional Schools and childcare					
More neighbourhood shopping					
More allotments					
A farmers market					
Fairly meeting community needs without regard to age, income, ethnicity, gender etc.					
Deferring things now to protect the interests of future generations					
A more balanced variety of housing					
More opportunities for small businesses					
A better mix of jobs opportunities					

Greater investment in road and transport infrastructure (road, rail, bus etc)					
Better facilities and services for young people					
More low impact 'green' tourism development					

To be properly sustainable, a community should have a good range of services. We would like to get an idea of what they could be from the next question.

3. Where do you get the following services? Please show your personal priority by putting in a score where 1 = most often and 5 = the least often.

Service	Looe	Liskeard	Plymouth	Internet	Elsewhere
Weekly food shopping					
Top-up or daily food shopping					
Clothes shopping					
Books and gifts					
Electrical goods shopping					
Furniture etc					
DIY & hardware					
Office supplies and computers					
Chemists					
Banks, Building Societies etc					
Motor Vehicle Fuel					
GP Services					
Hospital Appts					
Dentistry					
Opticians/Hearing aids					
Place of Worship					
Adult education					
Futher Education					

Towns often have district 'neighbourhoods' with which people have an affinity or sense of belonging. We would like to know if such areas exist in Looe and how they might be strengthened.

4. Do you consider that you belong to a distinct 'neighbourhood' in looe?

Please tick one box

Yes	No
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5. If yes, what is the usual name for your neighbourhood?

6. What additional local facilities would you say would make your neighbourhood a better place to live? Please be brief. Examples might include shops, gathering places, lighting, safety, accessibility etc)

We would also like to hear what you think, above all else, would most make a difference for you.

7. What single change would most improve your quality of life as a resident of Looe?

Please keep your answer short.

The Neighbourhood Plan could control the type, design and layout of new housing. We would like your views on what's most important.

8. What kind of housing should be built in the next 15 years?

Please tick one box in each row.

Type of housing	Least Importance 1	2	3	4	Most Importance 5
Converting houses and other buildings into flats					
Rental accommodation					
Shared ownership housing					
Self-build & self-finish schemes					
Local community owned developments					
Smaller homes for older members of the community					
Dwellings built to take into account changing requirements that come with old age					
Supported (extra care) living units for vulnerable adults					
Smaller starter homes for young people					
New flats and apartments					
Family homes					

Executive homes					
Affordable housing					
Social housing					
Dwellings which combine living space and working space					
Accommodation for tourists					
Mobile home sites					
Barn conversions					
Other (please specify)					

The Looe Neighbourhood Plan could make plans to create more jobs locally.

9. Do you think the Polean site at the end of the Millpool car park by Jewsons should be redeveloped? Please tick one box

Yes	No
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10. What types of redevelopment should be provided on the Polean site?

Please tick one box in each row.

	Least Importance 1	2	3	4	Most Importance 5
A shopping centre and parade					
Residential					
Extra care/Assisted living					
Office/hi-tech campus developments					
Leisure facilities					
Other					

11. Can you identify any other areas that should be developed?

12. What type of jobs do you think should be encouraged generally?

	Least Importance 1	2	3	4	Most Importance 5
Service jobs (retail, restaurants, bar work, tourism etc)					
Service jobs (care work, cleaning & maintenance, etc)					
Construction					
Manufacturing - low technology					
Manufacturing - High tech, professional and scientific					
Financial and business services					
Information and communications					
Public administration and education					
Arts and entertainment					
Other (please specify)					

The town centre is the busy hub of services, shopping and social activity. We would like to know how you think it should be in the future.

13. How do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should deal with the Town Centre?

	Least Importance 1	2	3	4	Most Importance 5
Keep it as it is?					
Encourage redevelopment and additional features?					
Less vehicular access?					
Vehicle bans in town centre during peak periods					
More Independent trader Shops					
More 'High Street Name' shops					
Another supermarket					
Offices for local professional services					
Access to banks, building societies, estate, employment agencies & post office services					
More cafés & restaurants					
Fewer cafés & restaurants					
More pubs & bars					
Fewer pubs & bars					
More fast-food and take-aways					
Fewer fast-food and take-aways					

Residential flats					
Open space and community facilities					
Improved pedestrian routes linking to the town centre					
Improvements to make the pedestrian environment more welcoming (esp. for people with disabilities)					
Electric Vehicle Charging points					
Secure cycle racks					
Other (please specify)					

14. Do you think the ‘Evening Economy’ of Looe should be more developed?

Please tick one box.

Yes	No
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15. What would be most likely to attract you to Looe in the evening?

	Least Importance 1	2	3	4	Most Importance 5
Restaurants and Cafés					
Pubs & Bars					
A live music venue					
Regular evening events					
Safe environment					
Other (please specify)					

As well as being a working area, Looe harbourside is an important recreational asset for residents and tourists, and is a vital part of the towns setting. It is also a place where people live, so a careful balance of interests needs to be maintained.

16. How do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should deal with Looe Harbourside?

	Least Importance 1	2	3	4	Most Importance 5
Keep it as it is?					
Encourage environmental improvements, additional walking routes, open space, and community facilities?					
Measures which help retain and support fishing fleet					
More facilities to support marine/river leisure activities					
More tourism facilities such as cafés, restaurants and gift shops					
Other (please specify)					

The Neighbourhood Plan could set policies to tackle poor environment, and enhance pedestrian movement.

17. Are there any areas where you think action is needed to improve the environment (e.g. neglected land and buildings, poor street-scene?)

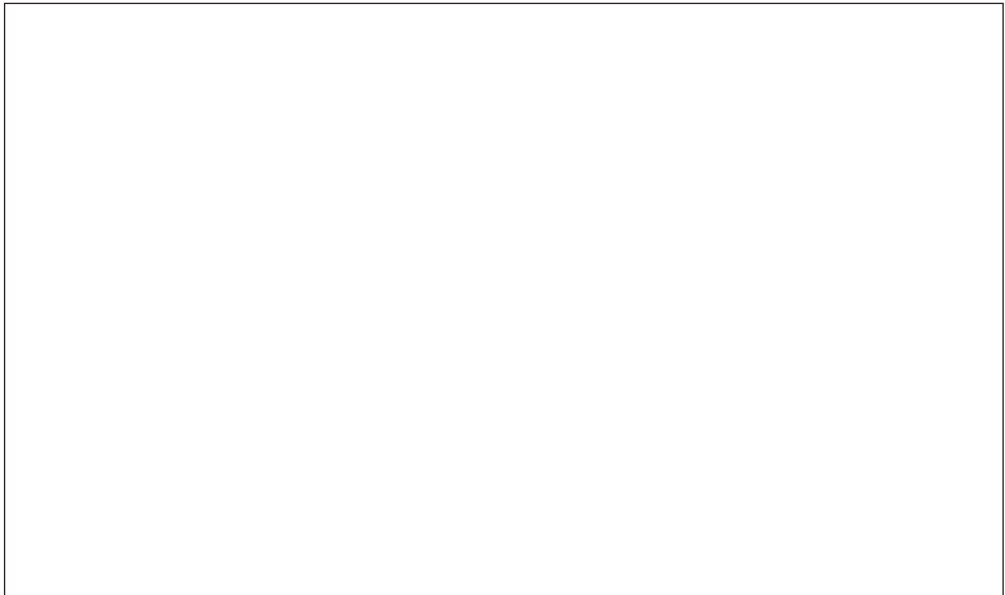
Please tick one box.

Yes	No
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18. If yes, please say where:



19. If yes, please say what you think the problems are:



Part of the area of Looe is very rural in nature.
The Plan could help that area flourish.

20. Which of the following do you think might best help local rural areas to thrive?

	Least Importance 1	2	3	4	Most Importance 5
Small scale rural workshops					
Allowing barn conversions and reuse of suitable redundant buildings for homes and job creation					
Other (please specify)					

There are sure to be other issues and ideas that we haven't covered.

21. Please provide any additional comments, ideas, or observations you have.

Please be brief!

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Nearly finished! Now we just need to know a little bit about you to help us analyse the results by locality, age group, household type etc so that we can be sure that we have a balance of views from across our community.

* It is entirely optional.

Your Postcode:	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Please give the first 6 characters only. This will enable us to identify your locality but not your street.					
Age (please circle)	16 and under	17 – 24	25 – 40	41 – 64	65 – 75	76+
Gender (please circle)	Male		Female			
In which of these ways does your household occupy your current accommodation? (please circle)	<input type="checkbox"/> Owned outright or buying on mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from Housing Association/Trust/Council <input type="checkbox"/> Rented from private landlord					
Which of these describes your household size best? (please circle)	<input type="checkbox"/> Single young person <input type="checkbox"/> Two young adults sharing <input type="checkbox"/> Single older person <input type="checkbox"/> Two older adults sharing <input type="checkbox"/> Single adult with children living at home <input type="checkbox"/> Two adults with children living at home <input type="checkbox"/> Single adult with children living away most of the time <input type="checkbox"/> Two adults with children living away most of the time					

<p>Which of these activities best describes your status at present? (please circle)</p>	<p>Full or part time employee</p> <p>Unemployed and available for work</p> <p>Seasonally employed</p> <p>Permanently sick/disabled</p> <p>Self-employed full or part-time</p> <p>Wholly retired from work</p> <p>Looking after the home</p> <p>Full-time education at school, college or university</p>			
<p>If you work, do you work in Looe? (please circle)</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>No</p>	
<p>If you work outside of Looe, where do you work?</p>				
<p>To which of these groups do you consider you belong to? Please circle one</p>				
<p>White</p> <p>Black or British Black</p> <p>Asian or Asian British</p> <p>Other ethnic group (please specify)</p>				
<p>Would you also say you are Cornish? (please circle)</p> <p>Yes No</p>				
<p>How long have you lived in Looe? (please circle)</p>	<p>Up to 5 years</p>	<p>6 – 10 years</p>	<p>11-20 years</p>	<p>21 years +</p>

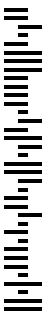
That's it! Thank you for completing this questionnaire. It will help us to create a great Neighbourhood Development Plan for Looe. Watch out for further opportunities to be involved in bringing forward Looe's very own Plan!

*Note. The details you give are anonymous and will only be used for research purposes and will not be passed on to any third parties or used for marketing purposes in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. All information supplied will be held by Looe Town Council and will remain secure and confidential. If you wish to be kept informed about the plan, please supply an email or postal address to the Town Council and we will ensure you are notified at key stages.

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