

To receive the Cornwall Council Local Plan and Call for Sites and consider any actions and associated expenditure

Background

At the Full Town Council meeting held Thursday 4th April 2024, it was resolved to refer the Local Plan and Call for Sites together with the Town Council Neighbourhood Development Plan to the next Planning and Licensing Committee for review and consideration.

Cornwall Council Local Plan

Cornwall Councils Local Plan covers the period from 2010 to 2030. The most recent review (accepted by Cabinet in September 2021) concluded that the Plan remains up to date and continues to carry full weight in decision-making.

[Cornwall Councils Local Plan and related information can be found by clicking here.](#)

However, there are some proposals working their way through the parliamentary process that will impact on the National Planning Policy and Local Plans. One of those changes is to shorten the preparation period to 30 months (24 months to prepare the new Plan and six months for Examination in Public).

There are also changing economic factors in Cornwall, including new opportunities such as renewed mineral extraction, environmental factors such as climate change and its impact on coastal areas, and social factors such as population change and movement.

These changes may have an impact to Saltash Town Councils Neighbourhood Development Plan. This plan runs until 2030.

[Saltash Town Councils Neighbourhood Development Plan can be found by clicking here.](#)

Call for Sites

Cornwall Council therefore wants to start preparing an evidence base for the next Local Plan so that it is well informed. As part of this a Call for Sites has been issued inviting landowners, developers and town and parish councils to highlight areas of land for assessment for future growth. The overarching aim is to ensure there is sufficient and suitable housing stock to end homelessness in all its forms.

The initial call for sites runs from 20 February until 22 April and is open to anyone wishing to suggest land to be considered. It differs from previous calls in that it:

- Includes housing and employment land
- Proactively incorporates a wider range of site suggestion sources (e.g. allocated land in NDPs)
- Includes a lower site threshold at 5 dwellings or more (previously 10 dwellings)

Cornwall Councillors have received a briefing on the Call for Sites, but at this stage it was an introduction, with no discussion of details of potential sites.

There will be an interim update to Cabinet in the summer this year, with a final report in late 2024.

[Information on call for sites and how to submit a site can be found by clicking here](#)

End of report

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