

Hi,

My name is Steve Besford-Foster and I’m Project Manager for the Liskeard Town Council’s Neighbourhood Plan Team.

Liskeard Town Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the town area under the new powers granted by the Localism Act 2011. The Plan will include policies and proposals for housing and employment as well as social and community facilities.

The first stage in this process is to scope the Plan and find out what our local community thinks is important that we should be covering. To do this we are carrying out a period of engagement with local people, businesses, interest groups, infrastructure and service providers.

We want to ensure that the Plan will be inclusive of all aspects of our community, so I’m writing today to see if you can help us engage with the LGBTQ community around Liskeard. Ideally it would be good if we could have a news item on your website explaining the Plan and giving the links for people to find out more if they are interested. If you could also suggest any more local groups I could contact to ask for views, that would be really good too.

Later this year we will publish a range of options for more detailed comment, and again it would be helpful if we could have a follow up article at that time. Following that there will be a formal consultation period in line with statutory requirements.

I have drafted a short item that you could use, attached.

Please get in touch if you have any queries or want to know more.

Cheers,

Steve

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**LGBTQ+ PRESS RELEASE DRAFT**

**LISKEARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SEEKS LGBTQ INPUT**

Liskeard Town Council’ Neighbourhood Plan Team wants to get local people and groups involved as deeply as possible in the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the town to guide future development.

The Neighbourhood Plan could include a wide range of issues, like where new homes, shops and workplaces should be built, how they should look, and where the money received from developers under the new community infrastructure levy should be spent. Without such a plan all of this would be decided at County Hall, and the important planning decisions made by Cornwall Council would be based only on the National Planning Policy Framework and the county-wide local plan, which means that important local factors could be ignored.

The Team want the ***whole*** Liskeard community to get on board and decide the best way forward with planning the use of land and buildings in and around the town, so its calling for input from the LGBTQ+ community in the area. This could simply be by sending in your views, or you could volunteer to become more actively involved in creating the Plan.

If you want to know more, and to have your say through our survey, please see [www.planliskeard.co.uk](http://www.planliskeard.co.uk) or email info@planliskeard.co.uk

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