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Summary

This paper summarises the key issues for the Liskeard Network Area brought together to inform the Cornwall Local Plan.

The key issues:

Issue 1 – Strengthen Liskeard's role as a service centre and help improve the sustainability of the surrounding area by planning its future growth in a way where all forms of development are integrated (e.g. housing, employment, retail, leisure, transport etc).

Issue 2 – Consider the extent and location of growth of Looe, in the face of its physical constraints, whilst maximising its tourism potential.

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Local Plan Objectives for Liskeard and Looe CNA:

Objective 1 – Economy and Jobs: Deliver economic growth / employment, providing much needed jobs to counterbalance current and future housing development in and on the edge of Liskeard.

Objective 2 – Sustainable Development: Improve connectivity within and on the edge of Liskeard to ensure the town functions effectively as a major hub and service centre for the network area; including enhanced public transport provision.

Objective 3 – Liskeard as a Service Centre: Strengthen Liskeard's role as a service centre and improve town centre viability through regeneration schemes including the redevelopment of the cattle market and relocation of the post sorting office to provide a pannier market and improved traffic flow in the town and access from the A38 Moorswater junction..

Objective 4 – Housing: Balance the housing stock to provide a range of accommodation, particularly for open market family homes and intermediate affordable housing in Liskeard.

Objective 5 – Leisure Facilities: Improve and maintain the provision of recreational, cultural and leisure services and facilities in Liskeard with particular focus on delivering sports pitches.

Local Plan Policy (PP15) for Liskeard and Looe CNA:

1. Development will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the following priorities for Liskeard can be satisfied:

a) The protection of the vitality and viability of Liskeard town centre through the promotion of retail, office and leisure uses. Proposals for change of use or redevelopment will only be permitted within the Primary Shopping Area if the proposal adds to the attractiveness of the centre and does not reduce the predominance of A1 retail use;

b) the provision of around 12,400sqm of B1a office accommodation and 14,200sqm of Industrial space has been identified. This has the potential of accommodating 1,000 jobs in the CNA over the plan period;

c) The provision of around 1,000 dwellings in the period up to 2030;

d) The retention and enhancement of Heritage assets with physical linkages between Liskeard and the Cornwall and Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site;

2. In the remainder of the Community Network Area development will be permitted where it supports the following priorities:

a) The provision of around 1000 dwellings in the period up to 2030. Additional housing and employment growth should be of a size, nature and scale appropriate to the needs, character and services available of the settlement.

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- b) Development should help rebalance the communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs of a scale that is appropriate to the settlement and reduces the need to travel;
- c) Development should deliver community benefits in the form of affordable housing for local people and contributions to requirements for facilities, services and infrastructure identified locally.
- d) Development proposals in and related to Looe must ensure that the sustainable tourism offer of Looe is supported and enhanced.

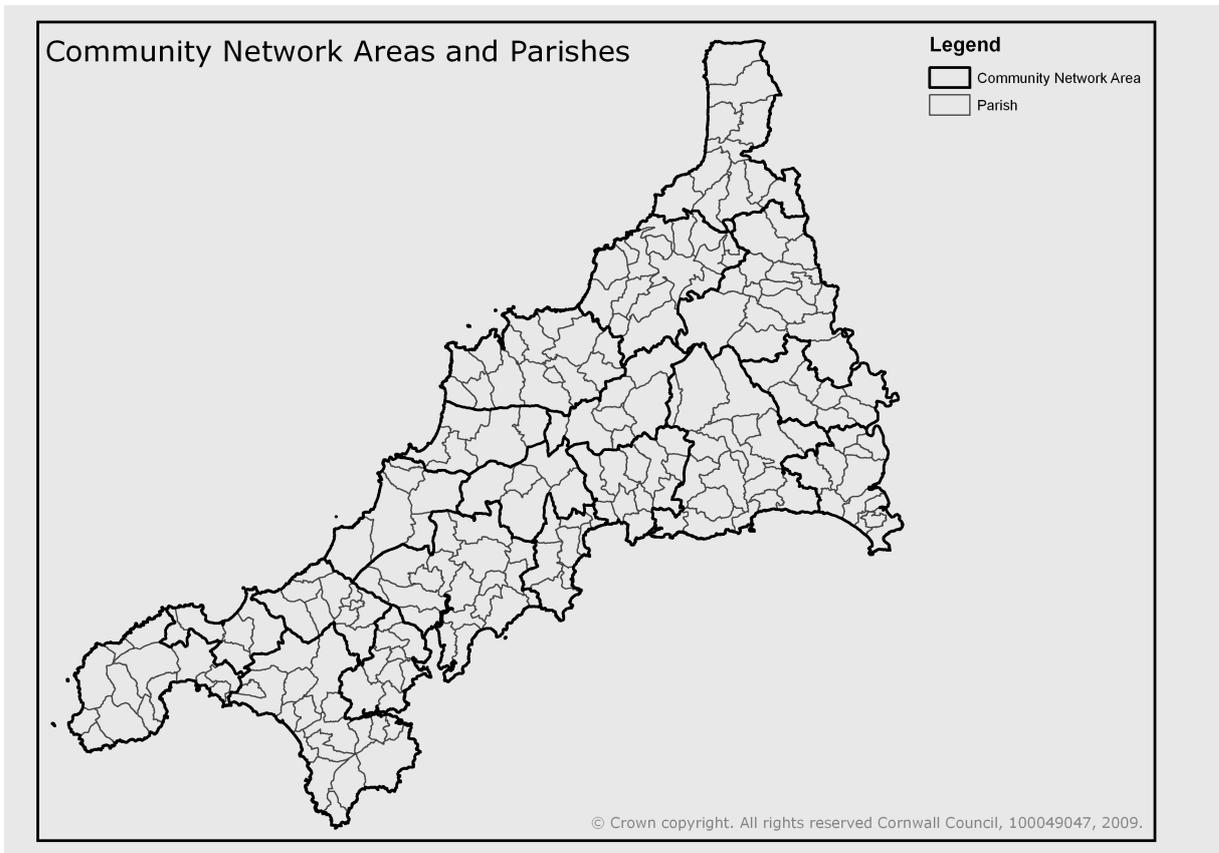
Purpose of paper

This is one of a series of papers whose main purpose is to identify the key issues for a specific area of Cornwall. There are nineteen Community Network Areas in Cornwall, based on groupings of parishes as shown on the map below. Community Network Areas were introduced to give communities a stronger voice in helping them deal with complex issues. In this they offer a valuable conduit through which the proposed Local Plan: Part 2 Policy Messages for Places can be refined to reflect local issues through engagement, policy formulation, delivery and local ownership. Further information on Community Network Areas can be found at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=12439>.

The issues have been identified from a variety of sources including plans and proposals of other organisations. Parish plans have been very useful in identifying issues, and a summary of the 'visions' for each of the parish plans undertaken in the Liskeard and Looe Community Network Area is included in the section on "Community Planning Visions". A full list of the Issues Papers, including archived versions, can be accessed on the Council's website at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=22887>. Details of the Local Plan sustainability appraisal and monitoring indicators can also be found at this address.

For the purposes of this paper, 'Liskeard' is used to refer to the town and its immediate surroundings, and the 'rural hinterland' to the wider Liskeard area outside of the town.

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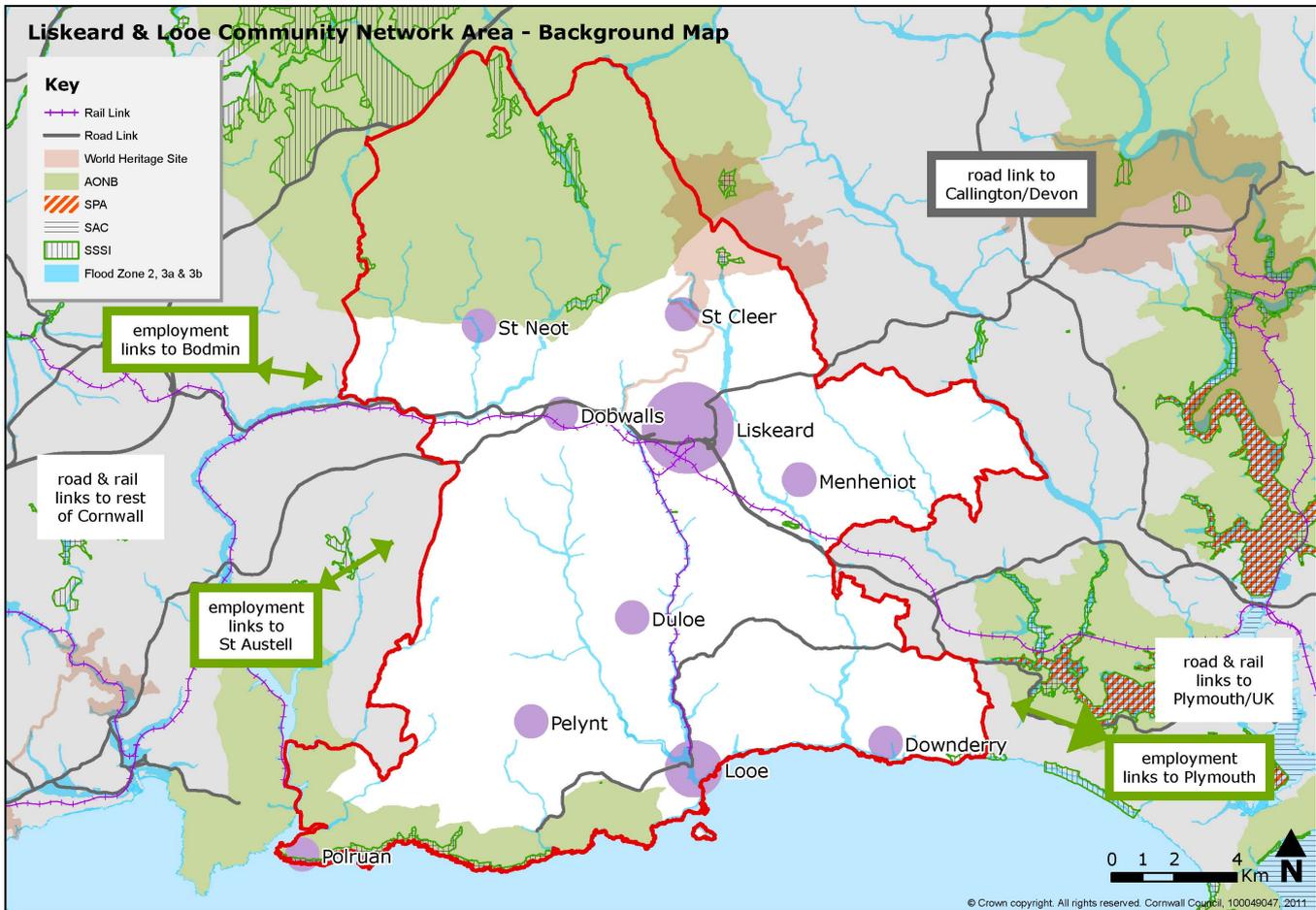


Liskeard Community Network Area

Description ~ Liskeard and Looe are the main settlements within this area, and act as the local service centres to the many smaller settlements surrounding them. Larger villages in the area include Dobwalls, Menheniot, St.Cleer, Pelynt, Polperro and Polruan. There is also a large network of small villages and hamlets throughout the area.

The Liskeard Network Area is well connected with the towns such as Bodmin, St. Austell, Callington and Plymouth.

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Key Facts

PARISHES: Deviock, Duloe, Dobwalls & Trewidland, Lanreath, Lansallos, Lanteglos, Liskeard, Looe, Menheniot, Morval, Pelynt, Quethiock, St Cleer, St Keyne, St Neot, St Martin-by-Looe, St Pinnock and Warleggan.

POPULATION: The population of the area could grow by around 3,700 over the next twenty years if current trends continue, and a number of new homes will need to be provided to accommodate this increase in population.

ENVIRONMENT: The CNA includes part of the former Caradon District World Heritage site designation. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) includes Bodmin Moor area to north. The coastline between Polruan and Looe is covered largely by AONB, and is also identified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, with other SSSIs inland. The northern reach of the CNA is within Bodmin Moor and designated as part of the AONB. The higher risk flood zones stretch along several watercourses in the CNA. Looe is also at risk of tidal flooding. Building conservation area designations include areas in and around Hessenford, Liskeard, Looe, Minions and St. Neot.

HOUSING: The number of new households in the area is forecast to grow by over 3,000 over the next twenty years if current trends continue, and many of these households will require additional homes to be built. Furthermore, there is a need for almost 1,000 additional affordable homes to be provided over the next ten years to accommodate those already in housing need. Land to

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accommodate around 3,500 homes has been identified in and around Liskeard town indicating capacity for growth. There is competition between permanent and temporary residents for accommodation in the area, and the growth figure chosen will need to accommodate this level of competition to ensure local residents can access suitable housing.

EMPLOYMENT: The area falls within the St Austell Travel to Work Area and is in direct competition with other centres such as St Austell and Bodmin in terms of attracting employment opportunities and employees, and the fact that the area is producing 5% of Cornwall's GVA from 6% of Cornwall's population indicates it does not fare as well as other centres. Liskeard town and its industrial estates are situated on the A38 and as a result have good transport links within and out of Cornwall. Employment in the area tends to be in sectors that are traditionally low paid and can be seasonal. Unemployment in the area is generally at a similar level to the rest of Cornwall.

TRAVEL: Liskeard is strategically placed on the A38 and has good transport links within and out of Cornwall. Liskeard is on the main railway line in Cornwall and Looe is accessible by branch line. Rural residents in the area have access to some infrastructure and additional growth may help maintain these services and facilities.

FACILITIES: Liskeard and Looe town residents have access to a wide range of infrastructure, and growth will help maintain or enhance these services and facilities. Liskeard has the greatest level of facilities, including a leisure centre, secondary school, hospital, Council Offices and supermarkets. Looe and Polperro have a range of facilities centred on the tourism industry, with a high level of restaurant/café provision.

For more information on this CNA please refer to the Liskeard and Looe Growth Factors Paper.

Options Consultation Feedback

Feedback from the public exhibition held in Liskeard on 4th April 2011 shows that 61% opted for medium growth across Cornwall (48,000 new homes) whilst 21% opted for low growth (38,000 new homes) and 18% opted for high growth (57,000 new homes).

In addition, 43% preferred the Cornwall towns approach to distribution (growth focussed in Cornwall's main towns) whilst 32% opted for the economy-led option which focuses on key regeneration areas and 25% preferred the dispersed approach (growth split between main towns and villages).

During the consultation Liskeard Town Council stated a preference for a mixture of the Cornwall towns option and the dispersed approach; whilst Lanreath and Pelynt Parish Councils chose the dispersed approach. St Cleer chose the economy-led approach and Duloe Parish Council stated that all the options had positives and negatives and so were unable to choose one option over another.

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Community Planning Visions

Table .1

Document	Summary of “vision”
Deviocck Parish Plan (2007)	<p>(No expressed vision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages local economic growth through improved services and facilities. • Development limit should be strictly maintained with only affordable homes allowed as an exception. • Traffic control needed. • Protection of natural environment important. • Promote area as tourist destination. • Encourages renewable energy in development.
Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Plan (2005)	<p>(No expressed vision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe and crime free environment for all. • Conservation and protection of wildlife, open space and woodlands. • Adequate supply of affordable homes for a range of people within the community – infill and brownfield preferable. • A thriving local economy.
Duloe Parish Plan (2005)	<p>(No expressed vision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe and crime free environment for all residents. • Rural areas need protection. • Adequate supply of affordable homes needed.
Lansallos Parish Plan (2005)	<p>(No expressed vision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for more housing, especially for local people and for second/holiday homes to revert to homes for local people. • Support for cycle paths, more footpaths and pavements and improved rights of way. • Support for a butchers and a bank. • Traffic and parking issues highlighted but with support for a circular hail and ride bus service and vehicle share scheme. • Additional recreation facilities for 11-18 year olds sought. • Improved access for those with disabilities supported.
Lanteglos Parish Plan (2005)	<p>(No expressed vision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for affordable housing. • Create/improve employment opportunities and promote small businesses. • Fast moving traffic an issue.

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Document	Summary of “vision”
Liskeard Community Strategic Plan (2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town will be a flourishing, forward looking employment and retail centre; that it will be a welcoming community providing high-quality and amenities for all, a community in which people want to live and work and which non-residents want to visit.
Looe Area Community Plan (2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community that has revitalised its maritime economy into one that can bring prosperity to all whilst significantly reducing its impact on the environment.
Menheniot Parish Plan (2003)	<p>(No expressed vision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of natural environment. • Only affordable housing encouraged. • Encourages employment provision.
Pelynt Parish Plan (2009)	<p>(Summary of Aims)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide affordable housing with a stringent S106 agreement requiring homes to be for local people in perpetuity. • Investigate the need for further warden controlled accommodation. • Identify areas for recreational use for all age groups. • Improve public transport. • Actively seek land for additional burial ground. • Enhance access to health care. • Investigate extending the footpath network.
St. Cleer Parish Plan (2003)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable everyone within the community to have a voice in how their parish should develop within the realms of legitimate aspirations. To preserve, enhance and develop the parish, ensuring a better quality of life for all.
St. Cleer Parish Plan update (2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed views on the need for and type of need for housing • Interest in a variety of renewable energy generation • Public transport limits employment • Reinstatement of the post office was the most requested service, followed by dentist then GP
St. Keyne Parish Plan (2005)	<p>(No expressed vision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care for the environment. • Road safety an issue. • Encourage affordable housing.
St. Martin by Looe & Morval (2007)	<p>(No expressed vision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage small-scale business and tourism development. • Small affordable housing development preferably within village limits. • Traffic calming needed.

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Document	Summary of “vision”
St. Neot (2004)	<p>(No expressed vision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and support appropriate employment opportunities. • Environmental protection key for future generations.

Issues Tables

Introduction

The following tables provide the link between the ‘Topic Based Issues Papers’ and the ‘Place Based Issues Papers’. Each table explores the evidence relating to this Community Network Area against the main themes from a policy and community viewpoint, and concludes by identifying specific issues.

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Housing

Table .2

Evidence & Policy Context	Key Points from Community Plans	Matters for the Local Plan to Address
<p>Housing: This table will explore the evidence relating to housing – future growth, balance in the housing stock, tenure mix, quality, deprivation, second homes, in-migration, affordability and housing need. Evidence that highlights issues relevant to the remit of the Local Plan (Policies for Places) specific to this CNA will be identified under ‘Matters for the Local Plan to Address’. For Cornwall-wide issues please refer to the Topic Papers.</p> <p>Evidence & Policy Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Regional Spatial Strategy directed 5,500 homes to the former Caradon area (excluding Saltash/Torpoint), with a significant proportion directed towards the largest settlements (i.e. Liskeard)⁽¹⁾. However with the abolition of the RSS by the current government, housing targets will need to be determined more locally. 19 hectares of housing land allocated in 2007 at Addington, Liskeard; 170 homes allocated in Looe⁽²⁾. 706 additional affordable homes are required for households in Bands A-D and 1,073 for households in Band E. A requirement was identified for 19 residential pitches to be provided for gypsies and travellers in former Caradon DC area for 2006-2020 (5 already provided)Broken link - possible circular reference⁽³⁾. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential sites for affordable housing development, including appropriate rural areas. Liskeard Community Plan seeks a maximum of 110 houses to be provided each year. Ensure balance of tenures (Liskeard). Need to address housing need for single people. Some appetite for affordable housing for local people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet affordable housing need. Determine the levels of growth for Liskeard. Ability of Looe to accommodate further growth given physical constraints. An integrated approach to the future of Liskeard will be needed to ensure housing, employment, retail, leisure, transport etc can genuinely improve the market town.
<p>Approach to be Taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective 4 – Housing: Balance the housing stock to provide a range of accommodation, particularly for open market family homes and intermediate affordable housing in Liskeard. 		

1 Draft Regional Spatial Strategy

2 Caradon Local Plan First Alteration Policy ALT11 and Policy ALT16

3 Draft Gypsy and Travelling Communities Strategy and Delivery Plan

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Liskeard:

- Policy PP15 c: The provision of around 1,000 dwellings in the period up to 2030.

Remainder of the CNA:

- Policy PP15 e: The provision of around 1000 dwellings in the period up to 2030. Additional housing and employment growth should be of a size, nature and scale appropriate to the needs, character and services available of the settlement.
- Policy PP15 f: Development should help rebalance the communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs of a scale that is appropriate to the settlement and reduces the need to travel.
- Policy PP15 g: Development should deliver community benefits in the form of affordable housing for local people and contributions to requirements for facilities, services and infrastructure identified locally.
- Also refer to Cornwall-wide policy 9.

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Local Economy

Table .3

Evidence & Policy Context	Key Points from Community Plans	Matters for the Local Plan to Address
<p>Local Economy: This table will explore the evidence relating to the local economy, including regeneration and tourism – economic activity, unemployment, deprivation, regeneration, dominant industries, occupation levels, skills, and the ability to work locally. Evidence that highlights issues relevant to the remit of the Local Plan (Policies for Places) specific to this CNA will be identified under ‘Matters for the Local Plan to Address’. For Cornwall-wide issues please refer to the Topic Papers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.5 hectares of employment land allocated on edge of Liskeard in 2007; 1 hectare in Looe⁽⁴⁾. • Regeneration of Polean/Millpool area in Looe is an existing policy allocation⁽⁵⁾ and is explored in the Looe Waterfront Regeneration Project Stage II Economic Appraisal. • Retention of existing premises and employment growth in towns encouraged⁽⁶⁾. • Wholesale and retail dominate the functional area providing approximately 27% of jobs⁽⁷⁾. • Work related self-containment is over 60% in the Looe and St. Martin ward. • Liskeard has a relatively narrow employment base in retail and service activities, but no significant representation in manufacturing sectors. The town has 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liskeard Community Strategic Plan supports initiatives for modern, high quality business units. • Promote/maximise opportunities for Liskeard as a market town • Green tourism supported. • Broadband rollout generally supported through various community plans. • Town centre regeneration⁽¹⁵⁾. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of Liskeard should maximise economic growth. • Supporting tourism in Looe and Polperro, including the role of the built environment.

4 Caradon Local Plan First Alteration Policy ALT9 and Policy ALT16

5 Caradon Local Plan First Alteration Policy L01

6 Caradon Local Plan First Alteration Policies EM1 and EM2

7 Cornwall Council Community Intelligence - Figures exclude self-employment

15 Liskeard and Looe community plans

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<p>a reasonable degree of self-containment (50% of resident employees have jobs within the town), although a proportion (12%) of workers out-commute to Plymouth⁽⁸⁾.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unemployment sits at 16.6% compared with 17.9% for the rest of Cornwall⁽⁹⁾. ● Looe's income ranks within 24% most deprived wards nationally and Liskeard north within the top 22%, also a large number of households in Looe are reliant on means-tested benefits⁽¹⁰⁾. ● Looe contains almost 10% fewer Full Time workers than the County average⁽¹¹⁾. An employee in Looe may have more than one part time job to survive. Looe has a relatively high level of homeworking⁽¹²⁾. ● 20% of employment in former Caradon area related to tourism. Broken link - possible circular reference⁽¹³⁾ ● Much of Looe's workforce and at least half of all businesses in Looe are reliant upon tourists and are therefore particularly affected by seasonality⁽¹⁴⁾. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In a recent business survey of the former Caradon DC area, the Liskeard area (town centre and rural) was the most desired location for additional premises⁽¹⁶⁾. ● Potential for economic diversification and industry, including making use of coastal location. ● Public transport limits employment.
<p>Approach to be Taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Objective 1 – Economy and Jobs: Deliver economic growth / employment, providing much needed jobs to counterbalance current and future housing development in and on the edge of Liskeard. <p>Liskeard:</p>	

8 Employment Land Review 2010
 9 Cornwall Council Community Intelligence
 10 South East Cornwall Business Survey 2009
 11 Looe Waterfront Regeneration Project Stage 1 Socio-Economic Baseline Study 2003
 12 Looe Waterfront Regeneration Project Stage 1 Socio-Economic Baseline Study 2003
 13 Employment Land Review 2010
 14 Value of Tourism Report 2011
 15 Looe Waterfront Regeneration Project Stage 1 Socio-Economic Baseline Study 2003

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- Policy PP15 b: the provision of around 12,400sqm of B1a office accommodation and 14,200sqm of Industrial space has been identified. This has the potential of accommodating 1,000 jobs in the CNA over the plan period.

Remainder of the CNA:

- Policy PP15 f: Development should help rebalance the communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs of a scale that is appropriate to the settlement and reduces the need to travel.
- Policy PP15 h: Development proposals in and related to Looe must ensure that the sustainable tourism offer of Looe is supported and enhanced.

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Retail and Town Centres

Table .4

Evidence & Policy Context	Key Points from Community Plans	Matters for the Local Plan to Address
<p>● The 2010 Retail Study ⁽¹⁷⁾ indicates that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liskeard is a key element in the retail hierarchy in east Cornwall. ● The quantitative and qualitative assessments of need indicate the potential for increased levels of retail provision. ● Within the comparison retail sector (i.e. the provision of everyday essential items such as food, drink, newspapers and confectionery) there is a need for improved provision in the town centre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approximately 68% of food shopping is self-contained within the Liskeard area (including Looe) ⁽¹⁸⁾. ● Over 13% of food shopping in the Liskeard functional area comes from people living in the Saltash functional area ⁽¹⁹⁾. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Potential for redevelopment of Cattle market in Liskeard ⁽²⁴⁾. ● Strengthen Liskeard town centre viability ● Desire to protect heart of town - concern over potential out-of-town supermarket's impact on the Looe town centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The role of Liskeard as a retail service centre. ● Integrated approach to development of Liskeard needed.

24 Liskeard Community Strategic Plan 2008

17 GVA Grimley Cornwall Retail study 2010

18 2008 Retail phone survey

19 2008 Retail phone survey

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only 12.5% of people living in the Liskeard area shop for clothes in the town; approximately 54% of residents shop in the Plymouth area⁽²⁰⁾. ● A significant proportion of the specialist retail units in Looe cease trading during the winter months. Retailing accounts for 17% of employment in Looe⁽²¹⁾. ● Large-scale retail development encouraged in town centres⁽²²⁾. ● Liskeard and Looe town centres have existing protected shopping cores⁽²³⁾. 		
<p>Approach to be Taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Objective 3 – Liskeard as a Service Centre: Strengthen Liskeard’s role as a service centre and improve town centre viability through regeneration schemes including the redevelopment of the cattle market and relocation of the post sorting office to provide a pannier market and improved traffic flow in the town and access from the A38 Moorswater junction. ● Policy PP15 a: The protection of the vitality and viability of Liskeard town centre through the promotion of retail, office and leisure uses. Proposals for change of use or redevelopment will only be permitted within the Primary Shopping Area if the proposal adds to the attractiveness of the centre and does not reduce the predominance of A1 retail use. ● Policy PP15 f: Development [in the remainder of the CNA] should help rebalance the communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs of a scale that is appropriate to the settlement and reduces the need to travel. 		

20 2008 Retail phone survey
 21 Looe Waterfront Regeneration Project Stage 1 Socio-Economic Baseline Study 2003
 22 2007 Caradon Local Plan First Alteration Policy ALT6
 23 2007 Caradon Local Plan First Alteration Policy ALT7

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Transport and Accessibility

Table .5

Transport and Accessibility: This table will explore the evidence relating to transport and accessibility – opportunities for walking and cycling, use of private vehicles and public transport, road/rail/air/water networks, and connections within and outside the area. Evidence that highlights issues relevant to the remit of the Local Plan (Policies for Places) specific to this CNA will be identified under 'Matters for the Local Plan to Address'. For Cornwall-wide issues please refer to the Topic Papers.		
Evidence & Policy Context	Key Points from Community Plans	Matters for the Local Plan to Address
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Travel time to employers of 300 or more via public transport is up to 40 minutes around the Liskeard area. Coastal areas experience 40 min. plus journeys.⁽²⁵⁾ ● Plymouth to Penzance rail line cuts through functional area stopping at Liskeard and Menheniot. ● In summer congestion west of Liskeard on the A38 and A390 increases⁽²⁶⁾. ● The functional area is dissected by the A38 through Liskeard, with connections to Bodmin and St. Austell. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walking and cycle routes (with access to the countryside) encouraged through various community plans. ● Public transport needs improving. ● Improve highway infrastructure especially between the town centre and Liskeard Station ● Improve public transport links to health care facilities (Liskeard Community Plan). ● Aspirations for park and ride serving Looe. ● Transport links were identified as a barrier for young and old (Looe Area Community Action Plan). ● Public transport limits employment (St Cleer Parish Plan Update). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consideration of transport issues in relation to housing growth. ● Parking management needs to be addressed in Liskeard and Looe. ● Access to services in rural areas.
Approach to be Taken:		

25 Office of National Statistics - Super output Areas 2004

26 Connecting Cornwall: 2030 Transport Strategy

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- Objective 2 – Sustainable Development: Improve connectivity within and on the edge of Liskeard to ensure the town functions effectively as a major hub and service centre for the network area; including enhanced public transport provision.
- Objective 3 – Liskeard as a Service Centre: Strengthen Liskeard's role as a service centre and improve town centre viability through regeneration schemes including the redevelopment of the cattle market and relocation of the post sorting office to provide a pannier market and improved traffic flow in the town and access from the A38 Moorswater junction.

Remainder of the CNA (excluding Liskeard):

- Policy PP15 e: The provision of around 1000 dwellings in the period up to 2030. Additional housing and employment growth should be of a size, nature and scale appropriate to the needs, character and services available of the settlement.
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Community facilities

Table .6

Community facilities: This table will explore the evidence relating to community facilities, including health, recreation and open space – health care, education, meeting places, formal and informal sports spaces, open space, and loss of facilities. Evidence that highlights issues relevant to the remit of the Local Plan (Policies for Places) specific to this CNA will be identified under 'Matters for the Local Plan to Address'. For Cornwall-wide issues please refer to the Topic Papers.		
Evidence & Policy Context	Key Points from Community Plans	Matters for the Local Plan to Address
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified need for further sports pitch development in Liskeard led to allocation of 8.8 hectare site on edge of the town in 2007. ⁽²⁷⁾ Large network of smaller villages that rely on Liskeard to access the majority of services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liskeard Community Action Plan notes desire to develop a leisure complex. Provision of facilities for the young needed in Looe and Liskeard. Access to healthcare needs improving. Need to ensure sufficient access to facilities eg post offices, dentist and GP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to use housing growth to help deliver improved leisure facilities in Liskeard. Community facility provision including for young people.
<p>Approach to be Taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective 5 - Leisure Facilities: Improve and maintain the provision of recreational, cultural and leisure services and facilities in Liskeard with particular focus on delivering sports pitches. Policy PP15 a: The protection of the vitality and viability of Liskeard town centre through the promotion of retail, office and leisure uses. Proposals for change of use or redevelopment will only be permitted within the Primary Shopping Area if the proposal adds to the attractiveness of the centre and does not reduce the predominance of A1 retail use. It is estimated that there is capacity for the provision of an additional 3,250sqm of Convenience and 6,350sqm of Comparison A1 net sales floorspace in the centre, edge-of centre and out-of-centre locations of the town up to 2030. Policy PP15 f: Development [in the remainder of the CNA] should help rebalance the communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs of a scale that is appropriate to the settlement and reduces the need to travel; Policy PP15 g: Development [in the remainder of the CNA] should deliver community benefits in the form of affordable housing for local people and contributions to requirements for facilities, services and infrastructure identified locally. 		

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People

Table .7

Evidence & Policy Context	Key Points from Community Plans	Matters for the Local Plan to Address
<p>People: This table will explore the evidence relating to people, including demographics, education & skills, social inclusion, crime & anti-social behaviour – age profile, social deprivation, health, safety, perceptions’ of crime, qualifications and skills. Evidence that highlights issues relevant to the remit of the Local Plan (Policies for Places) specific to this CNA will be identified under ‘Matters for the Local Plan to Address’. For Cornwall-wide issues please refer to the Topic Papers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most deprived area is shown to be the Liskeard North Ward Central, though the dispersed rural nature of the functional area means there is extensive deprivation that is difficult to measure. (28) • Large quantity of Parish Plans • 1,500 people are within the 20% most deprived in England. • Total population is approximately 33,000 with just under half living in Liskeard and Looe. • Density of approximately 0.9 people per hectare. • Higher percentage of ageing population than Cornwall average, particularly the 50-59 age group. • 10-29 year olds only represent around 9% of the population compared with a Cornwall average of approx. 15%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved education facilities needed. • Neighbourhood watch schemes encouraged through various community plans. • Enhance access to healthcare. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ageing population. • Provision of local facilities to meet needs of current and future population

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Approach to be Taken:

- Objective 5 - Leisure Facilities: Improve and maintain the provision of recreational, cultural and leisure services and facilities in Liskeard with particular focus on delivering sports pitches.
- Policy PP15 a: The protection of the vitality and viability of Liskeard town centre through the promotion of retail, office and leisure uses. Proposals for change of use or redevelopment will only be permitted within the Primary Shopping Area if the proposal adds to the attractiveness of the centre and does not reduce the predominance of A1 retail use. It is estimated that there is capacity for the provision of an additional 3,250sqm of Convenience and 6,350sqm of Comparison A1 net sales floorspace in the centre, edge-of centre and out-of-centre locations of the town up to 2030.
- Policy PP15 f: Development [in the remainder of the CNA] should help rebalance the communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs of a scale that is appropriate to the settlement and reduces the need to travel;
- Policy PP15 g: Development [in the remainder of the CNA] should deliver community benefits in the form of affordable housing for local people and contributions to requirements for facilities, services and infrastructure identified locally.
- Also refer to Cornwall-wide Policy 6.

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Environment

Table .8

Evidence & Policy Context	Key Points from Community Plans	Matters for the Local Plan to Address
<p>Environment: This table will explore the evidence relating to the environment – biodiversity, geodiversity, landscape & seascape, historic environment, flooding, soil, air and water. Evidence that highlights issues relevant to the remit of the Local Plan (Policies for Places) specific to this CNA will be identified under ‘Matters for the Local Plan to Address’. For Cornwall-wide issues please refer to the Topic Papers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Heritage site (former Caradon District - Pensilva area). • Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at Bodmin Moor area to north. • Coastline between Polruan and Looe covered largely by AONB, and also identified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (over 200 hectares). • Flooding issues in Looe. SMP2 reports a need to undertake further study to identify potential solutions to alleviate increasing flood risk. • Landscape character: The area contains (parts of) a number of landscape character areas as described in Appendix B⁽²⁹⁾. • Historic regeneration of Liskeard, Looe, Polruan and Polperro. • Area includes eight conservation areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved recycling facilities required. • Various community plans seek to promote renewable energy. This could include an anaerobic digester to serve Looe and surrounding villages for example. • Flood defence system potential for Looe.⁽³⁰⁾ • The Environment Agency advises that flood risk in Looe remains a concern, with a need to address the resilience of the existing community to the increasing frequency and severity of flood events. The EA consider that it would be reasonable to state that the existing long linear defence will require upgrading in future years.⁽³¹⁾ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration of Liskeard • Renewable energy and recycling. • Flooding.

30 Looe Area Community Action Plan 2007

31 See Options Response Schedules for full details www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=22887

29 Cornwall Landscape Character Assessment (2007)

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Approach to be Taken:

- Objective 3 – Liskeard as a Service Centre: Strengthen Liskeard's role as a service centre and improve town centre viability through regeneration schemes including the redevelopment of the cattle market and relocation of the post sorting office to provide a pannier market and improved traffic flow in the town and access from the A38 Moorswater junction.
- Policy PP15 d: The retention and enhancement of Heritage assets with physical linkages between Liskeard and the Cornwall and Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site;
- Policy PP15 g: Development [in the remainder of the CNA] should deliver community benefits in the form of affordable housing for local people and contributions to requirements for facilities, services and infrastructure identified locally.
- Policy PP15 h: Development proposals in and related to Looe must ensure that the sustainable tourism offer of Looe is supported and enhanced.
- Also refer to Cornwall-wide policies 13, 14 and 25.

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Coast

Table .9

Coast: This table will explore the evidence relating to the coast. Evidence that highlights issues relevant to the remit of the Local Plan (Policies for Places) specific to this CNA will be identified under 'Matters for the Local Plan to Address'. For Cornwall-wide issues please refer to the Topic Papers.		
Evidence & Policy Context	Key Points from Community Plans	Matters for the Local Plan to Address
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coast includes Fowey Estuary, important fishing communities of Looe, Polperro and Polruan; traditional commercial activity with increasingly tourism, marine leisure and recreation activities. Looe and Polperro - historic character of traditional fishing villages. Coast broadly from West Looe to Polruan is part of the "south coast east" area of the AONB (par sands to Looe) and is defined Heritage Coast. Fowey Estuary Management Plan. Polruan to Polperro SAC. SMP2 reports further study needed at Looe to identify potential solutions to alleviate increasing flood risk, with limited scope for any realignment at Polperro (low erosion risk). Seaton / Downderry West is a coastal change area and would require support through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek to promote Looe as a coastal resort. ⁽³²⁾ Improve maritime activities in Looe. ⁽³³⁾ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sea level rise issues in view of low quay heights at Looe and Polruan. Long term flood risk management measures for Looe. Future of Looe, Polperro and Polruan harbours. Tourism role particularly of Looe and Polperro. Public access to the coast.

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<p>the planning system to manage the relocation of development away from the risk zone over time.</p>		
<p>Approach to be Taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policy PP15 g: Development [in the remainder of the CNA, beyond Liskeard] should deliver community benefits in the form of affordable housing for local people and contributions to requirements for facilities, services and infrastructure identified locally. ● Policy PP15 h: Development proposals in and related to Looe must ensure that the sustainable tourism offer of Looe is supported and enhanced. ● Also refer to Cornwall-wide Policy 25. 		

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Appendix A: Landscape Character information from the 2007 Cornwall Landscape Character Assessment

COMMUNITY NETWORK AREA 11 – LISKEARD & LOOE

Evidence and Policy Context

Landscape Character Areas (LCA):

- LCA 21 Fowey Valley
- LCA 22 South East Cornwall Plateau
- LCA 23 Looe Valley Rivers
- LCA 24 Seaton River Valley
- LCA 25 Lynher and Tiddy River Valleys
- LCA 32 Bodmin Moor

www.cornwall.gov.uk/cornwall_landscape (underscore between cornwall and landscape)

Issues for Consideration

Environment

- Conserve existing areas of Ancient Woodland and encourage reversion of plantations to broadleaved woodland.
- Encourage woodland regeneration along the banks of the ria and inland valleys.
- Encourage good management of parkland, encourage restoration where applicable and conserve veteran trees.
- Remove roadside wire fencing on the moor and replace with local stone hedges.
- Support measures for the good management of the rivers and the estuary environment.
- Conserve the mining heritage, settlements and small holdings, by implementation of the World Heritage Site Management Plan.
- Link the management and strategic planning of Network Area 11 with other adjacent network areas:-
 - Bodmin Moor - Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Network Areas 1 3 5 10 11.
 - South Coast Eastern - Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Network Areas 11, 17.
 - Caradon Hill Mining District - World Heritage Site - Network Areas 3, 11.
 - Heritage Coast – Network Areas 11, 17.