

Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan - Sustainability Checklist

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1. Introduction

1.1 The Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering group have prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The whole Liskeard parish area has been designated a Neighbourhood Area for this purpose by Cornwall Council, the Local Planning Authority covering Liskeard.

1.2 A Sustainability Appraisal, as defined by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, aims to predict and assess the social, environmental and economic effects that are likely to arise from the adoption of plans or programmes, to ensure that the strategies, policies and plans within these contribute to and promote sustainable development. Although not a requirement of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, an Appraisal provides a means of demonstrating the Plan will promote sustainable development.

1.3 There is no legal requirement for a Neighbourhood Development Plan to have a formal Sustainability Appraisal as set out in section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. However, a qualifying body must demonstrate how its plan or order will contribute to achieving sustainable development. The Liskeard Neighbourhood Steering Group see a sustainability checklist approach as a useful way for ensuring the policies and strategies adopted work to build resilience and long-term sustainability over and above mitigating the negative impacts of policies, without the need to carry out a full SA.

1.4 It is the view of the Steering Group of the Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan that the overall plan seeks to secure greater levels of social, economic and

environmental sustainability for Liskeard as a whole, than would be afforded in the absence of a plan.

1.5 For clarity and conformity, the Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan seeks to follow a similar approach to Cornwall Council's Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal¹ and as such this checklist seeks to answer the following questions:

- What is the plan trying to achieve?
- What is the sustainability context?
- What is the baseline situation and what are the key issues?
- What would the situation be without the plan?
- How has the appraisal been undertaken?
- What are the appraisal findings and recommendations?
- How have SA recommendations been considered?
- How can we best monitor the plan's impacts?

2. Sustainability Checklist

2.1 This sustainability checklist also assists Cornwall Council to undertake a "screening" assessment, evaluating whether the individual, or cumulative, impact of policies put forward could lead to significant environmental impact, and whether a formal Strategic Environmental Assessment is required. In some limited circumstances, where a Neighbourhood Development Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects, it may require a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

2.2 In formulating strategies and policies, the Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan Team has carefully considered their sustainable impact, bearing in mind regulation 9 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 20042, and are looking for positive confirmation of this from Cornwall Council's screening opinion.

3. The Sustainability Checklist – Methodology

3.1 The sustainability checklist is intended to show how planning objectives and policies contribute to sustainable development, particularly with regard to their environmental, social and economic impact. It ensures that the concept of sustainable development remains an important consideration throughout the entire neighbourhood planning process.

3.2 There are three steps to the sustainability checklist:

- Step 1. Select the criteria which will be used to assess the sustainability of the Neighbourhood Plan's objectives and policies;
- Step 2. Using these criteria, measure the impact each objective/policy will have on sustainability;
- Step 3. Analyse the results and make recommendations.

¹ http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/9430191/SA_Final-_November_2014.pdf Page 1 of 13

3.3 Ideally this is done more than once, in a repetitive / iterative process that refines and improves the level of sustainability of a proposal each time.

Step 1 – Selecting the Criteria

3.4. For simplicity of process the checklist was based on the ‘Sustainability Framework’ identified in the Cornwall Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal. The advantage of using the Cornwall Local Plan criteria is that they have already been subject to consultation across Cornwall, so further local consultation on them is not considered necessary. The list of assessment criteria is referred to as the ‘SA Framework’. The SA Framework is given in Appendix 1 below. The ‘Factors’ are on the left, and some ‘clue’ questions to guide the appraisal are given on the right.

Step 2 – Assessing each Neighbourhood Plan objective and policy against the criteria

3.5 The sustainability appraisal is achieved by assessing each of the objectives against the SA Framework according to the grading below. In this way a view on each objective and an overall assessment of the sections and the complete Neighbourhood Plan can be generated. (‘Scoped Out’ is where the issue is not relevant to Liskeard or a Neighbourhood Plan, e.g. Minerals, Maritime).

--	Very negative impact – The objective is likely to lead to significant damage or loss, or other negative effects on Sustainability Framework Factors
-	Some negative impact – The objective is likely to lead to moderate damage or loss, or other negative effects on Sustainability Framework Factors
+/-	Positive and negative impacts – The objective may damage some Sustainability Framework Factors and improve the current situation on others.
0	Neutral impact – there are no effects upon on Sustainability Framework Factors
+	Some positive impacts – The objective is likely to lead to some improvement on current situation in respect of the on Sustainability Framework Factors
++	Significant positive impacts - The objective is likely to lead to significant improvement on current situation in respect of the on Sustainability Framework Factors
?	Uncertain impacts – Where there is doubt it is acknowledged.
N/A	Scoped out – The objective is not relevant to the Sustainability Framework Factor
Ind	Indirect impacts

3.6 Initially each working group carried out a check listing of their recommendations as a group exercise. These were then reported to the Steering Group and moderated. Subsequently, as the Neighbourhood Development Plan was assembled, further cross-checks were made to ensure consistency across the themes.

4. What is the plan trying to achieve?

4.1 The Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan is a long-term plan. The Neighbourhood Development Plan seeks to strengthen and support Liskeard's social, economic and environmental sustainability through guiding development and land-use change in such a way that it supports the town's prosperity whilst also helping to conserve and develop an area that is particularly rich in built diversity and heritage, set in a pleasant and attractive local landscape, and within a short distance of landscapes of county and national importance. The Plan also recognises that Liskeard is at the centre of a wider area which includes several small to medium size villages which rely upon the town as a centre for services, employment, trading and learning, and so must contribute to their future needs. The vision for future growth is therefore framed around Liskeard as 'a modern Cornish market town'.

4.2 The Neighbourhood Development Plan gives broad policies and proposals that deliver the vision and aims, and suggests non-land use projects that may assist in this work. These have been developed through in-depth studies which have included the use of sustainability checklists and criteria based approaches based on the sustainability principles set out in the NPPF. However, any significant developments such as large housing developments that come forward because of this plan will have to complete their own sustainability appraisals and/or SEAs.

5. What is the sustainability context?

5.1 The Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework and its requirement that the planning system (of which the Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan is part) needs to perform three roles in delivering *sustainable development*.

5.2 The Plan recognizes the fundamental principle that *growth is part of sustainable development* and that it must address the key concerns of:

- Achieving a sustainable economy
- Living within our environmental limits
- Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society

5.3 The Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan focuses on the key planning issues facing Liskeard, setting out both the short term and longer term priorities for action to enable sustainable growth and increase prosperity. Relating this to the Liskeard area the sustainability context can be more explicitly captured as putting in to place the necessary measures to ensure that Liskeard delivers *sustainable development* for the benefit of its own and the surrounding communities, by being:

- *A thriving modern market town at the heart of South East Cornwall*
- *A place where people can work in rewarding jobs supporting a vibrant economy*
- *An attractive place to live with a range of housing to meet local needs*
- *A caring community supporting residents of all age and social groups through health, education, employment, and enjoyment of cultural and leisure facilities.*
- *An attractive centre which retains its human scale, and where people want to access services, meet, and shop*
- *A place that fosters mobility and healthy living with a sustainable transport network for walkers, cyclists and those who depend on public transport*

- *A place that attracts visitors and supports tourism in S E Cornwall*

5.4 In addition to supporting sustainable development in these wider senses, the Plan also seeks to build social, economic and environmental resilience in anticipation of future changes and challenges.

6. What is the baseline situation & what are the key issues?

6.1 The baseline situation is recorded in the profile of Liskeard and its community given on pages 16 to 21 of the Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan.

6.2 In summary, Liskeard as a traditional market town now faces another growth phase, with a target of 1,400 dwellings to be achieved by 2030, leading to a population growth of up to 25%. In addition, there will be similar proportions of growth in surrounding villages. It is important that this growth should be met in ways that minimizes the problems associated with such boom periods in the past, whilst tackling as many current issues as possible. Liskeard suffers from and/or will face environmental, social and economic challenges that warrant the policies identified within the Neighbourhood Plan. Such pressures and issues include:

- A lack of high quality employment, low wages, low local skill and qualification base;
- A shortage of employment land to meet growth needs of existing firms and the job requirements of the growing population;
- An ageing stock of existing employment sites, some under pressure for alternative uses, and others which are unattractive to investment;
- Housing targets (as in the Local Plan) up to 2030 that could swamp the character of or change the role of the town;
- A housing stock that fails to meet the broader range of needs and demands or support economic growth;
- Significant changes in agricultural marketing, service delivery patterns and increased commuting leading to a disconnection between the town and surrounding communities;
- A town centre declining under the impact of multi-channel retailing and service centralisation to distant locations;
- An ageing but very attractive set of heritage buildings, features and landscapes;
- A shortfall in open space and leisure provision, facing growing requirements from the incoming population;
- Poor links between neighbourhoods in the town and the surrounding countryside;
- Infrastructure that copes but will need improvement to meet future demands.

6.3 Together these pressures and issues are a significant threat to the prosperity of the community, its social well-being, and the quality of the urban and rural environment.

7. What would the situation be without the plan?

7.1 In the absence of a Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan and without the Plan's ability to guide and shape development, Liskeard would be subject only to the strategic plans of the NPPF and Cornwall Local Plan. These are considered to lack sensitivity to local conditions at the market town level, leading to the risk of locally unsympathetic proposals which do not go far enough in delivering sustainable development, and fail to effectively address the negative pressures and impacts described above. Furthermore, the aspirations of the community for the future of their town would be less well-defined and consequently less responded to.

8. What are the appraisal findings and recommendations?

8.1 From Appendix 2 it is clear that the clear majority of policies put forward by the Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan have a net positive impact upon the sustainability of the Town and surrounding area.

8.2 Overall, the Vision, aims and Objectives of the Plan set a sustainable context for tackling the pressures and issues being faced. The policies encourage sustainable development to address these aspects, and wherever possible set criteria to manage new proposals in a way that contributes to the social, environmental and economic well-being of the area.

8.3 A notable feature is that the Plan does not just look at Liskeard in isolation from its surrounds, but seeks to relate to them and their communities by supporting the delivery of necessary sustainable development to meet their needs as well.

8.4 The most significant negative impacts in terms of sustainability come through

- (1) the conflict of the need for urban extensions into the surrounding countryside, which whilst very well designed and incorporating mitigating measures must have some impact on for example, landscape, biodiversity and transport issues, and
- (2) the conflict between the need to preserve heritage assets and the retro-fitting of energy conservation materials and renewable energy generation equipment.

9. How have SA recommendations been considered?

9.1 The sustainability appraisal has ultimately supported and evidenced the community's aspirations and demands to help conserve Liskeard's unique and widely appreciated built heritage and attractive setting.

9.2 As the Neighbourhood Plan Working groups finalised their reports, each carried out a sustainability checklist assessment of their recommendations for objectives and policies, and where a more significant adverse impact was detected the objectives/policies were revisited and where appropriate re-worded.

9.3 The relatively minor sustainability 'conflicts' or negative impacts associated with the Plan objectives/policies have been kept to the very minimum and it is the view of the Steering Group that the Neighbourhood Development Plan will support greater levels of sustainability than would otherwise be afforded in the absence of the plan. The Sustainability Appraisal will continue to adapt and consider any comments or issues identified through further Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation.

9.4 Our conclusion is that on balance the Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan will deliver appropriate sustainable development outcomes.

Appendix 1. Sustainability Framework

Sustainability Framework Factors from Cornwall Local Plan SA	'Clue' Appraisal Questions
<p>Climatic Factors <i>To reduce our contribution to climate change through a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it limit greenhouse gas emissions? • Does it secure the highest viable resource and energy efficiency? • Does it encourage the use of renewable energy technologies?
<p><i>To increase resilience to climate change, and reduce vulnerability</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it minimise vulnerability and encourage resilience to the effects of climate change?
<p>Waste <i>To minimise the generation of waste and encourage greater re-use and recycling of materials in accordance with the waste hierarchy.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce the amount of waste produced, collected, and or landfilled? • Will it increase the amount of waste recycled or recovered? • Will it increase levels of composting or anaerobic digestion? • Has space for storage of recycled materials been planned for? • Will it reduce the waste management industry's contribution to climate change?
<p>Minerals and Geodiversity <i>To minimise the consumption of mineral resources and ensure the sustainable management of these resources and ensure the sustainable management of these resources?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it minimise the consumption of primary mineral resources and encourage re-use of secondary resources? • Will it ensure development does not irreversibly sterilise important mineral resources?
<p><i>To conserve, enhance and restore the condition of geodiversity in the county.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it prevent harm to and, where appropriate, enhance geological conservation interests in the county? • Will mineral working impact on designated land?
<p>Soil <i>To minimise the use of undeveloped land and protect and enhance soil quality.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it protect, enhance and improve soil quality in Cornwall?
<p><i>To encourage and safeguard local food production.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it avoid development that leads to the loss of productive soils?
<p>Air <i>To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it maintain or improve air quality in Cornwall? • Will it reduce pollution including greenhouse gas emissions?

Sustainability Framework Factors from Cornwall Local Plan SA	'Clue' Appraisal Questions
<p>Water <i>To reduce the risk of flooding and vulnerability to flooding, sea level rise and coastal erosion.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal reduce, or avoid increasing the risk of flooding overall?
<p><i>To maintain and enhance water quality and reduce consumption and increase efficiency of water use.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal maintain or enhance water quality overall? • Does the proposal reduce the overall demand for water? • Will the proposal provide for greater integrated water catchment management and strengthen links between habitats to increase the likelihood of adaptation to climate change? • Will the proposal increase the risk of water pollution events?
<p>Biodiversity <i>To conserve, enhance and restore the condition and extent of biodiversity in the county and allow its adaptation to climate change.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal protect, enhance or restore biodiversity interests of BAP habitats, Cornwall Wildlife Sites, SSSIs and internationally, nationally and regionally designated areas? • Does the proposal allow adaptation to climate change through the connection of habitats (wildlife corridors)? • Does it protect not only designated areas but also of wildlife interest everywhere? • Will it encourage the provision of new or improved wildlife habitats?
<p>Landscape <i>To protect and enhance the quality of the natural, historic and cultural landscape and seascape.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it sustain and enhance and/or restore the distinctive qualities and features of the natural, historic and cultural landscape and seascape character? • Will it conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Cornwall AONB and the Tamar Valley AONB, and increase understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the AONBs? • Will it protect, enhance and promote opportunities for green infrastructure within and between urban settlements? • Will it maintain and enhance a high quality living environment? • Will it encourage the location and design of development to respect and improve landscape character and the landscape setting of settlements?
<p>Maritime <i>To encourage clean, healthy, productive and diverse waters</i> <i>To protect coastal areas and ensure sustainable maritime environments.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the proposal protect, enhance or restore maritime heritage, habitat and biodiversity, both designated and undesignated? • Will the proposal incorporate adaptation to climate change and its likely effects on the sea, coast and estuaries?

Sustainability Framework Factors from Cornwall Local Plan SA	'Clue' Appraisal Questions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the proposal operate within the carrying capacity of the receiving environment, without adverse effect on its sustainability? • Will the proposal operate within safe biological, chemical and physical limits?
<p>Historic Environment <i>To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of the historic environment.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal reinforce the distinctive character of Cornwall? 2010 • Does the proposal have an acceptable/unacceptable level of impact on the historic environment • Does the proposal preserve and enhance the cultural and social significance of the historic asset? • Will it result in development which is sympathetic towards the need to promote the Cornwall's unique heritage value, historic environment and culture? • Have flood mitigation measures been designed to be compatible with the immediate historic environment? • Has a balance been struck between the level of risk (e.g. in adaptation to climate change or flood risk) and the aspiration to preserve the distinctive qualities of the historic environment?
<p>Design <i>To promote and achieve high quality, locally distinctive design, sustainable land use and sustainable built development</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it encourage developers to build to higher environmental standards? • Will it help to promote local distinctiveness? Does the proposal meet targets for renewable energy capture and sustainable construction using BREEAM or Code for Sustainable Homes? • Will it promote high quality, sustainable and sympathetic design that takes account of sustainable construction and transport modes, and green infrastructure?
<p>Social Inclusion <i>To reduce poverty and social exclusion and provide opportunities for all to participate fully in society.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve access to and provision of services, health and community facilities (including community youth facilities) especially in rural areas and for the socially excluded? • Will it reduce poverty, deprivation, discrimination, social exclusion and inequalities?
<p>Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour <i>To reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce crime and anti-social activity, and in turn, provide safer communities in Cornwall (particularly in the most deprived neighbourhoods and identified hot spots). • Will it help reduce the fear of crime?
<p>Housing <i>To meet the needs of the local community as a whole in terms of general market, affordable, adaptable and decent housing.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to ensure delivery of long-term regeneration schemes for the county? Will it reduce the number of people homeless or in temporary accommodation? • Will it contribute towards the provision of affordable, social and key worker housing? • Will it reduce the number of unfit homes, and those falling below the decent homes standards?

Sustainability Framework Factors from Cornwall Local Plan SA	'Clue' Appraisal Questions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it deliver adaptable housing to meet the lifelong needs of the population? • Will it provide a well-integrated mix of decent homes of different types and tenures to support a range of household sizes, ages and incomes? • Will it provide energy efficient development which reduces the annual cost of heating/lighting and helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions? • Will it make the best use of land?
<p>Health, sport and recreation <i>To improve health through the promotion of healthier lifestyles and improving access to open space and health, recreation and sports facilities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve health and well-being and reduce inequalities in health? • Will it improve access to health services? • Will it improve access to the countryside, coast, recreation and open spaces? • Will it increase participation and engagement in physical activity and sport? • Will it lead to unacceptable noise levels?
<p>Economic Development <i>To support a balanced and low carbon economy that meets the needs of the area and promotes a diverse range of quality employment opportunities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it promote a diverse range of employment opportunities? • Will it provide affordable, small scale, managed workspace to support local need? • Will it support the development of access to ICT facilities including Broadband, particularly in rural areas? • Will it raise the quality of employment and reduce seasonality?
<p>Education and Skills <i>To maximise accessibility for all to the necessary education, skills and knowledge to play a full role in society.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it help improve the qualifications and skills of young people? • Will it improve facilities and opportunities for lifelong learning (particularly for those with greatest need)? • Will it help increase the County's skilled and professional workforce? • Will it support a viable future for rural communities? • Will it encourage a greater diversity of choice in skills training as part of regeneration efforts? • Will it increase accessibility to training facilities?

Sustainability Framework Factors from Cornwall Local Plan SA	'Clue' Appraisal Questions
<p>Transport and accessibility</p> <p><i>To improve access to key services and facilities by reducing the need to travel and by providing safe sustainable travel choices.</i></p> <p><i>To reduce traffic congestion and minimise transport related greenhouse gas emissions.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it promote sustainable forms of transport (public transport including bus and rail, cycle and pedestrian routes) and ensure the necessary associated infrastructure is made available? • Will it reduce traffic congestion by promoting alternative modes of transport? • Will it reduce the need to travel by seeking to balance homes, jobs, services and facilities? • Will it lead to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions? • Will it improve service provision or provide a service or facility which is accessible to all, including those with disabilities and those in the more rural areas? • Will it transfer freight from road to rail and/or sea?
<p>Energy</p> <p><i>To encourage the use of renewable energy, increase energy efficiency and security and reduce fuel poverty.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it promote and support the use of renewable and low carbon energy technologies? • Will it help reduce fuel poverty? • Will it encourage local energy production?

Appendix 2: Sustainability Checklist

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT YEEES/NO	A Place to Work & Learn																		
		1. Climatic Factors	2. Waste	3. Minerals and Geodiversity	4. Soil	5. Air	6. Water	7. Biodiversity	8. Landscape.	9. Maritime.	10. Historic Environment	11. Design	12. Social Inclusion	13. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	14. Housing	15. Health, sport and recreation	16. Economic Development	17. Education and Skills	18. Transport and accessibility	19. Energy
1. Promote quality employment growth	NO	+	+		+	0	0	0	0		0	+	+	0	0	?	++	++	+/-	0
		Higher quality employment will lead to increased wages and greater prosperity, improving the economy, encouraging learning and skill development, and are likely to make more use of green energy and sustainable building methods. However new growth may lead to increased travel, although good location can assist with use of sustainable methods.																		
2. Build on existing viable businesses which provide local employment opportunities and a range of services for both the people living in the town and surrounding area	NO	?	?		0	0	0	0	0		0	+	+	0	0		++	++	+	?
		Support for existing business will encourage retention and growth, supporting prosperity. However additional development may have some climate and energy impacts																		
3. Improve skills and training	NO	?	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	+	+	0	0		++	++	?	?
		By improving skills and training, local people may be able to secure better paid jobs and higher paying forms may be attracted. However, it's possible that better qualified people may commute to better paid jobs away from Liskeard.																		
4. Establish an innovation/home business support hub	NO	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	+	0	0	0		++	++	0	0
		Support for business and new enterprises to innovate will encourage retention and growth, supporting prosperity																		
5. Encourage renewal of 'tired' employment sites.	NO	+	0		0	0	0	0	+		+	+	+	+	0	0	++	0	0	+

		Customer impressions may be damaged by poor environment, restricting business growth, Renewal may help avoid this whilst providing for better control of emissions, enhanced landscaping, better waste management, and opportunities for economic growth and inward investment may be improved.																		
6. Ensure that employment opportunities are available in the rural part of the Neighbourhood Plan area	NO	+	+		0	0	0	0	+/-		0	0	++	+	0	0	++	+	+/-	+
		Allowing employment development in the rural area subject to criteria may support diversification. However there may be some landscape impact and the potential that the reduction in the need to travel for local people is cancelled out thereby commuting to the workshop from elsewhere.																		

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT YEE/NO	A Place to Live																		
		1. Climatic Factors	2. Waste	3. Minerals and Geodiversity	4. Soil	5. Air	6. Water	7. Biodiversity	8. Landscape.	9. Maritime.	10. Historic Environment	11. Design	12. Social Inclusion	13. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	14. Housing	15. Health, sport and recreation	16. Economic Development	17. Education and Skills	18. Transport and accessibility	19. Energy
1. Meet the housing requirements of the Cornwall Local Plan to 2030	NO	+	0		+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-		0	+	+	+	++	+	+	n/a	++	+
		New development for housing involving land take may have some negative environmental impacts although these can be mitigated and outweighed by broader beneficial environmental, economic and social impact.																		
2. Prioritise and maximise use of brownfield land (including outworn employment sites), empty properties, conversions and redevelopment	NO	++	+		+	+	+/-	+/-	+		+	++	++	++	++	n/a	+	n/a	++	+
		Prioritising brownfield land will help avoid impacts associated with new land take, but may mean that opportunities to enhance watercourse and habitat are lost.																		
3. Ensure that housing provision matches the rate of job growth within the Liskeard area	NO	+	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	++	+	+	n/a	++	++	+	n/a
		Matching housing provision to the rate of jobs growth will help to bring about more integrated development and reduce the need to travel, as well as reducing the likelihood of unemployment and the social impacts that may flow from that status.																		
4 - Integrate extensions beyond the built-up area with and strengthen existing neighbourhoods which are accessible to key facilities, services	NO	++	n/a		0	+	0	0	+/-		n/a	++	++	++	+	+	0	0	++	+

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		1. Climatic Factors	2. Waste	3. Minerals and Geodiversity	4. Soil	5. Air	6. Water	7. Biodiversity	8. Landscape.	9. Maritime.	10. Historic Environment	11. Design	12. Social Inclusion	13. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	14. Housing	15. Health, sport and recreation	16. Economic Development	17. Education and Skills	18. Transport and accessibility	19. Energy
and the town centre by public transport, pedestrian and cycling routes that are reasonably direct, level, and safe																				
		Integrating urban extensions with existing neighbourhood nodes will support existing facilities, reduce the need to travel, help build strong communities, and provide opportunities to mitigate impacts from present development.																		
5 Support the local building industry and release the energy of self-build initiative	NO	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	0	++	0	++	++	+	+
		Policies which encourage use of the local building industry and self-build initiatives will support opportunities for design which is more locally responsive, and closely related to local needs, support local jobs and building trade skill development.																		
6. Do not add unacceptably to pressure on infrastructure, service and road traffic conditions, provide opportunities to resolve local infrastructure problems with sustainable remedial measures, and promote developer contributions to the development and extension of the Town's social infrastructure	NO	++	+		n/a	0	++	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	++	0	+	++	+
		Developer contributions to ensure that the necessary physical, social, economic and green infrastructure is in place to deliver development will mitigate against adverse impacts, and the specific needs of Liskeard are addressed.																		
7. Redress the imbalance in housing tenure, size and mix whilst meeting essential social needs	NO	0	0		0	0	0	0	+		0	+	++	0	++	0	++	+	+/-	0
		An improved balance between various forms of tenure and size of housing will support economic growth whilst meeting essential needs. However, larger homes may increase commuting amongst those seeking a small town lifestyle but holding jobs in Plymouth.																		
8. Support proposals to enhance the viability and vitality of the town centre	NO	++	0		0	+	0	0	+		+	+	+	+	+	0	++	0	+	+

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A Place to Live																				
		Housing in the town centre may help increase footfall, both for vitality and viability as well as security, whilst reducing travel needs.																		
9. Encourage high quality design	NO	+	n/a		n/a	+	+	+	+		++	++	n/a	0	++	n/a	0	0	0	+
		High quality design helps to limit emissions, energy use, better fit to landscape, and avoid/mitigate impacts on biodiversity etc.																		

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A Place to Meet and Shop and do Business																				
1. Meet CLP capacity indicators for comparison and convenience floorspace growth whilst ensuring that retail development outside of Liskeard Town Centre does not unacceptably impact on its vitality, viability and role as a community centre for its catchment	NO	++	0		+	+	0	+	+		+	n/a	+	+	n/a	n/a	++	n/a	++	+

		Town centre development will allow for multi-purpose journeys so reducing travel needs, favour brownfield development and thereby reduce impacts on the natural environment, support initiatives to enhance the historic environment and support the vitality and viability of the town centre.																		
2. Improve and enhance the retail, service and community 'offer' of the town centre.	NO	++	0		0	++	0	0	+		++	0	++	+	+	+	+	+	0	
		As above.																		
3. Preserve and enhance the unique and rich architectural heritage of the town centre and Conservation Area	NO	+/-	0		0	0	0	0	++		++	0	++	0	n/a	n/a	+	0	+	+/-
		The need to preserve and enhance heritage assets may restrict opportunities to retro-fit of energy conservation materials and renewable energy generation equipment.																		
4. Make the town centre a more attractive place to visit, shop and do business	NO	+/-	0		0	0	0	0	++		++	++	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	+	0	+	+/-
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A Place to Relax and Enjoy																				
1. Protect/conserv e and enhance green spaces within the town for the benefit and good health of all ages with particular emphasis on children's play and adult recreation	NO	++	0		++	++	++	++	++		++	++	++	++	n/a	++	++	++	++	+
		Protection and enhancement of green spaces will have positive impacts on most of the sustainability factors.																		
2. Enhance access within the town centre for pedestrians	NO	++	0		0	++	0	0	+		++	++	++	+	n/a	++	++	0	+	0
		Improved access may reduce the need to travel by car, and provide opportunities to reduce road priorities, widths etc.																		

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3. Encourage the creation of new green spaces (formal and informal)	NO	++	0		0	0	0	+	++		++	0	++	+	n/a	+	+	0	+	n/a
		New managed green spaces offer opportunities for the maintenance or enhancement of biodiversity and landscape, preserve and improve the setting of heritage assets, and contribute to community well-being.																		
4. Encourage greater access to sports facilities	NO	++	0		0	0	0	0	++		+	++	+	+	n/a	++	+	+	+	+/-
		Improved access to and new sports facilities may provide new green spaces and landscape, and improve community well-being. However, some sports facilities are energy inefficient in comparison to other uses.																		
5. Protect and enhance the character of the surrounding countryside	NO	++	0		0	+	+	+	++		++	++	n/a	0	n/a	+	+	0	+	0
		Measures which support the character of the countryside offer opportunities for the maintenance or enhancement of biodiversity and landscape, preserve and improve the setting of heritage assets, and contribute to community well-being.																		
6. Make provision for enhanced connectivity throughout the town and into the near countryside	NO	++	0		0	0	0	+	+		+	++	+	+	n/a	+	+	0	++	0
		Better connections can provide wildlife corridors, opportunities to link habitats, and improve community well-being.																		
7. Support the enhancement of community leisure facilities in and around the town	NO	++	0		0	0	0	+	++		+/-	++	n/a	0	n/a	++	+	+	+	+/-
		Improved access to and new sports facilities may provide new green spaces and landscape, and improve community well-being. However, some sports facilities are energy inefficient in comparison to other uses.																		
8. Promote Liskeard as a destination for locals and visitors to support the local economy and increase footfall	NO	+/-	0		0	0	0	0	+		++	++	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	++	0	+	0
		Spin-off benefits from tourism development includes economic benefits, protection and enhancement of heritage features, and greater vitality/viability of the town centre, which outweigh any climatic impacts of increased traffic etc.																		

