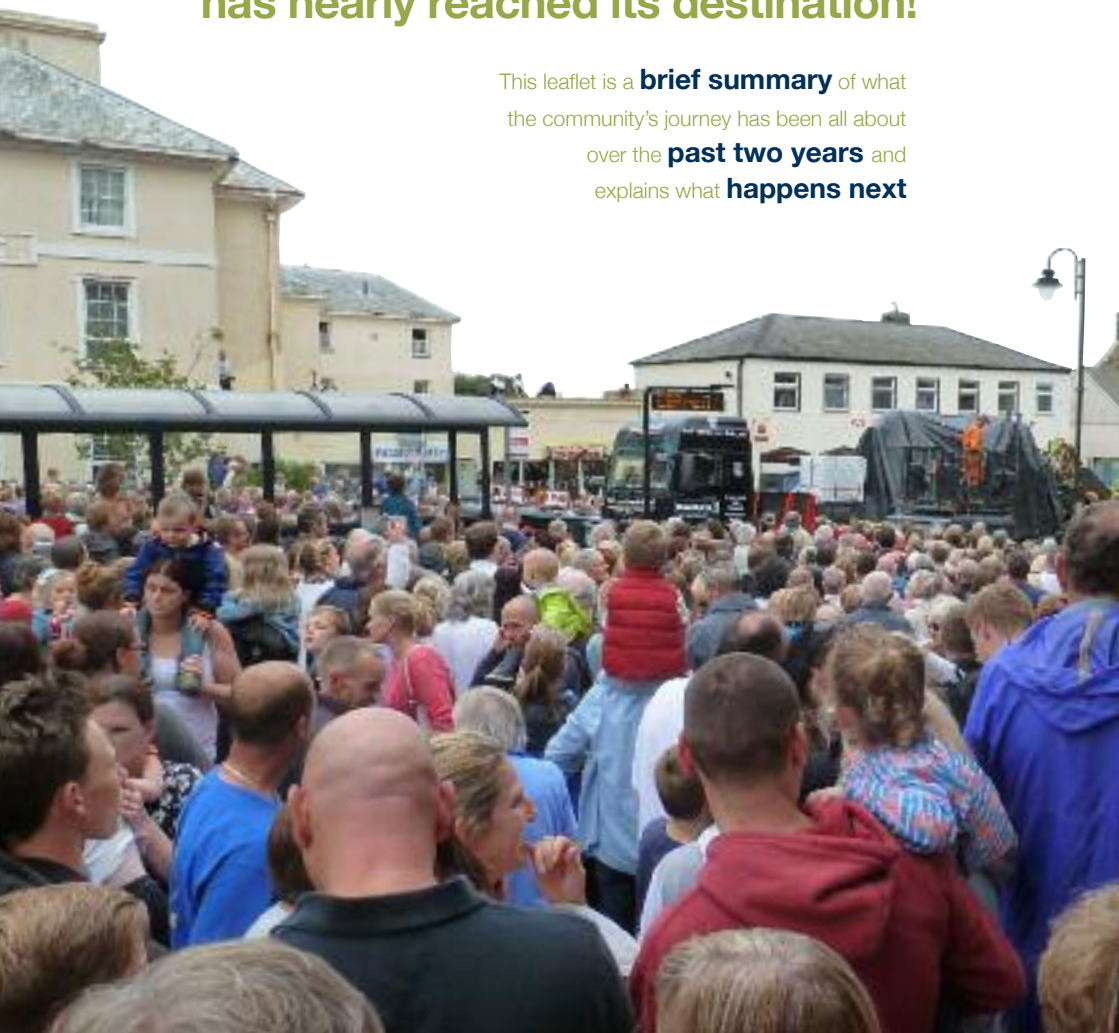




THE LISKEARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

has nearly reached its destination!

This leaflet is a **brief summary** of what the community's journey has been all about over the **past two years** and explains what **happens next**



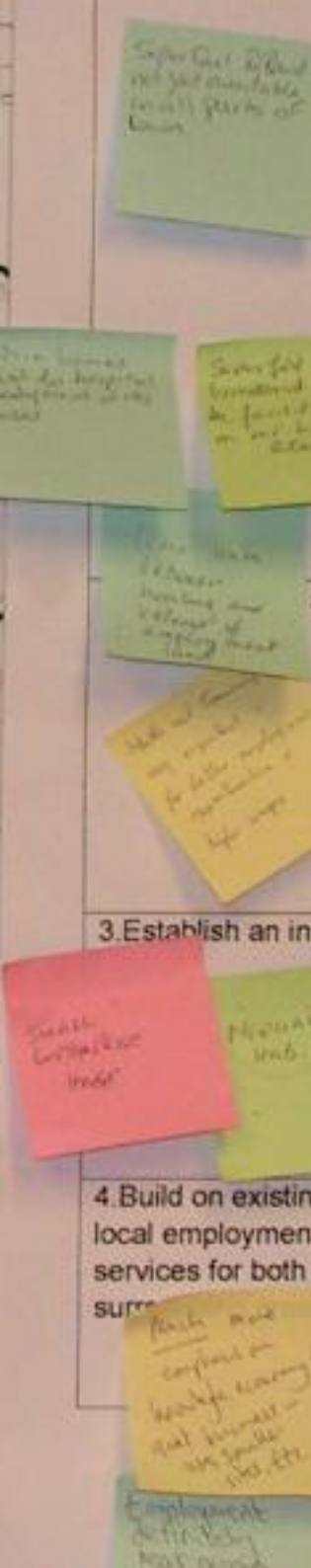
SUMMARY

This leaflet is a summary of the community's Neighbourhood Plan journey over the past two years. It signals you to the relevant documents which explain the plan in more detail, and says how you can get on board for the last leg, to help complete the plan and make it happen.

The **Neighbourhood Plan** is the result of two years work by many volunteers from the community, who want to see Liskeard develop to meet the needs and wishes of all those who live, work and spend time here, developing its future role as a **modern market town**, and a centre for South East Cornwall.

A **Neighbourhood Plan** is made under the Localism Act 2011 - which gives communities like ourselves the right to make a plan on how our town develops - the way that land is used for housing, business, shops and leisure. It can also protect green spaces, heritage and influence the design of new buildings. The plan is **written by the community**, supported by the **Town Council** and covers a **15 year** period running through to **2030**. Although it is mainly about **land use, project** ideas can also come forward, supported financially by new developments and grant funding.

However, it doesn't have a completely free hand – it's got to fit in with **National policies**, the **Cornwall Local Plan** and has to follow a fairly formal procedure in order to be adopted.



THE JOURNEY SO FAR...

In 2014 hundreds of local people took part in a wide-ranging community engagement and consultation period, with a travelling 'roadshow' visiting many community groups, drop-in sessions for face-to-face discussion, and a large community survey delivered to every household and also on-line.

All this work was analysed for us by Plymouth University, and showed the 4 important themes you thought were important – employment, housing, open space and leisure, and what happens in the town centre.

During 2015 community-based Working Groups took on board these themes and what people were saying; they carried out research, looked at evidence, consulted stakeholders, and reviewed options for the future of Liskeard, ending up with a 'visioning workshop' to help set our future direction of travel.

In 2016 we refined this work into reports full of data, ideas and proposals, and updated them to take account of constant changing issues both at government level and in the emerging Cornwall Local Plan. Then we used that information to begin writing the Plan.





DESPITE LEAVES ON THE LINE AND RED SIGNALS...

The destination is in view – we have been doing sustainability checks and policy writing, finishing the reports which can now be seen on our website www.planliskeard.co.uk, alongside the **‘formal document’** which summarises the entire Neighbourhood Development Plan.

This is how we responded to **your ideas** on the journey:

You said: on housing and employment

- *Use brown field land, a spread of smaller sites – not just one large site on good agricultural land*
- *Need housing for growing families as well as younger and older people*
- *Jobs before houses – don’t want to be just a dormitory town*
- *Help the young get better skills*
- *Need more employment sites*

We have talked to developers and encouraged them to include new employment space (the first in over 10 years) in developments with good access to our main road network, and have found potential sites to exceed the amount Cornwall has asked for up to 2030. Some of this land could provide much-needed grow-on units to prevent successful firms from moving out of the area. But it will be up to the town and council to promote this so we can actively encourage businesses to set up and stay in Liskeard. Plans for live/work units, an innovation/training hub to support skills enhancement and start-up

businesses are proposed. Cornwall Council's cattle market project could also include a base for small innovative local enterprises.

We have found brownfield and infill sites for over 100 dwellings within our boundary - some of which are already being developed by local builders. This is a high priority with national and local government. We have also assessed potential land on the outskirts of the town, and listed the most sustainable sites. With planning permissions already coming forward we have enough housing to meet our target to 2030 - in small to medium developments dispersed around our town, but linked to established neighbourhoods, with a mix of affordable, family and later-living accommodation. These plans include land for jobs as well as houses.

Other policies support improvements to roads and services, encourage sustainable travel, and the need to minimize environmental impact, as well as good design principles to enhance quality of build.

***You said: on open space,
leisure, and the town centre***

- *Tidy up the town and re-use old sites like the cattle market*
- *Keep the town centre lively with a better variety of shops, places to eat in the evening, and family entertainment.*
- *Protect our iconic buildings and heritage assets, both in the town and around the outskirts, along with our attractive landscape*
 - *Improve our parks and open spaces*
 - *Make it easier to get around by better walking and cycling routes*





“WE HAVE...”

...found potential sites for additional retail capacity, to meet future need up to 2030, and looked at how new shops, services and business development could improve our town centre offer, adding to its vitality and success.

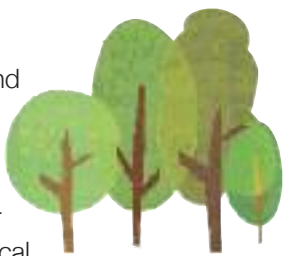
As our plan has progressed, the old Eurospar site has been re-occupied, Wetherspoons, which aims to be a family friendly pub and restaurant, has received planning permission and Cornwall Council is looking into the regeneration of the Cattle Market, including possibilities for improved retail, employment, and community use for all ages. The new development at Tencreek also has the potential to provide indoor family leisure and entertainment space.

We have set standards for how new buildings should fit in with the historic character of the town and included policies to conserve our architectural heritage, as well as enhancing public space, and considering sustainable and appropriate lighting in the centre and out into the surrounding countryside.

We've completed an in-depth audit of the towns open/green spaces and connectivity, and set policies in our plan to protect and enhance existing parks and play spaces, such as Castle Park and Sungirt, as well as providing better and safer walking and cycling routes within our neighbourhoods and into the town centre.

We also saw the importance people place on improving health and well-being, and included in the plan policies to protect and support our leisure centre at Lux Park, and bring forward new sports facilities and recreation space at Roundbury, for which there is already some developer funding ear-marked. This will also help to find extra allotments, community growing spaces, parkland and natural play facilities.

We've noted how highly people value attractive, tranquil and accessible countryside, including our designated Area of Great Landscape Value to the north, which also embraces the World Heritage Site railway trackbed. The plan has proposals to protect and enhance our heritage features for the enjoyment of residents and visitors, and support our local economy. This will make it easier to enjoy the countryside by designating 'quiet lanes', footpaths and trails around Liskeard, linking with the new recreation area at Roundbury, the Caradon Trail, and proposed Looe Valley trail.



IDENTIFIED & PROPOSED AREAS



- Identified Employment
- Area of Great Landscape Value
- Primary retail
- Proposed Employment
- Cattle Market & potential retail
- Caradon Trail
- Identified Housing
- Roundbury recreation area
- World Heritage Site Trackbed
- Proposed Housing
- Looe Valley Trail

And finally... it's time for the Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan to arrive!



In November we're doing some community awareness and face to face engagement as the build-up to the **formal 6 week consultation** which continues into the New Year (2017).

During this time you will be able to look at all the Neighbourhood Plan documents and comment online: **www.planliskeard.co.uk**; or they are available to read at the **library, Town Council office, and One Stop Shop (Luxstowe)** with postcards to reply. You can carry on sending in comments right up to the deadline (see website for details).

We would love to hear positive thoughts as well as any improvements!

When we have adjusted the plan as necessary it will be sent to Cornwall Council who will check it meets all the legal conditions and doesn't conflict with National and local planning law.

They will also bring in an Independent Inspector to make sure it's fit for purpose, and when it comes back to Liskeard those



of you who are eligible to vote will be able to take part in a **referendum**. That's when you vote **yes!** If you want our local neighbourhood plan to carry weight and have legal force, when Cornwall Council makes planning decisions.

Acknowledgements

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have been on board helping to complete this plan, as well as everyone who has sent in ideas and comments, and the Town Council for supporting this vital community effort.