

Neighbourhood Plan Report to 2021 Annual Parish meeting

Work continues on the Saltash Neighbourhood Development Plan (SNDP) although the progress is being delayed by the restrictions placed on us as a result of COVID. Fortunately we had just completed the most “meeting intensive” part of the process when lockdown started and the document has now completed a very successful “Reg 14” consultation and subsequent amendment.

The SNDP addresses Saltash’s future economic, community, non-strategic housing, environmental, connectivity, climate change policies and much more. It does not, however, allocate the land for strategic housing at Broadmoor or Pill, although it takes this into account. The Strategic allocation was carried out in Cornwall Council’s Local Plan Site Allocations Development Plan Document, in a separate process that concluded in 2019.

The Cornwall Council Regulation 16 Public Consultation on the SNDP has now started and will be running until midnight 1st April 2021. This is consulting residents and other interested stakeholders to learn what they think about the SNDP strategies and policies. The consultation period has been extended to take into account current and likely future COVID restrictions.

The SNDP and its supporting documents can be viewed by typing the Neighbourhood Planning application number: PA21/00004/NDP into the Cornwall Council online planning register at :

www.planning.cornwall.gov.uk/onlineapplications

Notices giving details of the consultation have been placed in the Saltash Observer and on Saltash notice boards and hard copies of the plan itself have been put in the Saltash Library and are available for borrowing on a “click and collect” basis.

The next stage after the current consultation is for the Neighbourhood Plan team to consider any changes needed to the plan (as has been done after previous consultations) and for the plan to be reviewed by a statutory examiner for legal compliance.

The last activity is to submit the completed plan to a public referendum. This will now be in the early summer because of the COVID related delays, a large number of plans in Cornwall reaching this stage simultaneously and the need to avoid confusion by conducting this activity at the same time as local elections using revised ward boundaries. If the referendum approves the plan (by a simple majority) it will be put into force.

Cllr David Yates

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