



IDEAS NEEDED TO MAKE SALTASH WATERSIDE BETTER CONNECTED

This spring, people who live and work in Saltash are being asked for their views about how to improve the connections between Saltash Waterside and the town centre and further afield, as well as attracting more visitors to Saltash.

From 22nd March to 7th April, Saltash Town Council will be consulting the public on the ideas developed so far and asking for the public to get involved.

This project is specifically looking at the feasibility of:

- Sustainable, innovative and traditional transport options linking the town centre to Saltash Waterside;
- Reintroducing water transport locally and along the River Tamar and beyond;
- Circular routes linking existing footpaths, cycle routes, railway and bus routes;
- Public realm and infrastructure improvements.

The highlight of the consultation will be a drop-in style public consultation exhibition on **Easter Saturday 30th March** from 10am – 4pm at Ashtorre Rock, on the Saltash Waterside. The consultation event will coincide with a ‘public transport trial’ which will showcase some of the different methods of transport on land and water that are being explored as part of the final solution.

Throughout the consultation period, the proposals will be available to view online at www.saltash.gov.uk/consultations.php with an opportunity to give feedback through an online survey. The consultation material will also be on display at Saltash Town Council Library Hub and at 4 Fore Street (CEPL12).

CLlr Richard Bickford Chairman of Saltash Town Council said; “We believe that making Saltash better connected could have real benefits for our community. Hopefully, attracting more people to Saltash, helping our local economy as well as allowing people to use the town and enjoy Saltash Waterside in an easier, and more sustainable way, negating our notoriously steep hills.”

“We are asking for the opinions of those who live in, work in and visit Saltash. How do you think Saltash Waterside could be better connected to the town centre? What would

encourage you to visit Saltash Waterside more? We would like to hear from all, giving a cross section of views, to help us shape ideas that will really benefit our community.”

Following a tender process commissioned by Saltash Town Council, Architecture by Studio Hive and their consultant team, including internationally renowned marine consulting engineers, Beckett Rankine, have been exploring initial ideas for improving Saltash Waterside area. Initial engagement workshops were held with key stakeholders last November which have informed the more detailed proposals being consulted on.

Feedback from local people and businesses will inform the preferred scheme which will be presented to the Town Council at the end of April 2024.

If approved Saltash Town Council will then seek further funding to enable the project to move ahead to achieve positive environmental, social and economic benefits for the town.

Saltash Town Council has secured funding for this feasibility study for the Saltash Town, Waterside and River Links Connectivity Project. The funding was awarded through Cornwall Council, from the Government’s Community Levelling up Programme and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Louis Gardner, Cornwall Council portfolio holder for economy, said: “The Community Levelling Up Programme is all about involving the local community and listening to their views on how to benefit and improve their town through initiatives that affect them. It is key that residents and local businesses, through consultations like this, take ownership of proposed sustainable travel improvements, and are enabled to have their say.”

Cornwall Council administers funding from the Community Levelling Up Programme, offering grants of between £5,000 and £200,000 to support projects that tackle [priorities for funding identified by local communities across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly](#). Funding is still available, and applications are welcome from community organisations, CICs, CIOs, charities, businesses and town or parish councils.

[Community Levelling Up Programme and Expression of Interest](#) This funding has been allocated from Cornwall Council’s Community Levelling Up Programme. The Community Levelling Up Programme is part of the Good Growth Programme, which is delivering the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. Potential applicants can access advice and support through a team of facilitators available to help develop funding bids. For more information email CommunityLevellingUp@cornwall.gov.uk

To find out more about the project, go to www.saltash.gov.uk or email enquiries@saltash.gov.uk

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Notes to editors

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025.

The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK by investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills. For more information, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>"

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