

Neighbourhood Planning. What does it mean to you?

You may have heard of this but do not know what it means or have not heard of it at all.

Simply Neighbourhood Planning allows people to come together through a local parish or town council and say where they think new houses, businesses and shops should go, and what they should look like. These Neighbourhood Plans can be very simple, or go into more detail.

The background to this is that a few years ago the Government instructed local authorities such as Cornwall Council to come up with a plan of how many new homes were needed to be built in their area up to the year 2030 to cope with expected housing need over the same period. Cornwall Council ended up with a target of a minimum of 52,500 new homes some of which have already been built or planning permission has been granted for. Each parish or town is expected to have a share of that target.

The Government at the same introduced legislation which enabled local communities more say about what housing and commercial development took place in the area where they lived. It allowed those communities who choose to, to draw up a plan for their own area and end up with a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Luxulyan parish council a few months decided that it would join this process and started work to produce a plan for the whole parish and after initial consultation set up a group to draw up some proposals to put to the community for further consultation and discussion and for local people to have their say.

Some events are being planned for June and July to give more information and invite responses to the initial proposals. So please keep an eye out for these events and join in the events as it is so important that the final plan represents everyone's opinions.

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