



## Polperro and Lansallos Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

We are pleased to report that the final version of our Neighbourhood Development Plan for Polperro and Lansallos Parish has now been signed off by Cornwall Council and a date has been set for a referendum through which, all being well, the local community will give its approval.

It has been a long process since we held our local consultation in April and May of this year. The resulting draft Plan was submitted to Cornwall Council for a six-week 'Regulation 16' consultation in June. A number of local and national organisations were invited to comment on the draft Plan. Those comments were then submitted to an independent Examiner whose job was to decide whether the draft Plan met various legally-defined 'basic conditions' and was ready to be put to a referendum.

The Examiner issued her final report on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The report requested some minor changes to the Plan including adding two new maps, and recommended that once those changes were made the Plan would be ready to go to a referendum. We made the changes as required and submitted the final version of the Plan on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Cornwall Council has now started preparations for a local referendum that will be held on **24<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. Arrangements will be similar to those for any other election including the opportunity to register for postal votes and voting by proxy. The result of the referendum will be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast.

So we are nearing the end of a process that started, you may recall, with two public meetings in the middle of 2015. Much has happened since then and the Steering Group would like to extend sincere thanks to the local community and particularly to those who made comments, attended meetings and consultation events, and responded to our surveys.

The result is a document that will help shape the development of Polperro and Lansallos Parish in ways that we feel genuinely reflect the community's priorities. As a Steering Group we have been pleased to see that in general in Cornwall and elsewhere Neighbourhood Development Plans are being respected as part of the planning process; in our own case, we know that even in its draft form our Plan has already been cited and taken into account in some recent planning decisions. This is not to say we should be complacent, but as long as the referendum is successful we will have some important additional, systematically-prepared guidance for ourselves, for our Councillors and for the higher planning authorities concerning future developments in Polperro and Lansallos Parish.

For those who would like more information the Examiner's report and a number of related documents are available on the Cornwall Council website here:

<https://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IIId=82480&Opt=0>

The latest, final version of the Plan is also available on our own website, together with a wealth of background information about how the Plan has been drawn up:

<http://polperro.community/ndp/>

For anyone who would like to register to vote in the referendum by post or by proxy, information can be found here:

<https://www.yourvotematters.co.uk/how-do-i-vote>