



# Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter – October 2023

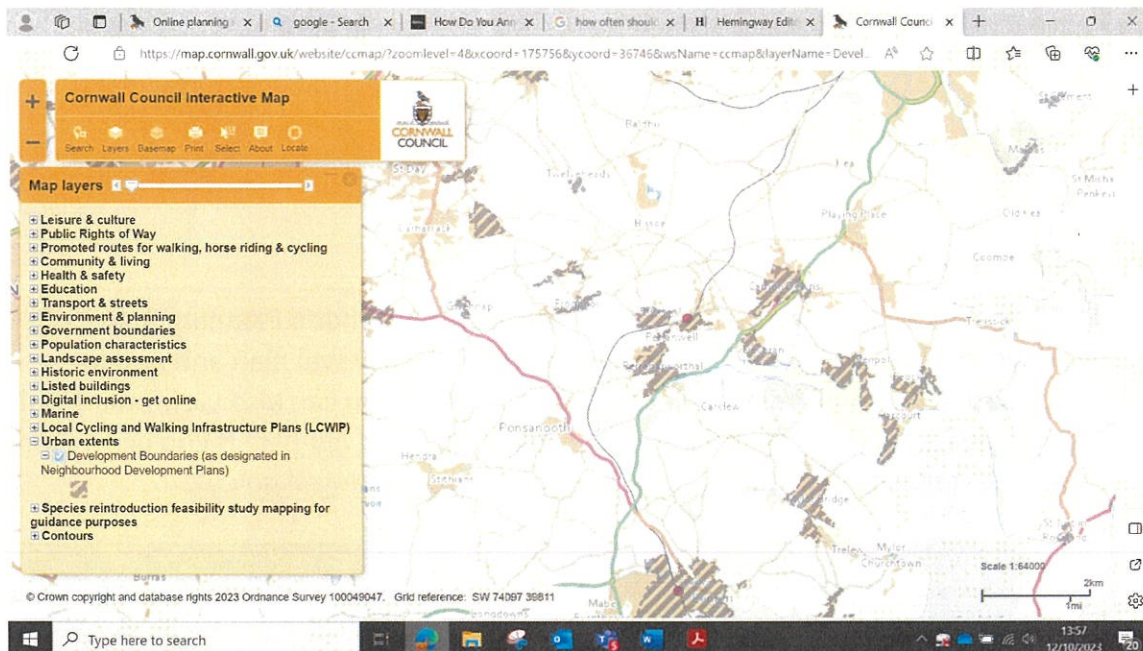
## Welcome to the October Update

In this edition we've got information on our new Neighbourhood Planning Activity in Cornwall webpage, development boundary mapping, new travel plan and parking standards and national planning changes and your NDP. You can also view online only [News and Updates](#) and [Planning News for Local Council and Agents](#). If you need more advice, please get in touch at [neighbourhoodplanning@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@cornwall.gov.uk).



**Ready for Launch. Have you seen our new Neighbourhood Planning Activity in Cornwall Webpage?**

The Planning Policy Team has launched its new webpage for [Neighbourhood Planning Activity in Cornwall](#). Designed for you following feedback about the website. We have been working hard to create the best possible webpage for our customers and community to access what they are looking for. This provides more information on the progress of neighbourhood plans in Cornwall and documents and will make it easier to track the progress of a neighbourhood plan through the online planning register.



## Development Boundary Mapping

Development boundaries (as designated in NDPs) are now available on Cornwall Council's public facing interactive mapping service on the 'Urban Extents' layer. New development boundaries will be added to the mapping service in the first mapping update after they have been designated in a Neighbourhood Plan and that plan has been made (adopted). You can access the maps in the [Cornwall Council Interactive Map](#).

## New Travel Plan and Parking Standards

New Travel Plan and Parking Standards – Advice for developers has been published: [Travel Plans - Cornwall Council](#). This supports the policies of the Cornwall Local plan (which already requires travel plans for major applications) and the provisions of the Climate Emergency Development Plan that was adopted in February 2023.

The Travel plan guidance sets out the thresholds for a travel plan and sets out under what circumstances a travel plan will be expected.

The parking standards guidance sets expected parking standards with guidance on when it would be appropriate to deviate from the expected levels. The standards give flexibility to allow car free developments where circumstances are favourable, and provision for more parking than the expected levels where the case can be justified. Developers should justify any deviation from the expected standards by justifying the proposed provision/mixture of spaces using a number of factors and the consideration of specific attributes such as existing NP policy, provision of sustainable transport options in the area, availability of parking in the area, accessibility of the site, air quality levels, type of development and likely occupants.

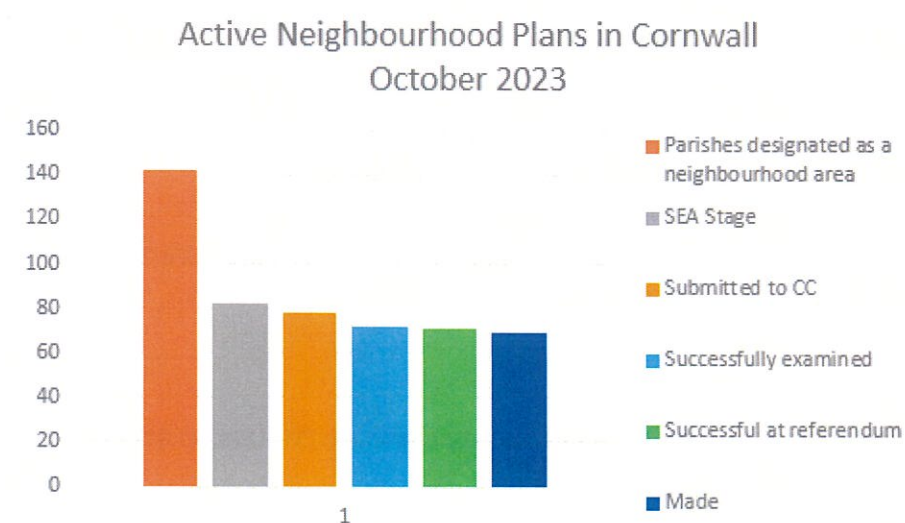
Most of the parking thresholds remain the same as previously but with the following additions or changes:

- More detail on disabled parking provision by development type
- Increased cycle parking standards including the addition of standards for shower facilities to support those using active travel to access workplaces
- New standards for provision for electric vehicle spaces
- Additional sections set out guidance on creating School Streets and Car Clubs.

For more information please contact [localplan@cornwall.co.uk](mailto:localplan@cornwall.co.uk).

## Neighbourhood Plans in Cornwall – October 2023

### Latest activity



The post examination modified plans are published and the Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities and Local Government has updated [planning guidance](#) to indicate that neighbourhood plans awaiting referendums can be given significant weight in decision-making. A full list of made plans can be found on our webpages.

- Blisland – Neighbourhood Plan Made
- Carn Brea – Regulation 16 Public Consultation dates published
- St Buryan, Lamorna & Paul – Designated
- St Newlyn East and Mitchell – Regulation 16 Public Consultation dates published
- St Stephen-in-Brannel – Neighbourhood Plan Submission
- Torpoint – Regulation 14 Pre-submission Consultation dates published



You can find more information about neighbourhood plan updates on our [neighbourhood planning activity in Cornwall](#) page.

## National Planning changes and your NDP

You will probably have heard lots about the planning changes proposed under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. We have had a number of groups asking what this means and whether they should now update their plan to protect their neighbourhood plan in the future.

The Government has made a number of commitments to retain Neighbourhood Plans as a vital part of the planning system. The most recent consultation on planning reform has only concerned new style Local Plans, but proposals made in the [Planning Prospectus](#) earlier this year actually propose increasing the weight and protections given to existing neighbourhood plans.

Cornwall Council will not be able to start a new Local Plan until at least May 2025 under the new planning system and will be keeping you up to date on the evidence gathering that we will be starting. In the meantime, whilst you should continue to monitor the effectiveness of your plan, planning reforms or a new Cornwall Local Plan need not be a reason to start a review. If you're still creating your NDP, don't be put off completing and adopting it, it'll still be needed for decision making.

More guidance on what to consider in deciding whether a review is required may be found in our [reviewing your neighbourhood plan](#) document.

## Queries

For any specific queries about neighbourhood planning, please contact us at [neighbourhoodplanning@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@cornwall.gov.uk)