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Hi

We are writing to you to make you aware that we will soon be formally launching a process to help local councils to develop and share their priorities for their area. Produced alongside communities and following the spirit of the neighbourhood priorities statement process introduced but not implemented by the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (LURA) these will us to understand and develop local content for our new local plan. They will not include planning policies and do not have direct weight in planning decisions but will help the development of local content to be tested through our local plan process. We think that this is really important in such a large authority as ours and will help with our local decision making. We will therefore be encouraging all our of town and parish councils to produce one of these statements to ensure that local priorities are considered as part of our process. More information on neighbourhood priorities statements (NPS) can be found on our [website](#).

As you are a consultation body that we would advise of neighbourhood plan proposals we wanted to make you aware of this initiative. There is currently no statutory requirement to consult statutory consultees on NPS (although this could change if provisions made in the LURA are brought into force and regulations under the Act are eventually published) and they will not be subject to SEA/HRA screening. We are, therefore, not proposing to consult you formally on the content of these statements but would like to make you aware of their content for interest and in case you have any further information that would be helpful to local councils.

If you **would** like to be advised on NPS as they come forward in Cornwall, please reply to this email and confirm the email address and contact name that local councils should send any draft statement to. If you **do not want to be advised**, you do not need to do anything – we will only notify those bodies that ask us to.

**If you live in Gerrans, Gwennap, Gwinear-Gwithian, Helston, Lanner, Lostwithiel, Probus, St Day, St Erme or St Mellion, complete the survey. Tell us how growth can make your area better/the changes that would improve your area.**

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