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Cc: Councillor Kate Ewert
Subject: RE: Rame cluster - Neighbourhood Priority Statements - 19th October at 1730

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Dear all

Further to Monday's Rame Cluster meeting with the clerk from Lanner PC, please see below a summary of the discussion:

Summary: Rame Cluster Meeting (19 October 2026)

The meeting focused primarily on whether the Rame Cluster parishes should develop a Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) to influence the emerging Cornwall Local Plan and on learning from the experience of Elaine Youlton, clerk for Lanner Parish Council, who recently completed an NPS.

Elaine explained that Lanner's NPS was developed after their 2019 NDP had been tested through planning applications and appeals. Cornwall Council advised that an NPS could help strengthen the parish's voice in future planning discussions and contribute to the new Local Plan.

Main points:

- Producing an NPS is far less onerous than creating an NDP.
- The process took approximately 100-150 hours of work, spread over around six months (July 2025 to January 2026).
- The NPS itself was only around 12 pages long, including graphs and images.
- Existing NDP content formed the basis of the NPS, with policies and themes reviewed, updated and refined rather than completely rewritten.
- Lanner used:

- Resident surveys
- Business surveys
- Engagement with local groups and organisations
- Community drop-in opportunities to encourage survey completion.

Elaine stressed that the NPS was principally about identifying current community priorities and helping shape the Local Plan rather than creating new planning policy. She also advised that:

- Cornwall Council provided survey templates, maps and statistical data.
- Lanner carried out its own survey analysis.
- Participation in the pilot programme resulted in significant support from Cornwall Council, although it is unclear how much support will be available to future parish groups.

Discussion on the value of an NPS

A key theme throughout the meeting was whether completing an NPS is worthwhile.

Arguments in favour:

- It provides a mechanism for local communities to influence the next Cornwall Local Plan.
- Without submitting an NPS, communities risk having little or no direct input into future planning priorities.
- It allows parishes to reflect not only housing concerns but also:
  - Transport
  - Infrastructure
  - Environment
  - Heritage
  - Business needs
  - Community facilities.

Concerns raised:

- Some councillors, particularly in Maker with Rame, remain sceptical about whether the effort will have any real influence.
- There is uncertainty about:
  - Local Plan timescales
  - How NPS's will be used
  - Available Cornwall Council support.

Rame Cluster Considerations

The group discussed whether to:

1. Produce a single cluster-wide NPS, or
2. Allow each parish to prepare its own statement.

There was recognition that:

- The original cluster NDP remains highly relevant.
- Many local issues have not significantly changed over the last decade, including:
    - Traffic congestion
    - Limited road access to the peninsula
    - Environmental constraints
    - Heritage protections.

There was broad agreement that any future NPS should likely be developed from the existing NDP rather than starting from scratch.

Actions:

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- Liaise with the CC Local Plan team to clarify:
    - NPS deadlines
    - Local Plan timescales
    - Available support including mapping and statistical resources.
- Circulate information and resources received

Elaine Youlton

- Share with Catherine for circulation to all:
    - Lanner's published NPS
    - Supporting business surveys
    - Background documents
    - Final submission statement.

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- Consider and formally discuss:
    - Whether to undertake an NPS.
    - Whether this should be done collaboratively as a cluster or individually.

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- Obtain and share information on Call for Sites mapping.
- Explore the possible use of a tool that may help generate draft NPS documents from the existing NDP.

Overall Conclusion

The meeting concluded with a generally positive view of pursuing an NPS. Hearing directly from Lanner reassured attendees that the process is considerably simpler and less resource-intensive than producing an NDP. The principal unresolved questions relate to Cornwall Council's timetable, the level of supporting information available, and whether the Rame Peninsula parishes wish to proceed collectively as a cluster or individually.
Key takeaway: An NPS may not carry the same planning weight as an NDP, but it is currently viewed as the most practical mechanism for ensuring the Rame area has a voice in shaping the next Cornwall Local Plan.

Toni – I don't have the email addresses for Derek Jones, Bill Honey or Kevin Gilbert so can you forward this email onto them?

With kind regards
Catherine

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Hello all

This is a gentle reminder that the next meeting of the Rame Cluster will be held on Monday at 1730. The focus is to meet the clerk from Lanner PC, as that was a pilot parish council to develop a Neighbourhood Priority Statement and they also have a NDP.

Many thanks to those that have let me know whether or not they can attend Monday's meeting.

If you haven't advised what your availability is, can you let me know so that I can advise Kate who to expect? Furthermore, if you can't attend can you let me know if there is a sub?

With kind regards
Catherine