



Initial findings of questionnaire for the St Ender Parish Neighbourhood Plan



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**An update report from:
St Ender Parish Council**

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Foreword

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaires that were distributed across the Parish last year.

A total of 402 questionnaires were returned and all the responses have been collated into a comprehensive report, which will form the evidence base for the production of a binding Neighbourhood Plan.

Such a Plan will allow our local communities to agree a range of planning policies, for example, to set out where development might be allowed to take place or to identify what land should be safeguarded for the benefit of the community.

This booklet summarises the key findings of the survey and details how the project will be taken forward. In the coming months we will be analysing all the comments in detail and writing a first draft of the Plan.

It is our intention to ensure that the views of the community are placed at the heart of our Neighbourhood Plan, and there will be a number of opportunities for local residents to make further comment on the document as it is developed.

Thank you



Cllr Dick Cole
Cornwall Councillor



Cllr Michael Hopkins
Chairman: St Enoder Parish Council

HOUSING

The questionnaire confirmed that local people are extremely concerned about the extent of housing development that has happened in St Ender Parish in recent years and the lack of meaningful infrastructure improvements in the area.

Key findings include:

87% of respondents (649 people out of a total of 726) agreed that St Ender Parish should have “a breathing space from large-scale housing developments” as requested in the 2008 Parish Plan.

82% of respondents (612 people out of a total of 719) agreed that the provision of “new affordable housing, specifically tailored and guaranteed to meet the long-term housing needs of local people, should be the priority for any new housing.”

88% of respondents (659 people out of a total of 727) agreed that the “green spaces between the main built-up parts of St Ender Parish should be protected from development.”

The majority of people expressed support for the conversion of existing buildings, the development of “infill” plots within the main settlements and on previously-developed land. There was massive opposition to large new housing estates and building on green fields.

The project is being undertaken by St Ender Parish Council, with guidance from Cornwall Council and financial support from the Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning programme (Community Development Foundation (CDF) / Department of Communities and Local Government). The costs of the questionnaire and this update report have been covered from the grant provided by CDF.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Neighbourhood Plans will increasingly become an important tool in the planning process and St Enoder Parish Council believes it is important that our Parish has its own Plan, devised by the local community itself.

The questionnaire is the first vital stage in the preparation of our Plan. All the responses are now being reviewed and they will shape the document so that it fully reflects the views of local people.

There will also be a number of opportunities for you to have your say in the coming months.

There will be further meetings and feedback through the local media and leaflets and, once a draft of the Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared, there will be a more extensive period of re-consultation.

Following this, the revised document will be produced and presented to the unitary authority. Cornwall Council will then undertake a final formal consultation on the document and it will be presented to an independent examiner as required by central government.

Subject to a positive ruling from the examiner, it will then be presented to the people of St Enoder Parish in a referendum and, if supported by a majority, it will become a binding document that will guide future planning decisions in our area.

EMPLOYMENT / RETAIL

The questionnaire confirmed that local people were keen to safeguard employment land in and around local villages, though there were mixed views about the amount of retail provision in the local area.

Key findings include:

82% of respondents (575 people out of a total of 697) agreed that the existing employment land in St Enoder Parish should be safeguarded for employment use and jobs.

84% of respondents (571 people out of a total of 683) agreed land within the local clayworks land could also be utilised as employment land.

92% of respondents (654 people out of a total of 711) agreed that existing shops in the main built-up areas of the Parish should be protected from redevelopment into housing.

91% of respondents (641 people out of a total of 705) agreed that existing public houses and restaurants should also be protected from redevelopment into housing.

TRAFFIC

The questionnaire found significant concerns about traffic and related issues in the Parish. A large number of comments were made about a range of problems, which included dangerous junctions, speeding vehicles, congestion, parking, the number of large lorries and road/pavement safety. This feedback is being looked at in detail by the working group.

Key findings include:

65% of respondents (464 people out of a total of 718) stated that they were unhappy with the amount of traffic in the Parish.

73% of respondents (525 people out of a total of 716) expressed concern about the extent of speeding traffic within the Parish.

75% of respondents (534 people out of a total of 716) consider that on-street parking of cars is a road safety issue in the Parish.

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

The survey has reaffirmed that St Enoder Parish is well-served by a wide range of community buildings, such as village halls and religious buildings. The responses show that the buildings are heavily used by local people and their organisations; and there is an enormous amount of goodwill towards the facilities.

Key findings include:

53% of respondents (342 people out of a total of 650) were supportive of the Parish Council having office space within St Enoder Parish. This was not supported by 18% (116 people), while 193 individuals did not express a view.

63% of respondents (419 people out of a total of 668) thought that there should be a community library in the Parish. This was not supported by 12% (83 people), while 163 individuals did not express a view.

ENVIRONMENT / OPEN & PLAY SPACES

A significant amount of useful information was received about the countryside, footpaths, local historic features and key open spaces within our local villages. A number of suggestions were made about countryside areas, which could be enhanced for the benefit of the community and/or the protection of wildlife. A range of suggestions were also put forward about how the existing play areas could be improved. All this feedback is being assessed by the working group and will be used to support applications for funding to improve the environment of St Ender Parish.

Key findings include:

98% of respondents (676 people out of a total of 693) agreed that the open spaces, such as the local playing fields, should be safeguarded as community spaces free from any form of development pressure.

81% of respondents (563 people out of a total of 694) supported the proposal to redevelop the play area in the Indian Queens Recreation Ground. 110 people did not express a view and it was only opposed by 21 people.

91% of respondents (637 people out of a total of 703) agreed that the field to the west of Indian Queens Primary School should be safeguarded for use by the School for recreational and related purposes.

75% of respondents (510 people out of a total of 685) supported the purchase of land in Indian Queens to provide further burial space. 107 people did not express a view while 68 individuals did not support the proposal.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

A significant range of views about renewable energy developments were expressed via the survey, but overall there was significant opposition to further "large" wind or solar installations.

Key findings include:

76% of respondents (493 people out of a total of 648) stated their opposition to more large wind turbines within St Ender Parish.

63% of respondents (417 people out of a total of 659) expressed opposition to more solar farms within St Ender Parish.

There was, however, support for solar panels on buildings. 84% of respondents (569 people out of a total of 677) stated they were in favour of renewable energy in this form.

There was also a mixed response to the possibility of a community turbine. 52% (359 people out of a total of 688) of respondents said that they would support a "community wind turbine, 100% owned by local residents, with any profits reinvested into facilities for the local community." This was opposed by 40% (272 people) with the remainder not expressing a strong view.

But when asked if they would support such a community wind turbine "if it was clearly visible from your property," 51% (352 people out of a total of 694) said no. 41% expressed support, with the remainder not expressing a strong view.

