

Dear Consultee,

**[draft Cornwall Design Guide](#) & [draft Cornwall Streetscape Design Guide](#)**

Cornwall Council has published a new draft Cornwall Design Guide and a new draft Cornwall Streetscape Design Guide for a six week consultation period from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Both documents can be viewed alongside further information at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/designguide](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/designguide).

- [Draft Cornwall Design Guide](#): The new Design Guide refreshes the current Design Guide to boost design quality, with particular emphasis on
  - environmental growth,
  - health & wellbeing,
  - inclusivity
  - climate change resilience.

It strongly encourages applicants to consider the site context, engage with stakeholders and Cornwall Council from the outset and demonstrate how the site analysis and feedback have shaped proposals. Each topic sets out a number of outcomes that we will be seeking in new development, with innovative design solutions specifically encouraged. The document has an interactive format with a new Design & Access Statement template and links to additional information and resources. It will replace the [current Design Guide](#) and the [Domestic Alterations and Extensions Guide](#).

- [Draft Streetscape Design Guide](#): Prepared by colleagues in the Transport & Infrastructure Service, this document provides guidance to develop streets and public spaces to a high quality that are inclusive, safe and accessible for all, serve the current and future needs of the communities of Cornwall, support a dynamic society and economy, promote more sustainable and healthy lifestyles (mental and physical wellbeing), and minimise our impact on the built and natural environment whilst making the most of the local green infrastructure assets. The guide recognises that infrastructure provided for movement and access has a crucial role in meeting the Cornish climate change emergency objectives including reducing our reliance on the private car. The principles and outcomes have been drafted to ensure that they do not inhibit innovation or creativity.

Once finalised and adopted, both documents will be material considerations in the determination of planning applications.

## How to respond to the consultation

Due to the open nature of the consultation there is no form to complete but it would be helpful if you can specify the document and paragraph or Outcome you are responding to.

To give your feedback on either or both documents please submit your feedback by

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020** as follows:

By email: [localplan@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@cornwall.gov.uk);

## Other related guidance

The new Design Guide and Streetscape Design Guide will sit alongside other guidance documents including the following:

- [Chief Planning Officer's Advice Note on Good Design in Cornwall](#)
- Distinctiveness Toolkit (coming soon)
- [Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site SPD](#)
- [Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans](#)
- [Cornwall Building Stone and Slate Guide](#)
- Cornwall Materials Guide - coming soon. This document will provide guidance on natural building materials, textures and colours. If you have any information which may be beneficial please contact [localplan@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@cornwall.gov.uk))
- [Changing Places Toilets Guidance](#)
- [Drainage Guidance](#)
- [Biodiversity Guide](#)
- [Trees in the Cornish Landscape](#)