

Community Engagement Events for the Cornwall Local Plan 2050 Briefing note for Community Link Officers and Town Clerks

Summary

Further to our engagement sessions last year, and the letter from Adam Birchall circulated via CALC a couple of weeks ago, we are planning a community engagement workshop in your town as part of the next phase of work on Cornwall's new Local Plan.

We want to let you know what this will involve and to ask for your help in engaging with your local community. Your knowledge and relationships are essential to making these events successful.

What we're asking you to do by 22 April 2026:

1. Provide the name and contact details of the key contact in your area (it could be the Town Clerk) with whom we should liaise with to define an invite list.
2. Select a date for your community event (from the list included).
3. Provide suggestions of suitable accessible local venues.

We know this is a quick turnaround, but it will help us better provide sessions when and where you would like them. Thank you in advance for your help.

Engagement so far

We have already worked hard to capture views on what the new local plan needs to do.

Creative Kernow and Cornwall Council ran 24 facilitated community drop-in sessions in all 12 Cornwall Area Partnership (CAP) areas between September 2025 and February 2026. This saw over 770 participants including residents, community organisations, Town and Parish Councillors and other local stakeholders.

These sessions used creative techniques to explore what people treasure about their area and how to create places that can thrive in our changing world. We heard from a wide range of voices. The findings from this work are feeding directly into developing an appropriate vision for the Local Plan.

This phase of engagement

The next step builds on what we have heard so far, to hold deeper, place-specific conversations which explore the priorities, opportunities and constraints for development in local areas. These will focus on larger settlements, however we recognise that in many places it could also be helpful to involve directly adjoining parishes.

These town-level conversations will inform the place-specific policies in the Local Plan for each area and the workshop can help inform the production of Neighbourhood Priority Statements (NPSs).

Our Approach

- The sessions will be held in accessible local venues during the early evening (5.30 – 7.30 pm).
- Each one will involve up to 25 participants, drawn from a carefully curated, balanced invitation list that purposefully includes some people who do not usually engage with town council meetings. It may be useful to invite stakeholders from adjoining parishes.
- Involve a mixture of carefully planned and facilitated activities, including small group discussions as well as information sharing.
- We have a welcoming, creative approach. One way we do this is we have an artist at each event creatively document key themes and sentiment.
- After the event we circulate notes and visual document to all participants within five working days.

We need your help

We really value your local knowledge and connections and ask for your help in the following ways.

- 1) Please let us know who might be able to be a **key contact** in your area who we might be able to liaise with to make the event a success. This could be the Town Clerk, but could be anyone with links to other organisations or people.
- 2) Please **select the date** you would like your event to happen on (please only select **one**).
- 3) Please offer suggestions of accessible venues suitable for hosting an event for 25 participants (plus a facilitation team of 3)? We like to use welcoming, community-owned venues if possible.

Assigned key contact:

- 4) Once we have set a date, we would appreciate your help with curating the invitation list and motivating people to attend.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

[Insert name sending out the email]

The Cornwall Local Plan 2050

Can we create better places for everyone? With homes that are better connected to shops, schools, things to do and work? Can we also improve our natural environment?

Yes!

We're writing a plan for how Cornwall will develop over the next 20 years – which sets out what can be built and where.

To make that plan the best it can be, we need to know what it's like to live in communities across Cornwall and the changes your community want to see. That's vital because all our places are different.

With your help, we can shape the rules for planning in Cornwall to protect what's most important to communities and influence how our places change.

We're creating a plan for what Cornwall can become in the next 20 years. We want communities to help us plan for the future and shape the rules for local planning across Cornwall.

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