

Council works with local community to review future of sites in Liskeard.

Cornwall Council has been working with Liskeard Town Council, local Cornwall Council members, and other stakeholders to identify the future options for key Council owned sites in Liskeard. As part of this work the authority is commissioning a study to explore potential options for the use of the current cattle market, the adjoining car park, and other nearby buildings.

Currently leased by Kivells, the cattle market is a key area in the heart of Liskeard. Discussions have been held between interested parties, including Cornwall Council, Liskeard Town Council and Kivells, to identify a long term and sustainable future for the site in the event that it becomes available in the future. The commissioning of the study forms part of this ongoing process.

Julian German, Cornwall Council's Economy and Culture portfolio holder, said: "This study is a significant investment in the future of Liskeard. Looking at ways to redevelop key Council-owned sites when they become available is an important step towards helping towns in Cornwall to realise their full potential to become vibrant places with thriving local economies."

Sally Hawken, Chair of the Liskeard Cattle Market Working Group and Cornwall Councillor for Liskeard East, said: "We're keen to see an imaginative use of what is a prime location in the centre of the town. Things are at a very early stage and nothing has been ruled in or out at this point. The study will examine a range of options, which could include things like shops, workspaces, homes, local markets, community uses and parking. Once we have information about which options are viable, we will be asking local people and businesses for their views on best one for the town."

Jane Pascoe, Mayor Elect of Liskeard, said: "Liskeard has a proud history as a market town, with the cattle market contributing to its previous success. The study is an excellent opportunity to look at options for sympathetic redevelopment that would enhance and build on Liskeard's prosperous Cornish market town heritage."

James Shrubsole, Chair of Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan, said: "We welcome positive action to take the cattle market site forward. The outcome of the study will be a very helpful element in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. We look forward to the public engagement."