

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL – PLANNING REPORT

We find ourselves at that very busy time of year with the preparations for Christmas well underway within our community. The planning committee even at this time of year find that we have a large number of applications to review.

One very valuable resource is Cornwall Local Plan a policy guide which complements our Neighbourhood Plan. A policy that we always find ourselves using '**Policy 12: Design**' the basis for this is '*Good quality design is about more than just how an individual building may look; it helps shape the way places work. It can help improve social wellbeing and quality of life by increasing opportunities for exercise, reduce crime; help in finding solutions to public health and transport issues, respond to climate change and assist in its mitigation and adaptation and can improve local environments.*'

'The impact of new development on Cornwall's distinctiveness and character must be carefully managed through the design and planning processes. We expect proposals to demonstrate how local distinctiveness and the landscape character assessment process have informed and shaped the design of schemes. Buildings and places should be aesthetically pleasing and meet local needs and requirements.'

I would always recommend that when reviewing any application you read Cornwall Local Plan and Looe Neighbourhood Plan before commenting on Cornwall Council's planning portal as this will give you clear guidelines of what is considered during the planning process. Hopefully by following the guidelines we can help to protect and enhance Looe. Links to both of these documents can be found on Looe Town Council page.

Can I again take this opportunity to remind you Looe Town Council Planning Committee meetings are held at least once a month and our meeting place is in the Council Chamber, Library and Community Hub, The Millpool, West Looe PL13 2AF. All meeting dates together with the planning applications we are considering and the recommendations we have made, can be viewed on our website www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk You will also find a 'Planning Information' page with lots of useful information.

If you are interested in a particular planning application that we are discussing, you are very welcome to attend our planning meeting. Requests to attend a meeting must be submitted to Looe Town Council prior to the meeting, so that the most appropriate meeting venue can be arranged. If you are making a comment to Cornwall Council regarding an application, we ask that a copy is also submitted to Looe Town Council.

On a final note I would again like to thank all Planning Committee members for their ongoing time and continued dedication and a special thank you to Annette Keen who keeps everything and everyone in order.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone within the community a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Cllr James Lundy
Planning Chairman
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