

A detailed street map of the St Minver Neighbourhood, outlined in red. The map shows a dense network of roads and buildings, with a prominent road running north-south through the center. The text is overlaid on the map.

# **St Minver Neighbourhood Development Plan**

**Presentation to Information Links  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

# Agenda

- Introduction to a Neighbourhood Plan (NDP)
- What is a NDP?
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# Introduction to a Neighbourhood Plan (NDP)

- Creating the NDP should be an interesting and enjoyable activity that helps to unite the community
- Community led process
- Core group organises the work
- Task groups gather information and make recommendations
- NDP provides a simple policy to identify priorities and projects
- NDP formally examined and then approved by referendum
- Approved NDP will be adopted
- Government, Cornwall Council and Parish Councils must refer to adopted NDP for all planning decisions

# What is a NDP?

- NDP increases local influence over local matters
- Provides the community the opportunity to say “this is what I want/don’t want in my back yard”.
- Legal right established under Localism Act 2012
- NDP sets out policies to direct development and land use
- NDP is optional but once made and adopted it becomes an important consideration for all planning applications
- Adoption requires demonstrated support from local community and conformance with planning policies and guidance including Cornwall Council’s Core Strategy

# Different Types of NDP

- Neighbourhood planning is all about communities shaping and delivering new development in their area
- As planning tools have statutory status they must follow a formal process and can comprise
  - **Neighbourhood development plans**  
setting out a vision and policies for the use and development of land
  - **Neighbourhood development orders**  
can grant planning permission for specified minor developments with no need to apply for County Council planning permission
  - **Community right to build orders**  
similar to neighbourhood development orders but can extend to new buildings

# Why have a plan, what should it cover?

- In Cornwall county wide planning policies will be minimised
- The NDP enables the local community to develop policies that reflect local issues
- Local views must then be considered in planning decisions
- The NDP can identify future projects the community wants
- This facilitates securing required funding and bringing forward projects that will make a difference to local people
- An effective plan is more likely to be achieved by local people addressing local issues

# Who should be involved?

- Neighbourhood plans are community not Council led
- Any group can suggest the preparation of the plan but generally it is the Parish Council
- The Parish/Town Council is the body legally entitled to prepare a plan
- Parishes are expected to set up a Neighbourhood planning team to lead the process
- There are no constraints on who can be in the team
- The whole community to be involved in developing the plan including Residents, Community Organisations, local Elected representatives, Businesses, Landowners, Developers

# What can a Plan deal with?

- Sustainable development
  - Described as the “golden thread running through the UK’s entire planning system requiring performance of three roles
- Economic Role
  - Providing the land and infrastructure to create jobs and a vibrant economy
- Social Role
  - Ensuring housing, services and facilities are in place to meet the needs of the community
- Environmental Role
  - Protecting and enhancing the natural, built and historic environment for current and future generations



# What should the outcomes be?

- Far more wide reaching than changes to physical environment
- Awareness and confidence in dealing with planning process
- Discovery of new things about the local area
- More interest and debate about what happens locally
- Community events to inspire sharing of ideas and achieving a meaningful role in something worthwhile
- Build up and sharing of local knowledge and skills to generate capacity to deal with social, economic & environmental issues
- Community pride in achieving an adopted plan that increases the sense of ownership of, and respect for, the local area

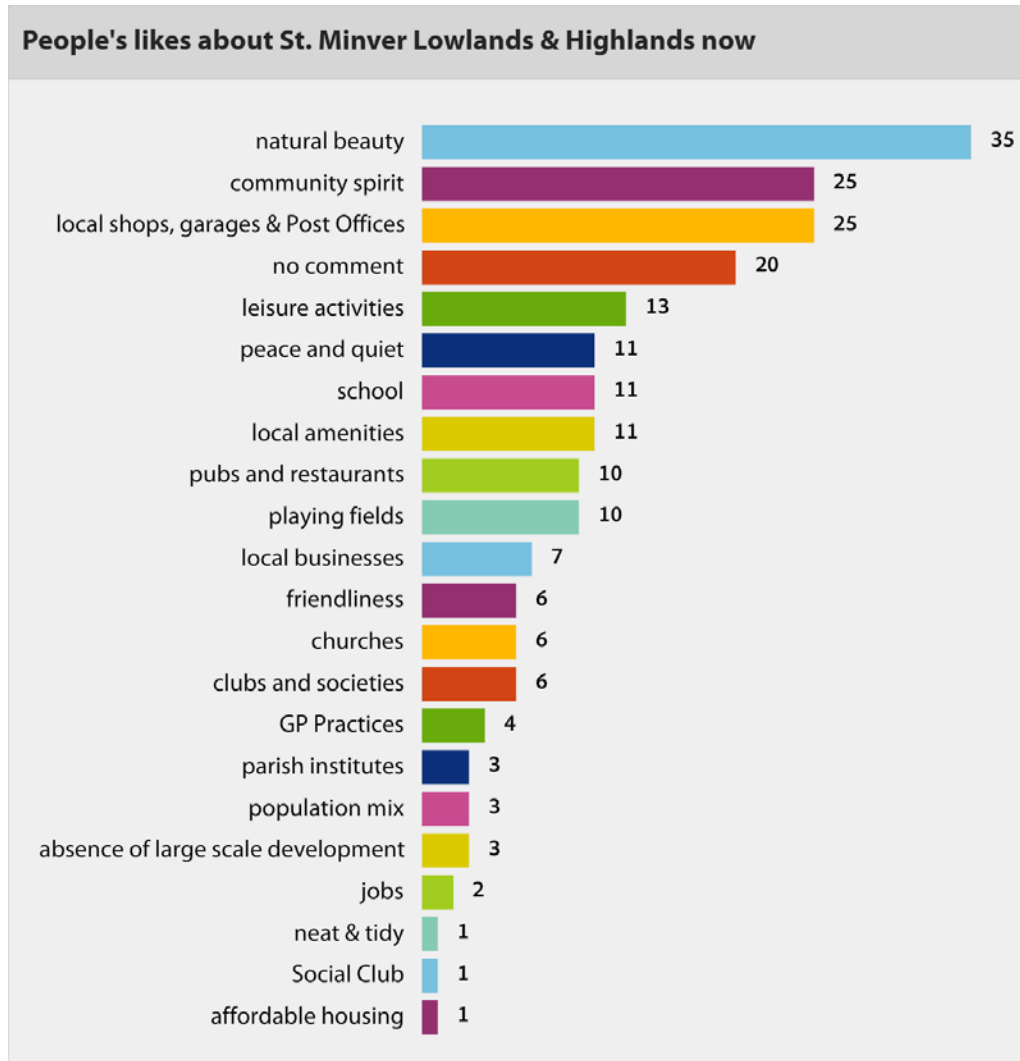
# What has St Minver done so far?

- Agreed to produce a joint Highlands and Lowlands NDP
- Registered this intent with Cornwall County Council
- Submitted a map of area to be covered by the NDP
- Appointed a NDP project Steering Group
- Established SG ToRs and Statement of Work
- Held three Public Consultation events with questionnaires
- Held a Business Consultation event with questionnaires
- Analysed returns from questionnaires
- Established that wider consultation and more specific questionnaires are essential

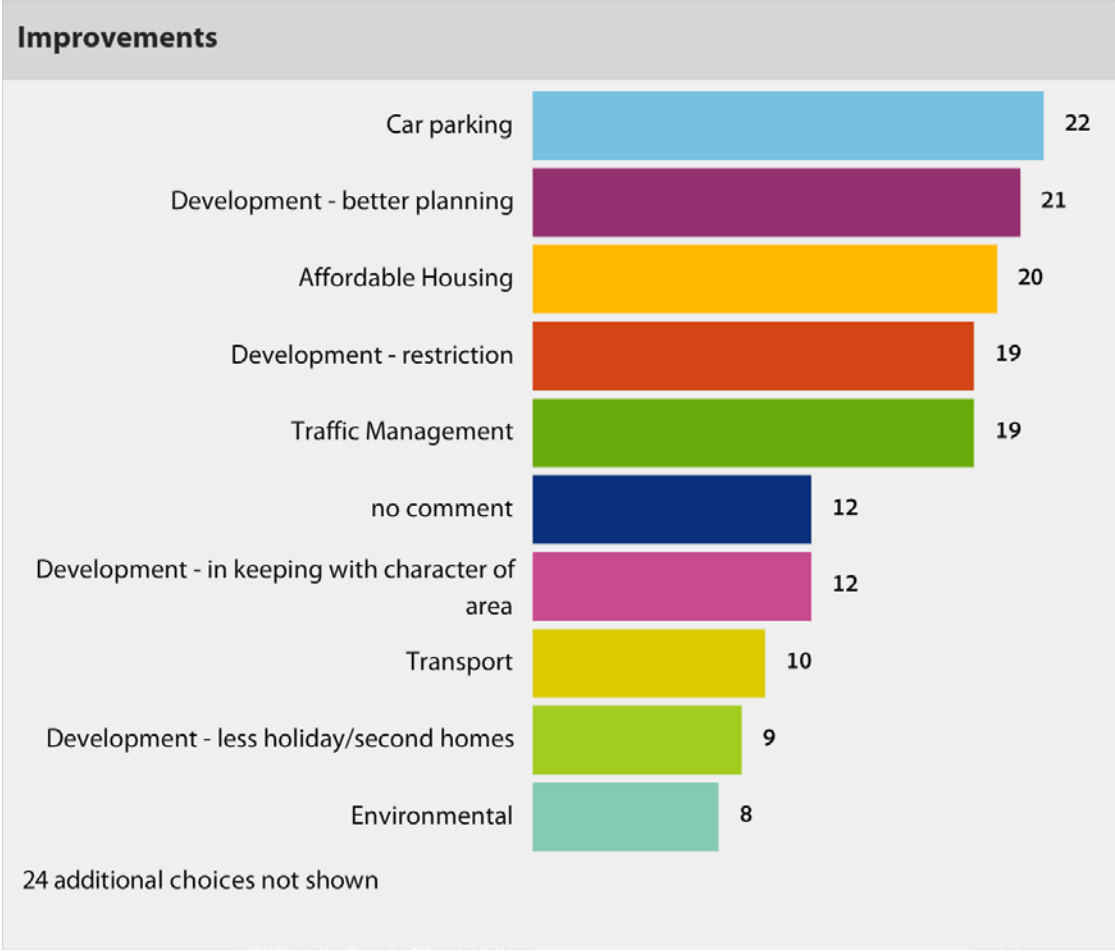
# Analysis of initial feedback

- The following charts summarise the responses to the three most significant questions
  - What do you like about St Minver Lowlands and Highlands now?
  - What improvements would you like to see in St Minver Lowlands and Highlands in the future?
  - What should the top priorities be?

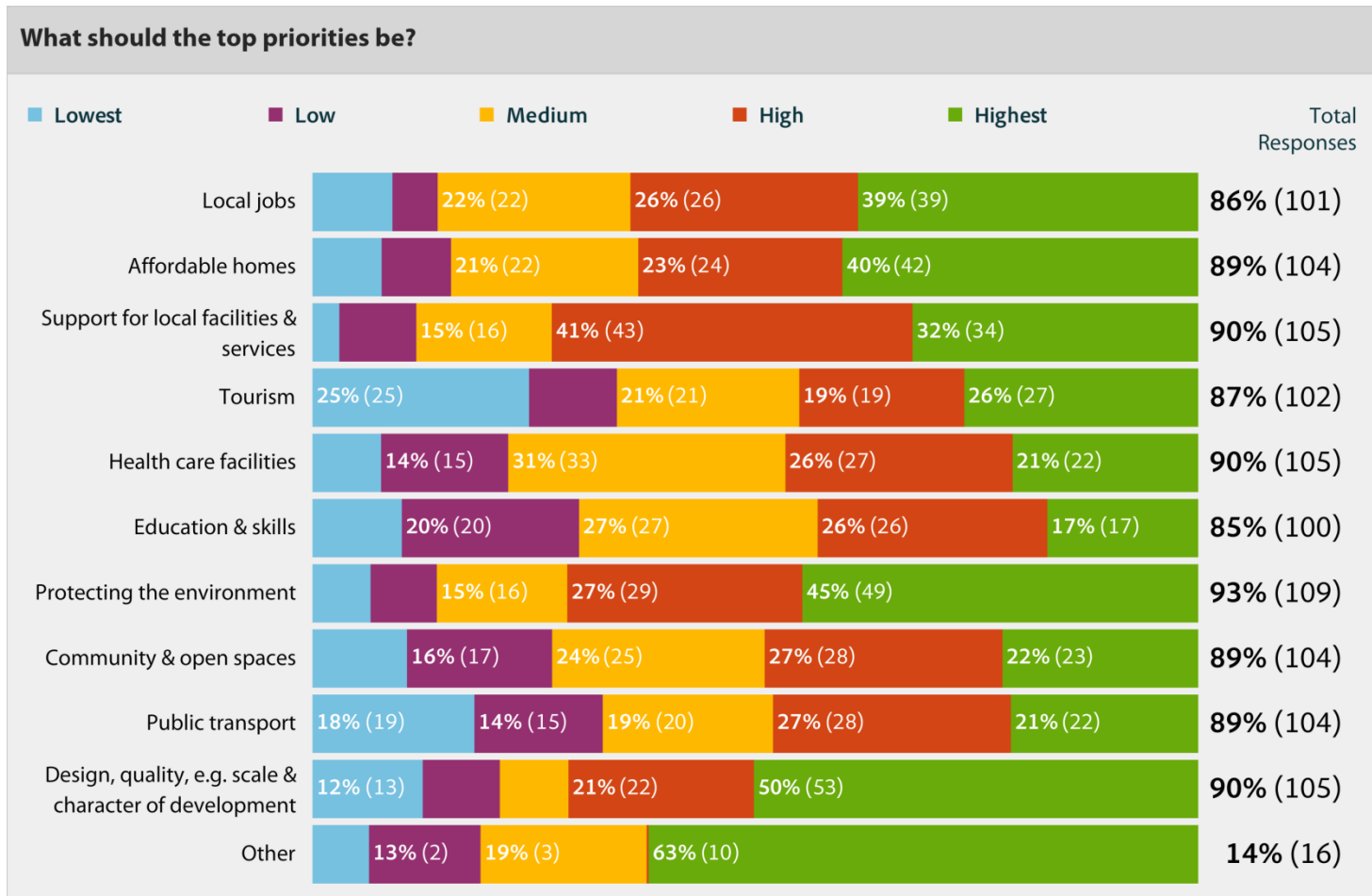
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# St. Minver Neighbourhood Development Plan Public Consultation Events - Improvements



# St. Minver Neighbourhood Development Plan Public Consultation Events - Priorities



# The Way Forward

- Finalise SOW and produce detailed Project Plan
- Broaden and deepen consultation
- Understand the issues that are important and what to do about them
- Draft a Neighbour hood Development Plan
- Make NDP available for review and comment
- Rework NDP to address issues
- Submit NDP for “Examination”
- Rework NDP to address Examiner’s comments
- Make final version of NDP available for review
- Hold referendum requesting adoption of the NDP
- Target completion date – May 2013

# How can you help?

- Promote wider interest and involvement in the NDP
- Act as a point of contact for information
- Encourage attendance at public meetings and responses to questionnaires
- Involvement in NDP Steering Group or Working Group activities
- Co-opted Member of Steering Group



# Questions and Answers

