

## MADRON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021 Update

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It has been quite a while since our last newsletter but in the interval we hope you will recall that we have put out a consultation paper on housing, green spaces and the built



environment, taken in all your comments (there were lots, thank you), revised and amended our plans accordingly and put out across the community a draft of how we envisage the plan policies should look if they are to reflect the community's views. We are now waiting to see your feedback comments on the policies (please get them in now if you haven't already) so we can make any necessary revisions.

Our consultations have been managed by using the printing and mailing service from

Cornwall Council's Design and Print organisation, where they send out the mailing to all addresses on the parish electoral roll (724 addresses) and collect back the responses. We then pick them up, record them, and amend our plans. The responses have been very encouraging, with up to a 20% response rate which is a very high return rate for a postal survey. Although your Neighbourhood Planning Team would have enjoyed putting on displays and presentations that showcased the work and the progress being made, the pandemic has prevented that from happening. However, on the plus side it's likely that the use of the mailing method has enabled our messages to reach more of the



community than we would have through presentations and meetings, and given us more feedback and community support than we might otherwise have had. We do look forward though to when we can meet face to face at a live meeting again.

So where have we got to now? Once we have analysed your comments on the draft policies, we will be putting together the plan itself and then putting the plan through the set of formal neighbourhood planning procedures. This means submitting the plan for scrutiny by



the community, the adjoining parishes, stakeholders and the Planning Authority all over a 6 week consultation period. This should then be followed by an examination of the plan by an independent examiner and then a further period of assessment by the Planning Authority, with the whole process running for about 6 months or more. But before any of this can happen, your Team has to complete the compilation of a Summary of Evidence document that supports the policies in the plan and place it on the parish website so that it is in the public domain. We also need to submit the draft plan to the Planning Authority with a request for them to provide a screening opinion on whether Madron has to conduct a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment (SEA/HRA). At the same time we have to create an Index to the Evidence to make life easier for the Planning Authority and complete a Sustainability Check Report to identify how well the plan meets a set of sustainability criteria. So although to the community things may seem quiet on the surface, there is a lot of work going on underneath over the next months.



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