

## AGENDA FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 IN THE GUILDHALL

There are stairs to the Council Chamber but if any member of the public has mobility issues the Council can relocate to the lower Guildhall.

You are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend the **Planning Committee** on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023** at **6.30pm** for a maximum of 90 minutes in the Guildhall for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**Committee Members:** Councillors T Bennett (Chair), G Allen, L Auletta, S Collinson, T Cooper, J Cummings, J Hodgson and L Smallridge.

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair will read out the following statement:

Welcome to everyone attending and observing the meeting.

A reminder that open proceedings of this meeting will be video recorded. If members of the public make presentations, they will be deemed to have consented to being recorded. By entering the Council Chamber attendees are also consenting to being recorded.

This meeting is limited to 90 minutes and therefore members are asked to raise their points succinctly and not repeat the same view expressed by colleagues if it does not add to the debate.

To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.

*The Committee will adjourn for the following items:*

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes.

*The Committee will convene to consider the following items:*

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and update on any matters arising. Document attached.

#### 3. TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS

To make recommendations on the following tree works applications:

3a. 3521/23/TCA – T001: False acacia - Dismantle & fell to near ground level due to significant increase in level of decay. Little Priory, Fore Street Totnes. See <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233521>

3b. 3293/23/TCA - T1: Rowan - Fell due to tree being in decline and minor decay at base. 6 Leechwell Lane, Totnes, TQ9 5EA. See <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233293>

#### 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To make recommendations on the following planning applications:

4a. 3417/23/FUL - Proposed construction of a single dwelling and associated parking. Land at SX 796 6060, Collapark, Totnes. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233417>

4b. 3448/23/FUL - Regularisation of applications 0332/19/FUL and 2467/21/VAR for the construction of a new two-storey dwelling (Retrospective). Garages 7, 9 & 11 Christina Park, Totnes. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233448>

4c. 3203/23/FUL - Demolition of 36 two/three bed flats to be replaced with 35 new homes, consisting of one, two & three bed accommodation for social rent, as well as landscaping, car parking & associated works. Land at SX 808 599 [Parkers Way], Totnes. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233203>

4d. 2929/23/FUL - Installation of photovoltaic solar arrays together with transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements. Land at Littlehempston Water Treatment Works, Hampstead Farm Lane, Littlehempston, TQ9 6LZ. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/232929>

4e. 2169/23/FUL - READVERTISEMENT (revised plans) Demolition of existing foundry buildings & construction of new two storey foundry building & welfare facilities. Foundry and Fabrication Totnes Ltd, Babbage Road, Totnes, TQ9 5JD. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/232169>

4f. 1816/23/FUL - READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans) Demolition of existing utility/workshop & construction of 1 bedroom 2 storey attached dwelling with associated works. 30 Westonfields, Totnes, TQ9 5QU. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/231816>

4g. 2868/23/HHO - Householder application for demolition of extensions & construction of replacement two storey extension & single storey extension, garage conversion for ancillary accommodation & internal reconfiguration. Beech Hill, Jubilee Road, Totnes, TQ9 5BW. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/232868>

4h. 3204/23/HHO and 3205/23/LBC – Householder application and Listed Building Consent for conversion of outbuilding to sleeping accommodation & shower room, including solar panels & alterations to garage. 2 Castle Street, Totnes, TQ9 5NU. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233204> and <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233205>

4i. 2723/23/LBC and 2979/23/HHO - Listed building consent and householder application to re-roof house & rear wing with associated works including replacement rooflights, addition of solar panels & external insulation to rear wing with a lime render finish & internal alterations including secondary glazing. 2 Plym Villas, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5PQ. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/232723> and <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/232979>

- 4j. 3519/23/LBC - Listed building consent to re-roof contemporary side return extension, replace rooflights, install secondary glazing throughout, install firebreak to shared attic space & internal alterations. 1 Seymour Villas, Pathfields, Totnes, TQ9 5QR. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233519>
- 4k. 3235/23/HHO - Householder application for the demolition of existing outhouse & erection of new outhouse with single pitch roof & solar panels. 6 Tree Tops, Cherry Cross, Totnes Down Hill, Totnes, TQ9 5EU. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233235>
- 4l. 3432/23/VAR - Application for variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning consent 0569/23/HHO. 11 Pampasia, Hillbrook Rise, Totnes, TQ9 5AU. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233432>
- 4m. 3033/23/HHO - Householder application to remove previous willow sticks fence & replace with tanalised pine fence of same dimensions & bamboo troughs along with further tree planting in garden (Retrospective). Seymour Terrace, Bridgetown, Totnes. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233033>
- 4n. 3466/23/ARC - Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5 (External Attachments) and 6 (Roof Insulation) of planning consent 2527/23/LBC. Angel Yard Cottage, South Street, Totnes, TQ9 5DZ. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233466>
- 4o. 2991/23/LBC - Listed building consent for timber framed windows replacement. 2 Orchard Terrace, Totnes, TQ9 5EY. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/232991>
- 4p. 2915/23/HHO - Householder application for log burner flue through flat roof. 20 Elmfirst Drive, Totnes, TQ9 5UX. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/232915>
- 4q. 3731/23/FUL - Provision of an agricultural livestock building and engineering works to create a level yard area. Land at SX 805 583, Ashprington [consulted as neighbouring parish]. See <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/233731>
5. SOUTH WEST WATER CONSULTATION ON DRAFT WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN  
To consider the South West Water revised 'Draft Water Resources Management Plan (2024)' and make a recommendation (through the Town Matters Committee) to Full Council [consultation closes on 6th December]. Document attached showing how Totnes Town Council's comments have been addressed in the revised draft. For full plan see [Water resources management plan | South West Water](#)
6. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT FORUM  
To note the minutes from the Traffic and Transport Forum held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 including the Green Travel Guide and agree the guide's suitability for placement on the Town Council website. Documents attached.
7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING  
To note the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.30pm in the Guildhall.

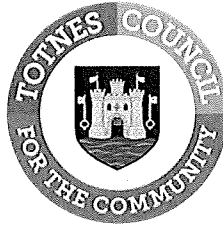
S Halliday  
Governance and Project Manager  
15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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## DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 IN THE GUILDHALL

Present: Councillors T Bennett (Chair), G Allen, L Auletta, S Collinson, T Cooper, J Cummings, J Hodgson (from 1840) and L Smallridge.

In Attendance: Member of the public, Cllr Beavis, S Halliday (Governance and Projects Manager).

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.**

Cllr Bennett read out a statement about how the meeting would be conducted and recorded.

There were no apologies.

*The Committee will adjourn Standing Orders for the following items:*

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The member of the public (the architect for Wrinklehorn) explained how the plans have been revised following the Committee's comments received in August. The application will be resubmitted and include amendments to the glazing, chimney and vinery door opening.

Cllr Beavis asked about what an acronym stood for in the Traffic and Transport papers and whether the conservation area review could address the issue of waste bins left in Church Walk.

*The Committee reconvened Standing Orders.*

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**To approve the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and update on any matters arising.**

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

#### 3. TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS

**To make recommendations on the following tree works applications:**

3a. 3244/23/TCA - T1: Indian Silk - reduced to standing pollard of 3m from ground level to maintain a smaller canopy. Lavendel, Gills Nursery, Totnes, TQ9 5DG.  
Support.

3b. 3245/23/TCA - T1: Holly - to be felled, tree in decline on one side due to being in close proximity to neighbouring hedge. Jacada, South Street, Totnes, TQ9 5DZ.  
Support. The Committee requests that a suitable replacement tree is planted.

#### 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

##### **To make recommendations on the following planning applications:**

*Note: Cllrs Allen and Hodgson observes and do not vote on any applications which would potentially be discussed at a Development Management Committee meeting at SHDC.*

4a. 1522/22/FUL - READVERTISEMENT (revised plans & documents) Construction of 6No. two-storey residential dwellings with associated landscaping. Proposed Developments Site East, Dartington Lane, Dartington, TQ9 5LB.

Object. The comments made by the Totnes Town Council Planning Committee in June 2022, January 2023 and April 2023 still stand and the Committee is disappointed that its and statutory consultee comments, such as National England, are still not addressed in the revised plans. The Committee is surprised to see how little in the design has changed following the design review panel report. In addition, the Committee has concerns about:

- S106 inclusion of sustainable travel vouchers. This funding would be better invested in transport such as Bob the Bus or in the creation of the cycle path/footway connecting Nellies Wood through the Dartington Lane West development to link up with the river path.
- Play area – the main play area for the development is sited across the Dartington Lane, relying on children having to cross the road. The natural play area identified for this site is next to a public footpath and in close proximity to the river, both of which present safety issues.
- Flood risk and the potential impact of flooding on Totnes Railway Station from multiple developments in the Dartington and river area, as any loss of service impacts the connectivity of Plymouth and Cornwall to the rest of the country.
- Accessibility of dwellings – has an accessibility statement been produced or numbers outlining how many dwellings are fully accessible to those with accessibility requirements?

4b. 1523/22/FUL - READVERTISEMENT (revised plans & documents) Construction of 39No. two-storey dwellings with associated landscaping. Proposed Developments Site West, Dartington Lane, Dartington, TQ9 5LB.

Object. The comments made by the Totnes Town Council Planning Committee in June 2022, January 2023 and April 2023 still stand and the Committee is disappointed that its and statutory consultee comments, such as National England, are still not addressed in the revised plans. The Committee is surprised to see how little in the design has changed following the design review panel report. In addition, the Committee has concerns about:

- S106 inclusion of sustainable travel vouchers. This funding would be better invested in transport such as Bob the Bus or in the creation of the cycle path/footway connecting Nellies Wood through the Dartington Lane West development to link up with the river path.
- Play area – the main play area for the development is sited next to the car park which presents safety issues for children using the area and the wider woodland play destinations given their close proximity to the entrance into the development and motorists.
- Flood risk and the potential impact of flooding on Totnes Railway Station from multiple developments in the Dartington and river area, as any loss of service impacts the connectivity of Plymouth and Cornwall to the rest of the country.
- Accessibility of dwellings – has an accessibility statement been produced or numbers outlining how many dwellings are fully accessible to those with accessibility requirements?

4c. 2687/23/HHO – Householder application for demolition of existing single-storey rear outrigger, side infill extension, construction of single-storey rear extension & associated internal refurbishment. 5 Priory Terrace, Totnes, TQ9 5QE.  
Support.

4d. 2824/23/HHO - Householder application for proposed alterations to roof, single extension, 1 no Balcony (resubmission of 1685/22/HHO). Monksway, Ramparts, Totnes, TQ9 5QH.  
Comment – the Committee is pleased to see that the roof shape is being retained but regret to see the continued change to the fenestration pattern which will affect the character of the building in a conservation area.

4e. 2150/23/FUL - Kitchen/sun lounge extension. Flat 1, Moat Hill House, Moat Hill, Totnes, TQ9 5ER.  
Support.

4f. 3118/23/COM - Notice of intention to install a medium wooden pole at 10m high for the purpose of building an electronic communications network. 75a Mesa House, Higher Westonfields, Totnes, TQ9 5QZ.  
Not discussed as overtaken by events – decision notice issued (permitted development).

4g. 3140/23/COM - Notice of intention to install electronic communication apparatus comprising of one 10m medium wooden pole. 29 Higher Westonfields, Totnes, TQ9 5RA.  
Not discussed as overtaken by events – decision notice issued (permitted development).

4h. 3156/23/VAR - Application for variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 0351/23/HHO. 5 Westonfields, Totnes, TQ9 5QU.  
Support.

4i. 2558/23/FUL – Change of use to Class E. Unit M, Scope Complex, Wills Road, Totnes, TQ9 5XN.  
Support.

4j. 3111/23/LBC - Listed building consent to alter chimney pot and add chimney fan. Castle House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5PQ.  
Support.

4k. 2333/23/LBC - Listed building consent to repair & rebuild front section of stone cottage. 5 Coldharbour, Bridgetown, Totnes, TQ9 5BJ.  
Support, but would wish to ensure that the heritage officer has seen and is content with the detail of the methodology statement and that the cleaning of the stone relates to the edges to be re-mortared, not the face of the stone as this would not sit well in terms of visual appearance in the wider terrace.

4l. 3232/23/LBC - Listed building consent to install a quilt on the back of the softwood truss supporting No 47 roof. Remove temporary prop and install new Oak purlin. Repairs to East and West chimneys. 43 High Street, Totnes, TQ9 5NP.  
Support.

4m. 2762/23/FUL - Proposed development of gate and steps from road and bridge over Gatcombe Brook. Land At Sx 816 627 Littlehempston Cross To Littlehempston Littlehempston. Cllr Hodgson declared a personal interest. Support. The proposed bridge aids accessibility and helps to provide a safe public transport link between Littlehempston and Totnes.

The Committee voted to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

5. RESIDENTS PARKING AMENDMENT ORDER

**To consider A Devon County Council proposal to introduce residents parking (Zonal) Mon-Sat 9am-6pm Zone E (Totnes) on specified lengths of Swallowfields, Dartside and Riverside; Disabled Badge Holders Only At Any Time on specified lengths of Swallowfields.**

Cllr Smallridge declared a personal interest. The Committee is supportive of the order but would request that there is an amendment to the timings detailed in the proposed order to make the residents parking enforceable 24hrs a day 7 days a week, due to continued parking in this road for leisure use (which will still create an issue after 6pm and on a Sunday with the proposed order as currently drafted).

6. CONSERVATION AREAS REVIEW

**To consider any outline comments to South Hams District Council prior to the formal public consultation on the Conservation Area review.**

There was discussion of extending the area to include Leechwell Garden and the terraces on Maudlin Road. It was **AGREED** to discuss this review with the Heritage Officer on Wednesday to understand what could be within the scope of a boundary extension, then for Cllrs to formulate comments to be circulated to the wider Committee for agreement. [Post-meeting note: the comments that were submitted, agreed by email are: The Planning Committee of Totnes Town Council suggests extending the conservation area to include the following areas:

- Leechwell Gardens and car parks, Maudlin Road Victorian cottages, Moorashes meadow and the high quality well designed modern houses on Heathway/Heathcourt which sit between these areas.
- Brooklands and the non-designated side of Somerset Place in Bridgetown - these are decorative brick/stone terraced housing similar to that on Maudlin Road which are fairly intact and deserve some protection.

7. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT FORUM

**To consider any recommendations from the Traffic and Transport Forum Steering Group held on 5<sup>TH</sup> October 2023.**

Noted.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

**To note the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee – Monday 20th November 2023 at 6.30pm in the Guildhall.**

Noted.

Sara Halliday  
Governance and Projects Manager  
October 2023

Item 5

**Totnes Town Council Administrator**

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**From:** Paling, Nick  
**Sent:** 13 October 2023 08:54  
**To:** WRMP  
**Subject:** SWW Consultation: Revised Draft Water Resources Management Plan

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Good morning.

Our **draft Water Resources Management Plan (dWRMP24)** sets out our long-term plan to maintain secure, sustainable water supplies to customers in the future (up to 2050) whilst also protecting and enhancing the environment. Balancing the needs of people and the environment requires this long-term focus to predict future trends in rainfall and climate, together with the level of population increase and customer demand and to plan for these.

Following the first public consultation on our draft WRMP24, in August we published our **Statement of Response** to the feedback we received and we have now produced a **revised draft WRMP24**. This revised draft plan was submitted to Defra at the beginning of October, and we have now received approval to carry out a second public consultation on it.

In line with this, we are pleased to announce that we have now published our **revised draft Water Resources Management Plan (2024)** for public consultation. Alongside this, we have also published an updated version of our **Statement of Response**, which indicates where changes have been made in response to the feedback received.

This consultation will be open for a period of **8 weeks** from **11<sup>th</sup> October 2023** to **6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

This consultation process is extremely important to us and the feedback and comments we receive will play a key part in developing our Final WRMP, which will be published in January 2023.

Full details of how to respond to the public consultation process are available on our website: **Water resources management plan | South West Water**. From this webpage, you can also download a copy of our **Non-Technical Summary**, the full **dWRMP Technical Report** and the associated **technical appendices**.

We will be running a series of stakeholder engagement activities in October and November 2023 to support the consultation process and to provide an opportunity for you to share your thoughts on our revised plan. The first of these will be an online session at **10-11:30am on 9<sup>th</sup> November (Book a place via Eventbrite)**, but in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss any aspects of our plan.

Kind regards,

Nick  
On behalf of the SWW Water Resources Team

*SWW responses to the points raised by Totnes Town Council in the previous consultation are on pages*

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Feedback	South West Water Response	For more detail in our revised WRMP
<p>The Council believes that South West Water should be a statutory consultee as part of the planning process and would support changes in planning legislation to enable this.</p>	<p>Thank you for sharing the position of Totnes Town Council on this matter. Various legislation and regulations, such as the Water Industry Act 1991 and the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, describe water companies' role in the planning process. Planning authorities are required to consult water companies on planning applications that may have implications for water supply, drainage, or wastewater management. In turn, water companies are required to engage with local authorities, planning authorities, environmental agencies, and other stakeholders during the planning process. They provide technical expertise, data, and information related to water supply and wastewater infrastructure to inform planning decisions. Water companies may also be involved in conducting environmental impact assessments (EIAs) or providing relevant information for planning applications that have potential implications for water resources or wastewater management. This ensures that the planning process considers the impact on water supply, drainage, and environmental considerations. The expression "duty to connect" refers to the obligation of water companies in England to provide new water and wastewater connections to properties as part of the planning process. It ensures that developments have access to adequate water supply and sewerage services. As part of the planning process, water companies play a role in assessing the feasibility of providing water and wastewater services to the proposed development. The duty to connect means that if the proposed development meets certain criteria and is granted planning permission, the water company is legally obliged to provide a connection to the public water supply and sewerage network.</p>	<p>More information about the role of water companies in planning and development system in England is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p>The Council believes that there should be a further consultation on the South West Water Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan consulted on in 2022, and that there should be a clear link with the Draft Water Resources Management Plan.</p>	<p>Work is underway to align and integrate all of our strategic plans, including the WRMP and DWMIP. This will primarily be achieved through our PR24 Business Plan, which Ofwat now requires companies to set out in the context of a 25-year Long-Term Delivery Strategy (L.TDS). These strategies, which will be published alongside the 5-year business plan, will outline the long-term outcomes the company aims to deliver, and how they will deliver them in a range of plausible future scenarios.</p>	<p>Our DWMIP is available here: <a href="#">drainage-and-wastewater-management-plan</a></p>

<p>No details are given to the effects of extreme weather events and the effects on water treatment plants, or how South West Water will respond to handle run off and slowing water flows down for example through tree planting, attenuation ponds.</p>	<p>The need to adapt our infrastructure to be resilient to the impacts of climate change and growth is a key focus in our PR24 Business Plan 2025-30, in the accompanying Long Term Delivery Strategy and in our WRMP. We recognise the risk that climate change poses to our operational activities and the resilience of our assets and have comprehensive plans for how we will adapt to these impacts. Also, following feedback from stakeholders we are increasing our use of nature-based solutions and adopting a 'green first' approach to achieving these goals. This means that we will consider the potential contribution that nature-based (green and blue) solutions can make to solving water management challenges before we consider traditional engineered (grey) solutions.</p>	<p>Section 3.3 of our Technical Summary sets out the challenges ahead that we need to address through the Plan, and Section 7.6 sets out our approaches to resilience.</p> <p>Further, information about managing drainage issues are within our sister strategy, the DWMP: <u>drainage-and-wastewater-management-plan</u></p>
<p>No detail is given about water quality monitoring, frequency of monitoring and what is being tested for, for example, nitrates, pollutants, plastics and antibiotics, particularly in relation to bathing water areas.</p>	<p>We ensure our water is treated and distributed to strict quality standards regulated by the Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI). Any supply options have been designed to comply with our asset standards and deliver the required water quality before being put into supply.</p> <p>Water quality testing and monitoring falls within the remit of the Environment Agency and our sister strategy: the Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP).</p>	<p>This is outside of the WRMP but is covered by our PR24 plan.</p> <p>Further, information about water quality and testing is within the DWMP: <u>drainage-and-wastewater-management-plan</u></p>
<p>No details are given on the wildlife species currently supported which therefore gives no baseline to monitor improvement or deterioration against.</p>	<p>Thank you for raising this during the consultation. Biodiversity Net Gain is a relatively recent statutory requirement. At the moment, we do not have a baseline against which to assess gain or loss. However, we are committed to working with our environmental regulators and environmental groups such as the wildlife and river trusts during AMP8 (2025 -2030) to develop a baseline of species to monitor against and will be taking a collaborative approach to this, sharing data and expertise with our partner organisations.</p>	<p>More information about how we are looking after the water environment is available here: <u>environment</u></p>

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<p>We would like to see the use of future modelling of the impacts of river water levels – in drought and flood conditions – and the environmental and biodiversity effects.</p>	<p>Our WRMP is built on several water resource models that forecast future flow regimes in rivers and identify where abstraction may have an impact on their ecological health. At its core, the WRMP is based on the Environment Agency's National Framework for Water Resources assessment, in which each waterbody is assigned to one of three Abstraction Sensitivity Bands (ASBs) according to the sensitivity of the watercourse to abstraction pressure. This assessment, coupled with our own, has allowed us to identify where abstraction may need to be reduced to protect the environment.</p>	<p>Section 5.4 of our Technical Summary sets out what we need to do to achieve sustainable abstraction.</p>
<p>No detail of how this strategic approach is taken into account in plans and programmes to assess and address the effects of run-off from agriculture and developed areas.</p>	<p>Water companies are required to identify integrated catchment- and nature-based solutions in their WRMPs. These should deliver multiple benefits, for example reducing flood risk and improving resilience of the environment to droughts. It is also recommended that water companies deliver these measures at a catchment scale, either working solely or in partnership with other catchment-based organisations. We have incorporated a significant programme of catchment management and nature-based solutions for water resources and resilience benefits into our PR24 Business Plan and accompanying Long Term Delivery Strategy. These investments will primarily be delivered under the auspices of the collaborative Upstream Thinking scheme, but also via the wider natural resources investment programme, for example, peatland restoration. In addition, a WINEP investigation to evaluate the water resources benefits of catchment management is also planned in AMP8, and to expediate the mainstreaming of catchment and NBS for water resources outcomes we have secured £1m funding from the Ofwat Innovation Fund to deliver the Water Net Gain project, which will undertake research into farm business and water supply resilience across the region.</p>	<p>More information about our 'Upstream thinking' programme is available here: <a href="#">nature-based-solutions</a></p>
<p>All sewage treatment should be designed to include anaerobic digestion waste systems to support energy production, address climate change and prevent sewage discharges into rivers and the sea. This could be combined with agricultural slurry treatment in rural areas.</p>	<p>Sludge is a by-product of the treatment of wastewater. We no longer see sludge as a waste product but as a bioresource. At present, we recycle all our sludge using anaerobic digestion and lime stabilisation techniques to create a biosolid product for agricultural use. We have also invested in creating energy from waste and currently have seven operational CHP (Combined Heat and Power) plants creating a biogas that is then turned into green electricity used to provide the power to operate our sewage treatment works and helps us keep costs down for customers. Ofwat is changing its regulatory approach for bioresources (sludge) to promote market development and innovation. The opening of the bioresources market in 2020 offers opportunities for efficiencies in the transport, treatment, and recycling of sludge to deliver benefits for our customers and the environment. All this falls into remit of our sister strategy, the Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP).</p>	<p>Information about water quality and testing is within the DWMP: <a href="#">drainage-and-wastewater-management-plan</a></p>

<p>The plan should include flood risk modelling for any new development and the potential effect on neighbouring areas and river catchment from surface water run-off.</p>	<p>Flood modelling is a responsibility for water companies working the Lead Local Flood Authority, relevant councils and the Environment Agency. The issue is addressed in the Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (WRMP) (DWMP) rather than the Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP).</p>	<p>For more information on our role in flood risk management, please see: <a href="#">drainage-and-wastewater-management-plan</a></p>
<p>South West Water needs to take into consideration the cumulative impact of various housing developments in a water catchment area in terms of provision of potable water, capacity of water treatment plants to process the sewage and grey water generated, flood risk from non-permeable surfaces, and run-off effects into rivers.</p>	<p>The WRMP looks at the need for additional water to meet the needs of all customers now and in the future whilst ensuring there is always enough water in environment to meet its current, future and long-term needs. We work closely with local planning authorities to understand where growth and development is planned so that we can take all the issues you have raised into account and ensure we can meet the requirements of the development, customers and the environment.</p>	<p>More information about how we work with local authorities and developers on new development is available at: <a href="#">building-and-development</a></p>
<p>New developments should install separate sewage and rainwater systems to lessen the volume of water passing through the wastewater treatment process, and natural soakaway areas within the site of any new development should be insisted upon.</p>	<p>Yes, we completely agree. We work with the local planning authorities to support their policies concerning issues such as rain and foul water separation, surface water attenuation, and grey water recycling. Collectively, we aim to proactively influence implementation of these policies by developers. In addition, our Demand Management Strategy, set out in the WRMP, includes the proposed use of these solutions to help households and businesses become more water efficient.</p>	<p>More information about how we work with local authorities and developers on new development is available at: <a href="#">building-and-development</a></p>
<p>Could the water companies insist on all new housing developments to be fitted with grey water harvesting for use in the home, for example toilet flushing, water butt collection, to reduce the volume of water consumption required per capita and support increased drought resilience?</p>	<p>As a water company, we do not have the authority to insist on the incorporation of these measures in new developments. However, we do have some influence over the local planning process and are working with both household customers and stakeholders in from key sectors such as developers, agriculture and tourism, to encourage the adoption of water efficiency measures of the type you describe.</p>	<p>More information about how we work with local authorities and developers on new development is available at: <a href="#">building-and-development</a></p>
<p>South West Water should be empowered to refuse additional developments loading onto the system where capacity for the provision of potable water and/or sewage treatment has been reached and can be demonstrated.</p>	<p>Under current government regulations, we are not a statutory consultee in the planning and development process and have no powers to prevent development on any grounds. Our role is to facilitate development for the benefit of our customers and society, and developers have the 'right to connect' which means we must provide supply and drainage services to approved developments. However, we are able to set conditions for connecting supply and / or drainage. It is the role of the Local Planning Authority to ensure these conditions are met.</p>	<p>More information about our role of water companies in the planning and development system is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

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## Traffic & Transport Forum

25 October 2023, 6.30-8pm  
Guildhall, Totnes & via Zoom

### Present:

Graham Bennett	GB	Totnes Ramblers (Chair)
Cllr L Auletta	LA	Totnes Town Council (Deputy Chair)
Cllr T Cooper	TC	Totnes Town Council
Cllr C Beavis	CB	Totnes Town Council
Cllr J Cummings	JC	Totnes Town Council
Cllr J Hodgson	JH	Totnes Town Council
Maiken Hutchings	MH	TTC Sustainability Officer (notes)
PW	PW	Town centre resident
NR	NR	Salcombe ZEST
JS	JS	Follaton resident
FP	FP	Plymouth Rd resident
CP	CP	Plymouth Rd resident
SG	SG	Bob the Bus
SC	SC	Inclusive Totnes
VC	VC	Kingsbridge Hill Area Residents Association
Cllr A Presswell (online)	AP	South Hams District Council
MC (online)	MC	Totnes Chamber of Commerce
SW (online)	SW	Salcombe ZEST

### Recommendations

1. The Green Travel Guide was presented to the Forum. They had supportive comments and suggestions and no objections to it proceeding through Committee. A briefing document for Cllrs will be created.

### Actions carried across

1. VC to investigate postmen/women safe route requirements (in relation to Plymouth Road)

### Actions

1. MH to share the Cllr Hodgson's correspondence with DCC on the Plymouth Road issues with the Forum notes. MH to add as agenda item for Steering Group to discuss.
2. ALL to feedback any thoughts, questions or ideas regarding an e-bike project in town
3. SC to share accessibility guidance document with MH for Green Travel Guide
4. MH to send Green Travel Guide to Forum notes and anyone with comments to email [greentravel@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:greentravel@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk) by 02 November 2023
5. LA and JH to work together on feeding into the South West Peninsula Group regarding infrastructure funding

## 1. Welcome & introductions

GB ran through some of the actions from the last Forum meeting in July.

- The Traffic, Transport & Pedestrian Policy has been formally adopted by Totnes Town Council (TTC)
- Hotspot map issues identified will feed into workstreams activity by the Steering Group
- Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)
  - MH had found some guidance from Devon County Council (DCC) on whether community groups/parish councils can purchase their own
  - The guidance can be downloaded here:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IsRxCHwDYRI0PILafie1NJpGI1XoO1Gq/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IsRxCHwDYRI0PILafie1NJpGI1XoO1Gq/view?usp=drive_link)
  - MH noted that it is possible, but you have to have DCC SCARF (Speed Compliance Action Review Forum) approval. The parish council/community group also has to cover all costs: Purchase, installation, maintenance and removal. Insurance for injury, accident or damage, public liability cover for at least 10million.
  - Cllr Hodgson said that signs cost about £2,500 per sign and that other local areas doing it, such as Dartington and Staverton. It is generally recommended that two portable signs are purchased.
- Parish Council engagement has been added to the agenda for the January Forum (which will also be the AGM)
- Agenda item and VC action on postal workers has been carried forward to future meeting

### Plymouth Road – DCC correspondence

JH gave an update from some correspondence she had with DCC regarding issues along Plymouth Road (discussed at previous Forum). Please see the appendix to view the correspondence.

GB mentioned that SG now has rep from Plymouth Rd residents (Follaton end).

- Plymouth Rd residents have set up Community Speed Watch, however, there are concerns that the rules around these (hi vis, standing somewhere very obvious) means the readings are not accurate as people slow down.

**ACTION 1:** MH to share the Cllr Hodgson's correspondence with DCC on the Plymouth Road issues with the Forum notes.

The group noted that it was an unsatisfactory response. SC noted that DCC do not mention the Equalities Duty which should be considered.

### **Morrisons car parking**

At a previous Steering Group meeting, an issue was raised around lack of parking at Morrisons after they introduced all day parking at a low cost.

AP gave a brief update on some investigating that she and another Steering Group member, RM, have been doing.

AP noted that RM has spoken to the Morrisons manager who says that 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the car park is available for all-day parking.

- AP has spoken with South Hams District Council (SHDC) on whether their car park takings are down. They have said they are not but their figures are only up until the end of September 2023. There is some uncertainty as to when the Morrisons scheme was introduced.

## **2. E-bike proposal**

MH presented a possible alternative solution to getting more residents in Totnes the opportunity to try e-bikes. This is in response to the e-bike hire trial not going ahead as Co Bikes – the Town Council's partner in the trial – ceasing trading.

The proposal is a variation of a project successfully running in Frome by Frome Town Council:

- Totnes Town Council collaborates with a local e-bike conversion professional and Totnes Bike Hub to purchase two used bicycles that are converted to e-bikes (using safe UK systems).
- These two bikes would be loaned out for a month/two months to residents wishing to test an e-bike and/or increase their confidence when cycling on the road.
  - Ideally this would be for free, but a small contribution to cover maintenance cost between loans would also be possible
- The loan would include lock, lights, helmet, panniers and hi-viz.
- While they have the bikes, participants would attend 6 hours of guided sessions with a qualified ride leader to help them gain confidence (run by Bike Hub). They would also be given a bike maintenance workshop, also by the Bike Hub.
- When the bikes are not on loan, they would be stored in a secure garage in Follaton.

- Once the loan period is over, hopefully the participants would like to get their own bike. They would then know about the refurbished bikes at Totnes Bike Hub and the potential to get them converted to an e-bike.

MH is currently working up costings, but the second-hand bikes would cost about £200 each and getting them converted £750. The key potential barrier is insurance. MH is speaking to Frome Town Council and their insurance providers to get more information. It may be this is prohibitively costly.

MH said that she would like to get input from the group on this idea and opened up to questions.

**This project would not allow residents to use bikes whenever they need one?**

- No, this is an entirely different type of project to the Co Bikes project. TTC do not have the ability or finances to fund a similar project (which was funded by grant money from SHDC).

**Would it be better to loan the bikes out for 2 weeks rather than 2 months as this would allow more people to borrow them?**

- The idea is to enable behaviour change and two weeks would likely not be enough for this. People need to have the time to try the bike out in various life situations (e.g. shopping, cycling to work/leisure, etc). Also, they also would have to have time to go on the confidence building led rides and to do the maintenance workshop.

**Would TTC take a percentage of potential converted bikes, if the e-bike converter saw a big increase in business?**

- This is not something that has been considered but it is worth pondering.

**Has any market research been done?**

- No, the idea has been taken from Frome Town Council who have done something similar with a lot of success.

**Does the Town Council promote pushbikes?**

- Yes, TTC promotes cycling in general through the support it has given to Totnes Bike Hub and the various projects run by the Sustainability Officer (such as bike parking map, increased bike parking infrastructure, getting more cycle routes, etc).

**Could the kit (helmet, hi-vis, etc) be sold to those loaning the bikes afterwards to make some profit?**

- That could be something to consider.

**What are the legal liabilities of such a scheme? They would need to be addressed and it would be worth getting legal advice.**

- People loaning the bike would sign a contract prior to the loan which would outline everything clearly. Everything would need to be checked thoroughly before commencing.

LA commented that she felt it would be beneficial to have a small, local project like this. She had worried that there would be some considerable issues with the Co Bikes trial, primarily bikes being in the wrong places.

SC commented that a core issue for the town is lack of safe bike storage and that it could be better to spend money on improving this situation.

- Many people cannot safely store their bikes in or near their house, especially e-bikes and other expensive ones
- Could TTC look at implementing some safe storage with CCTV? This would reach more people and potentially have more impact than e-bikes.

MH invited feedback via email if other thoughts, questions or ideas arise.

**ACTION 2:** ALL to feedback any thoughts, questions or ideas regarding an e-bike project in town

### 3. Bob the Bus town centre timetable

This agenda item was deferred to another time as SG felt it is something that can be addressed at a later stage.

He did note that Bob the Bus have committed to buying a new bus which will be delivered in May next year. They are therefore focusing on fundraising for this. They are looking for match funding of about £50K.

CB highlighted the TTC fundraising webpage which might be useful for signposting to funding sources.

### 4. Green Travel Guide

MH presented a Green Travel Guide that she has created. The intention for this is to include relevant information related to active travel: walking, wheeling and cycling. She briefly ran through the guide and opened it up to some comments. Given the time constraints at the meeting, she said she would circulate with the Forum notes and asked for feedback to be sent via email: [greentravel@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:greentravel@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk)

A few comments were raised:

- It could benefit from an accessibility appraisal. Is the font okay? Capitals can be difficult for some to read.
  - **ACTION 3:** SC to share accessibility guidance document with MH
- It might be worth adding in a section on accessible routes, either to each section or in a separate section

**ACTION 4:** MH to send Green Travel Guide to Forum notes and anyone with comments to email [greentravel@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:greentravel@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk) by 02 November 2023

## 5. Update on Steering Group work

GB gave brief update on the work the Steering Group has been doing the past few months.

Traffic, Transport & Pedestrian Policy and hotspot map approved by TTC in October Full Council meeting.

SG met with MP Anthony Mangnall

- Traffic issues with Torbay were highlighted. They have a combined population size of Exeter in winter, but Plymouth during the summer. With many people working outside of Torbay, much traffic comes through Totnes
  - There are significant plans to grow Torbay further. There was a call for funding to support better infrastructure in Totnes as currently it cannot cope.
  - LA noted that she was hoping to work with JH to feed into the South West Peninsula Group

**ACTION 5:** LA and JH to work together on feeding into the South West Peninsula Group regarding infrastructure funding

- The SG is working to assess wide range of issues
  - There is a danger of the group's organisational eyes could be bigger than our bellies. There is a need to structure and prioritise work.

## Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) update

MH gave an update which had been provided to TTC by SHDC

- South Hams DC are in process of creating one for the South Hams
- Comes from the Government's 2017 Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy
- LCWIPs were identified in the strategy as a new strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements at a local level. They normally run for 10 years.
- The LCWIP is designed to facilitate a long-term approach to developing networks, but also designed so that the document can be updated and revisited throughout the 10 year period.

The key outputs of an LCWIP are:

- a cycle and walking network plan identifying preferred routes



- a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment
- a report setting out the narrative behind the prioritisation of routes

The consultants (PJA) have identified the 29 priority cycling routes in South Hams.

- Over the next month PJA will be auditing these routes in person to identify barriers to walking, wheeling and cycling, and then suggesting possible interventions to overcome the barriers.
- They will agree a prioritisation framework to identify which interventions are the most important for the district and the respective communities.
- When the auditing is complete and the prioritisation framework applied they plan to share the conclusions so far with residents and seek views on other barriers not currently identified.
- Cycling UK will be developing a behaviour change strategy with PJA

The project should be concluding by March next year.

## 6. Local issues of concern

### ZEST Salcombe

GB invited NR and SW to give a little background information on their company, ZEST: Zero Emission Shuttle Transit.

NR explained that they are a Salcombe-based company who will be introducing electric buses to the town.

- Salcombe has similar problems to Totnes
- Lack of public transport infrastructure makes it hard to attract employees which impacts the economy.

They are introducing two fully electric, wheelchair accessible buses, to encourage people to park outside of town and they can be transited through town by bus.

- The first vehicle is arriving in the next couple of weeks and the second vehicle by April.
- Service will be up and running before Christmas.
- They are the first company to be given a proficient road licence for these vehicles.
- One of the vehicles will also have an AED / External Defibrillator fitted

SG noted that unfortunately the buses are not quite suitable for the types of routes that Bob the Bus runs, primarily due to length and topography.

GB thanked NR and SW for joining the meeting and asked them to keep in touch with any developments.

GB opened the floor to other issues of concerns.

### **20's Plenty for Devon update**

JH gave an update on the 20's Plenty motion that she had put to DCC.

- The motion initially went through in May. This then gets sent off to officers for a 'factual report'. Then it goes to Cabinet. She was not allowed to speak at Cabinet as she was told she'd have plenty of time when it went to Full Council.
- However, they refused to table the amendment. When she was speaking to it, a plane went over, they decided not to listen to her amendment and voted on the original motion. This motion is flawed as 1) is painfully slow and expensive and 2) fails to address the poor criteria and scoring system used to allow local areas to get 20mph limits.

DCC rules mean there has to be a 6-month period between amendments being tabled. JH said she will wait for 6 months and table it again.

## **7. AOB**

### **Plains roundabout**

MH said she had been asked to bring an issue to note to the Forum. A local resident has been in touch with TTC and the Police to raise concerns over how drivers cross the mini-roundabout at the Plains, at the bottom of Fore St. Many drivers cut across the middle circle/roundel which is particularly dangerous to cyclists.

There were a few questions around whether it is legal to so if the roundel isn't raised. A subsequent check of the Highway Code reveals:

*"Mini-roundabouts.*

*Approach these in the same way as normal roundabouts. All vehicles MUST pass round the central markings except large vehicles which are physically incapable of doing so. Remember, there is less space to manoeuvre and less time to signal."*

### **Access only**

FP asked whether the Green Travel Guide mentions anything about the High Street being Access Only. MH said it doesn't as it focuses on active travel and not driver behaviour. However, it might be worth adding a sentence somewhere on this, including that it is not allowed to cycle *down* the High St.

There was a suggestion that it could potentially include a bit on 'friendly' driving behaviour.

**January High St road closure**

SG mentioned that the High St will be closed again in January 2024. This will be for three weeks. MC said the Chamber has had the notification from the utilities company. She noted that it is set to close again in January 2025.

**End of meeting 20:00**

## Appendix

*Extract from DCC Cllr Hodgson's September County Councillor Report*

### **Traffic issues on Plymouth Road.**

Further to a group of residents contacting the Town Council and attending a Totnes & District Traffic and Transport Forum meeting, I referred the matter to DCC Highways team for response. *[DCC response to Cllr Hodgson's points/requests in bold below]*

"The stretch of Plymouth Road passing through the Follaton narrows has been a subject of contention for many of its residents for many years. We understand that the perception of vehicular speeds through the narrow section can appear excessive. Although we appreciate the difficulties residents face daily, the lay out of this road is historic in nature with limited options for improvement and enforcement. In answer to the issues raised:

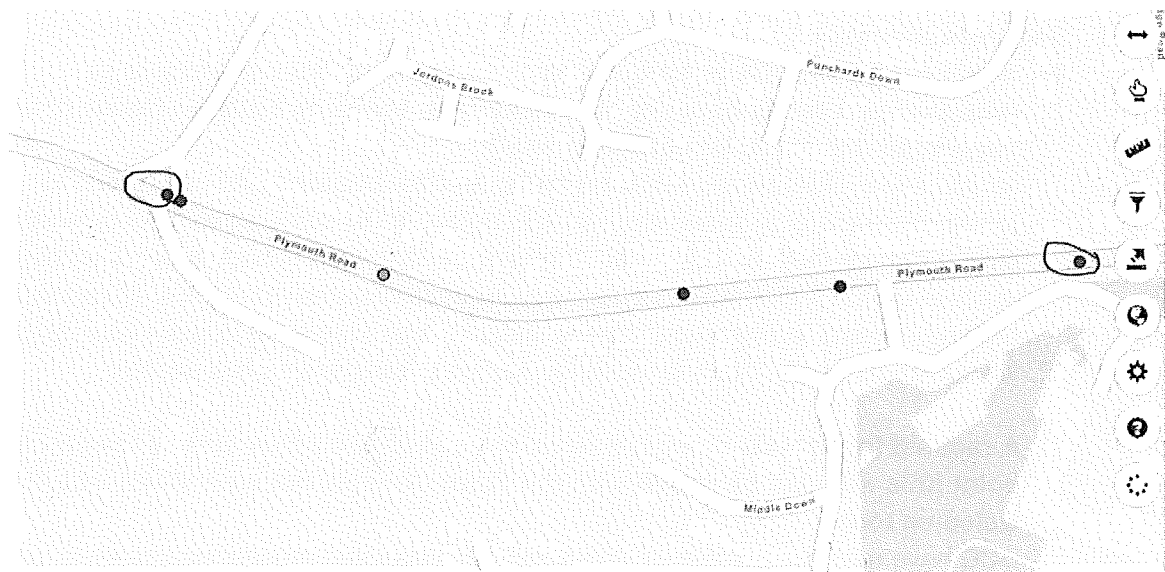
- **Poor visibility at the pinch point: requests for action**
  1. **Overgrown foliage overhanging the highway (there is no footpath) needs trimming back:**

None of these hedges are maintain by DCC, they are all privately owned. DCC would only make contact with the property owners if their hedges force pedestrians/cyclists away from the nearside of the carriageway by more than 1m. The property owners would be expected to undertake the work to cut back their hedges. I can review this when next passing.
  2. **Overgrown foliage is obscuring traffic signage needs trimming:**

I can review this when passing, depending on the level of work required I may cut offending foliage or contact the owners as above
  
- **Traffic speeds along the residential area of Plymouth Road: issues raised**
  - **Reference to the comments by police that agree there is excessive speeding along this road:**

I am surprised and disappointed to learn of the apparent response provided by the local police team. They have neither contacted the NHT in relation to this, or submitted data from any of their enforcement. I have reached out via our Road 3 Safety Team in an attempt to retrieve a copy of their reply given to Mr Edmonds and any supporting data they may have collected.
  - **Reference to the previous speed survey carried out in 2018:**

The 2018 data was taken in two locations on either side of the narrow section:



In summary the data provided for vehicles travelling in either direction was:

	85 <sup>th</sup> %ile	Mean Speed
Eastern location	33.9	27.7
Western location	36.7	31.3

- The faded white lines have allowed the road to become a racetrack with dangerous overtaking:**

I am unclear how the faded lining is causing the poor driving reported. In many areas authorities have deliberately removed centre lining in order to reduce speeds. DCC have a very limited number of road markings that cause a defect when worn by more than 70%, these are restricted to junction markings, stop lines, pedestrian crossings and solid centre lines. Outside this DCC refresh road markings through a cyclic process. Totnes is not in the programme for 2023/24 but is for 2024/25.
- Anecdotally speeding has increased since COVID – in particular more motorbikes:** DCC have to remain evidence led to justify using our limited resources and funding so anecdotal opinions can not be considered. Government statistics would suggest that speeds have dropped since the known increase during Covid when there were less vehicles on the road: Speed limit compliance increases in 2021 (roadsafetygb.org.uk)
- Anecdotally an increase in larger commercial vehicles using this route:**

There are no weight restrictions on this section of the C794 so there are no limits on use by larger commercial vehicles

**Requests for action:**

- 1. A request for the non-operational speed camera by the cemetery to be relocated and set to work near the western entrance to Follaton House (it was suggested this could be self-financing!):**

As you know, DCC are currently reviewing camera locations and are looking to replace/upgrade both speed and red light enforcement cameras with consideration given to where they are now needed (Four new high-tech speed cameras for highrisk roads in Devon & Cornwall - vision-zero ([visionzerosouthwest.co.uk](http://visionzerosouthwest.co.uk))). Therefore the existing camera on Plymouth Road is under review. I have put forward your request via our Road Safety Team to move the camera nearer the narrow section.

- 2. A request for Vehicle activated signs to be installed either side of the pinch point (this will also be raised with the Town Council, but your views would be welcome too):**

DCC have a limited number of VAS which are circulated around the county to known sites with evidence of non-compliance. TTC can choose to purchase their own VAS and move it between locations. I have attached a spreadsheet which provides information.

- 3. A further speed survey to update the previous records:**

Rather than to commit to undertaking a new survey immediately, I will wait to see if the police can provide any newer data. If they cannot I am willing to request a new survey as this will aid future decisions in relation to the permanent camera move, the VAS, or SCARF

- 4. 20mph speed restriction along Plymouth Road where there are residences:**

There remains only one channel for this type of request which is the annual 'Expression of Interest' managed by our Traffic Team. It must be remembered that this would provide a limit and not a zone which would install traffic calming features so is reliant on the existing speeds already being at 20mph

**Lack of safety for pedestrians – issues raised:**

- Includes all residents where there is no foot path along this narrow road
- Cycling is extremely dangerous along this section of road

**Requests for action/information:**

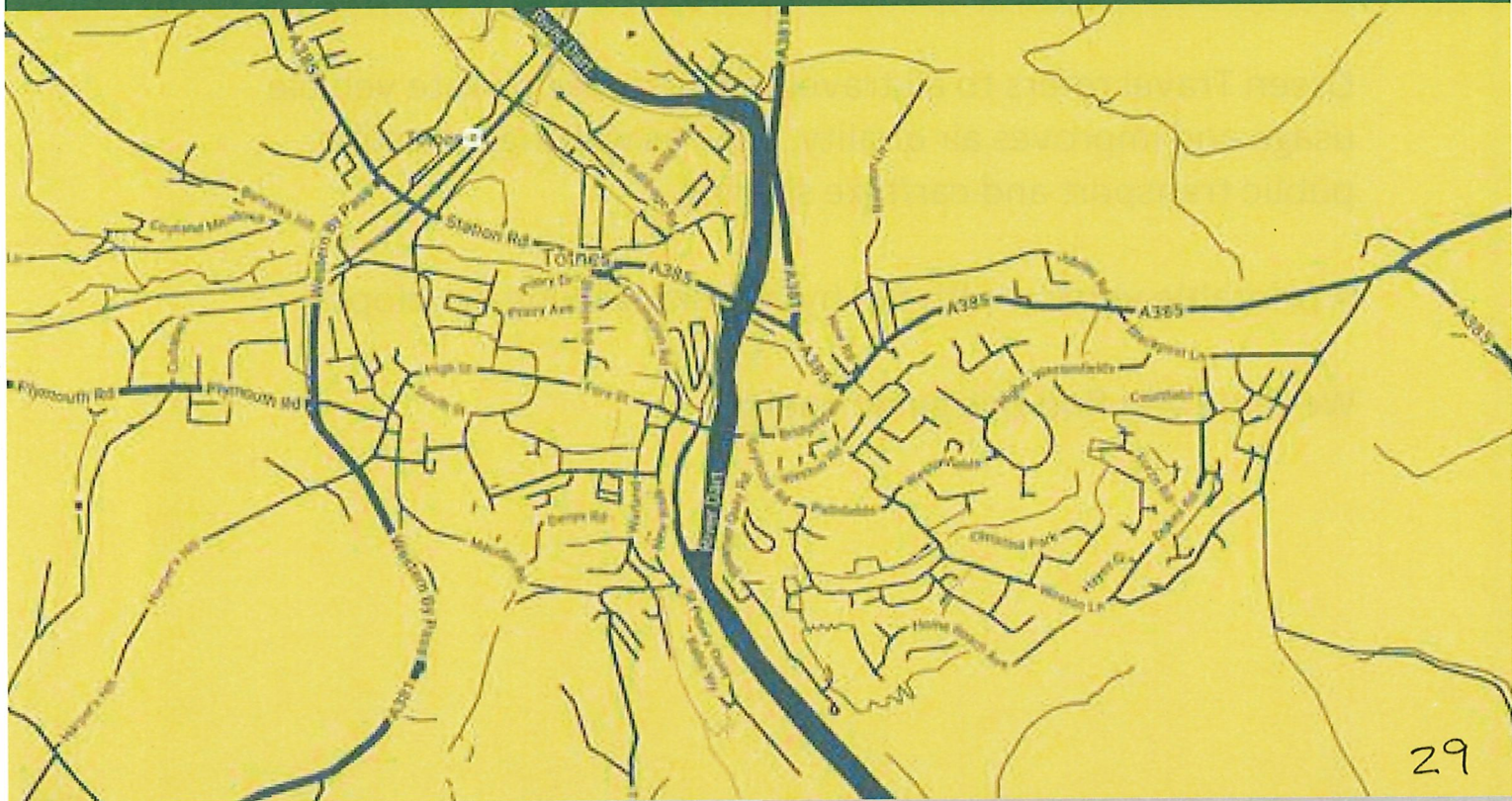
- 1. What options have been investigated to install some kind of pavement or footpath (an offer to DCC by Mr Perrin who owns/owned the old barns some years back was referred to)?**

Options are limited to provide a footway as there simply isn't the width of adopted highway to provide one. Beyond limiting the route to a single carriageway managed by signals I see no alternatives. However, that would require huge financial outlay and there is just no evidence to support such a design. I suspect that this design would also increase speeds as the risk of the pinch point is removed. I have managed the South Hams area for only seven years but I have never been aware of any offer of land. That said, even an offer of land is not sufficient reason to progress



# GREEN TRAVEL GUIDE

## TOTNES





# FOREWORD

This guide is aimed at supporting residents and visitors of Totnes to travel more sustainably in the local area. We have also included a few tips for travel further afield.

Green Travel refers to all travel that reduces private vehicle usage and improves air quality, such as walking, wheeling, public transport and car/bike sharing.

A printable version with full hyperlinks is being developed.

We hope you find this guide useful.

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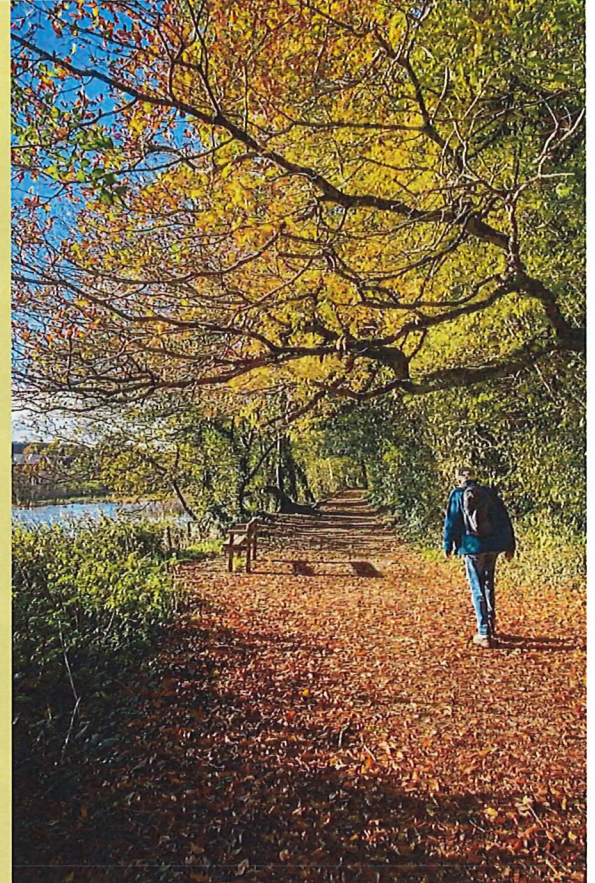
# GETTING AROUND ON FOOT

## WALKING AROUND TOTNES

Totnes is an old town and has many walking routes and shortcuts that you can take to get around. We recommend taking some time to explore the area to discover any handy cut-throughs there may be.

OpenStreetMap contains an overview of many of the footpaths. You can even add any new ones that you discover! Click the 'i' on the right-hand side toolbar to see the map legend.

OpenStreetMap  
Totnes

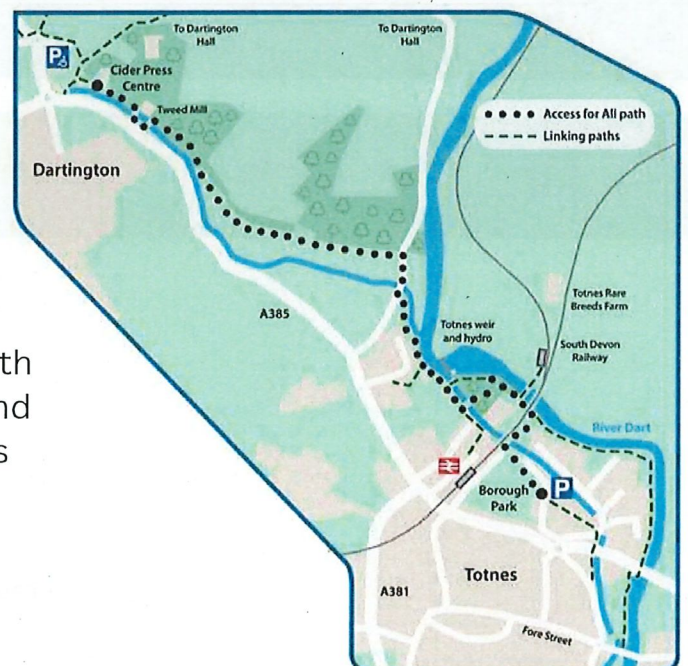


## ACCESS FOR ALL PATH

This 2-mile footpath and cycle route is carefully designed to be suitable for people with disabilities, including wheelchair users and people with sight loss.

There are 10 benches along the path, with toilets and nearby car parks in Totnes and Dartington. An audio guide to the path is available also available.

Access For All Path





# GETTING AROUND ON FOOT

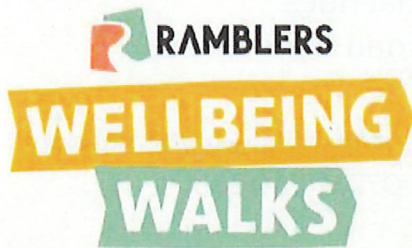
## LEISURE WALKING

### WALK & TALK

Totnes Walk & Talk offers walks on Mondays (60-90 minutes) and Wednesdays (30-60 minutes) for anyone wishing to get more active.

More information can be found on the Wellbeing Walks webpage.

Totnes Wellbeing Walks



### LEISURE ROUTES

Visit Totnes outlines some walks in and around Totnes, including the Franklin Trail and the Dart Valley Trail.

Walks around Totnes

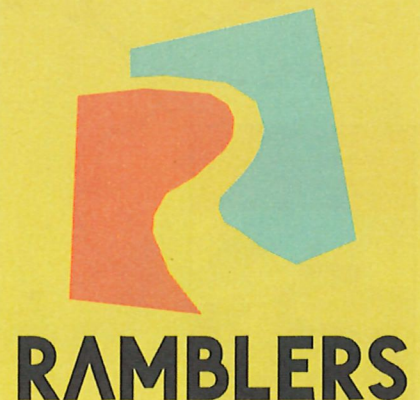
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### RAMBLERS WALKS

Totnes Ramblers has an extensive programme of walks.

You can find more information on the Totnes Ramblers webpage:

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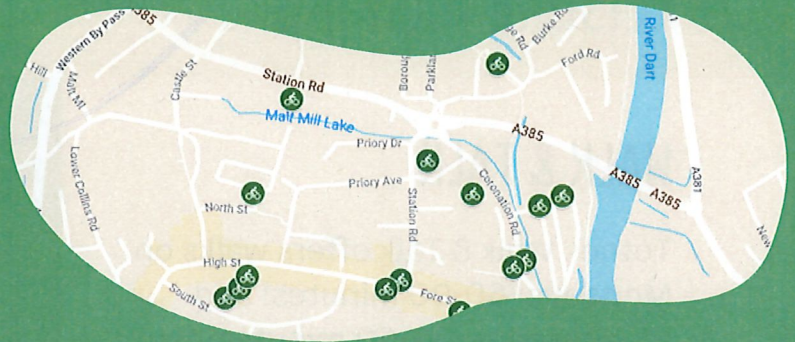


# GETTING AROUND BY BIKE

## BIKE PARKING MAP

There are plenty of places to park your bike in town.

[Click here](#) for a map of locations, including images.



## CYCLE ROUTES

Totnes is lucky to have the National Cycle Network 28 running through it, as well as being close to NCN 2. Sustrans sell a hard-copy map, or you can use [OSmaps/Travel Devon](#) to explore online.

Other routes can be found on the [Travel Devon](#) website as well as via apps such as Komoot, Strava and Ride with GPS.



## TOTNES BIKE HUB

The Totnes Bike Hub is a Community Interest Company (CIC) that offers:

- bike repairs
- volunteering opportunities
- social rides
- second-hand bikes.

**Email:** [totnesbikehub@gmail.com](mailto:totnesbikehub@gmail.com)  
**Phone:** 07761 930035

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as there are legal process and numerous costs involved. For those further east than Follaton Gate there is a walking route from Copland Lane to Winslade Avenue, this means that any provision benefits a limited number of properties, all of whom purchased their property knowing the situation.

**2. What traffic calming options would be possible to reduce speeds and increase pedestrian safety around this pinch point?**

DCC do not generally impose traffic calming features in a 30mph limit but use these features when reducing the speed of traffic to 20mph.

**3. What other pedestrian safety measures have been considered regarding this particularly dangerous pinch point?**

This section already has all the warning signs required for a section of carriageway that narrows and has no footway.”





# GETTING AROUND BY BIKE

## CYCLE TO WORK SCHEME

The Cycle to Work scheme allows you to spread the cost of a new bike and accessories across (minimum) 12 months, as well as saving you money on tax. [Find a savings calculator here.](#)

Check whether your employer is signed up and if they are not, consider asking them to do so - **it's free!**

[Find more information here](#)

## BIKE PURCHASE AND HIRE

We have a number of excellent independent bike shops in the area.

Second-hand bikes:

- Totnes Bike Hub
- Ride On, Exeter
- eBay/Facebook Marketplace

New bikes:

- Bigpeaks, Ashburton
- Hot Pursuit, Kingsteignton
- e-Xplore Devon, Churchstow
- Dialed in Bikes, Paington
- Partridge Cycles, Kennford
- Red Brick Cycles, Plymouth and many more

Bike hire:

- e-Vo bike hire
- e-Xplore Devon

[Guide to buying a used bike](#)



## TIPS, TRICKS AND FURTHER RESOURCES

Cycling UK and Sustrans have a wealth of resources on getting started, bike maintenance, safety, and much more.

Travel Devon also offer a variety of information, including details on free cycle confidence sessions.

[VISIT CYCLING UK](#)

[VISIT SUSTRANS](#)

[VISIT TRAVEL DEVON](#)

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## E-BIKES

E-bikes are particularly handy in a place like Devon which is full of hills! E-bikes make it easier to get about, enabling you to carry more with you and get up those hills without breaking a sweat.

E-bike Safety  
Guidance



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## E-BIKE CONVERSIONS

You can easily convert a push bike to an e-bike. We recommend using a local service, such as the one below.

### Asher's E-bikes | Custom-built e-bike conversions in Totnes

£725 - £775

Motor, battery, LCD display

0799 9934369

asher.levin.mail@gmail.com

You can also do it yourself. **HOWEVER**, ensure you are purchasing the kit from a reputable seller.

Please read the safety guidance below.

E-bike Safety Guidance

## NEW & USED E-BIKES

E-bikes have become increasingly popular and there are many different ones to choose from.

It is worth doing some research to determine the best option for you, including speaking to your local bike shop.

Good used e-bikes are harder to come by as battery technology has changed significantly over the past few years. We have included some useful links below.

General e-bike  
advice

Buying a used e-bike



# PUBLIC TRANSPORT

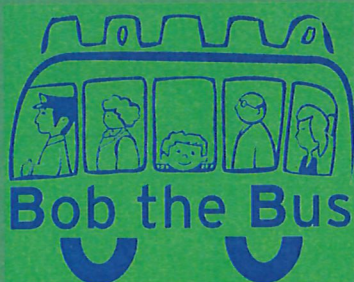


## BUSES

The following buses run through Totnes and/or Dartington:

<b>BOB 1</b>	Bridgetown - Totnes Town circular	<a href="#">BOB 1 timetable</a>
<b>BOB 2</b>	Follaton - Totnes Town circular	<a href="#">BOB 2 timetable</a>
<b>BOB Sat</b>	Saturday Totnes Town Centre	<a href="#">BOB Saturday</a>
<b>167</b>	Totnes - Follaton	<a href="#">167 timetable</a>
<b>GOLD</b>	Paignton - Totnes - Plymouth	<a href="#">GOLD timetable</a>
<b>88</b>	Newton Abbot - Totnes	<a href="#">88 timetable</a>
<b>88B</b>	Totnes - Westonfields - Totnes	<a href="#">88B timetable</a>
<b>7</b>	Totnes - Newton Abbot - Exeter	<a href="#">7 timetable</a>
<b>177</b>	Totnes - Newton Abbot via Abbotskerswell	<a href="#">177 timetable</a>

## BOB THE BUS



Bob the Bus is a community bus operating in Totnes and surrounding rural areas.

It is a 'hail a ride' service, meaning you can get on and off the bus at any point on its route.

[See fares](#)

[Go to website](#)



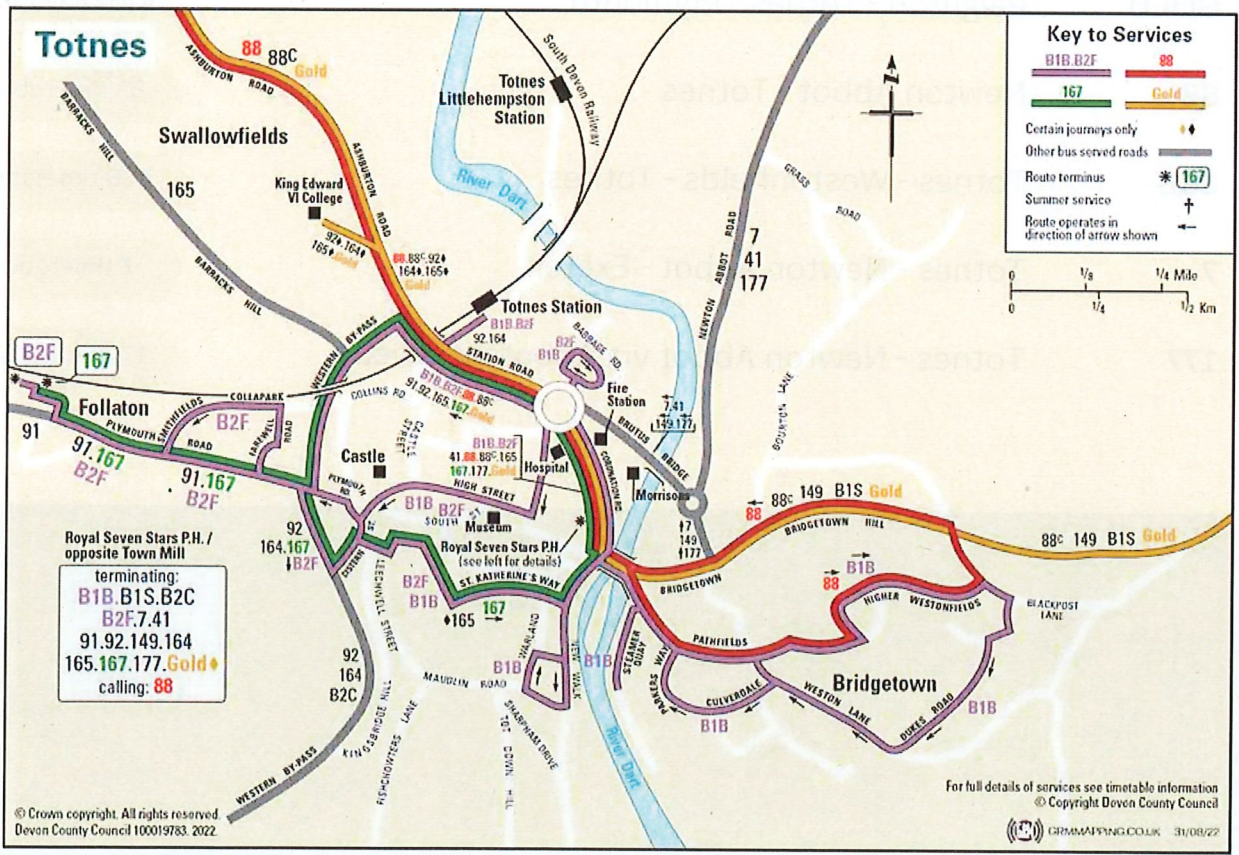
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## BUS MAPS

Travel Devon have created an interactive map of bus routes and timetables in Devon. It includes timetables and map overviews. Click the 'Services & Timetables' tab in the top right.

Click here for the Interactive Map





# CAR & BIKE SHARES

## TOTNES CAR CLUB: E-COCARS

E-cocars is a car share club based in Totnes. Book a car online or with a smartphone and you'll have a car just when you need one – for an hour, a day, for as long as you like.



Visit the E-cocars website



## INFORMAL CAR/BIKE SHARES

Fancy setting up your own informal car or bike share with friends or neighbours? CoMoUK have created useful resources for anyone looking to establish a car or bike club.

Car club handbook

Bike club guide





# FURTHER AFIELD

## TRAINS

Totnes is well served by trains that go directly to places such as Plymouth, Penzance, Bristol, London and Edinburgh.



Money Saving Expert have an excellent overview of how to get the cheapest **train tickets**: [moneysavingexpert.com/travel/cheap-train-tickets/](https://moneysavingexpert.com/travel/cheap-train-tickets/)

For a comprehensive overview of train travel in Europe and beyond, visit The Man in Seat 61.

For tickets, Eurostar and Rail Europe are best.

Seat 61

Rail Europe

Eurostar

## COACHES

Megabus, National Express and FlixBus offer good value bus journeys across the UK.

Megabus

National Express

FlixBus

## SUSTAINABLE ADVENTURES

Totnes Climate Hub have created some excellent guides to sustainable adventures.

Sustainable  
Adventure Guides





# GET INVOLVED

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

The following organisations are always looking for new volunteers

Totnes Bike Hub

Sustrans

Totnes Climate Hub



## TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT FORUM

The Totnes & District Traffic and Transport Forum acts as an advisory body to Totnes Town Council as an avenue to progress traffic-related issues.

Forum meetings are open for anyone to attend and are held quarterly in January, April, July and October.

Sign up to the Traffic & Transport mailing list [here](#) or visit Totnes Town Council's Traffic & Transport page.



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# GET IN TOUCH

Do you have any questions about this guide? Get in touch!

Email Totnes Town Council on: [reception@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:reception@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk)

Find more information on TTC's Traffic & Transport page:

[www.totnestowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/traffic-transport/](http://www.totnestowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/traffic-transport/)

Sign up to the Totnes & District Traffic and Transport

mailing list via this link: <http://eepurl.com/h1n3lP>

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