

You don't need a crystal ball to see into the future.....

Not if you live in a village around Saltash that is. The "Gateway to Cornwall" regeneration partnership, a group of local residents, community organisations and businesses in Saltash and the surrounding parishes are full of ideas to regenerate their area and have received some limited funding and support from a government initiative called the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative to help them develop their ideas.

The group have already done some consultations in the PL12 area and are now looking to work with people in the parishes of Botus Fleming, Landrake, Landulph, Pillaton, St Germans, St Mellion and Tideford to develop the ideas further.

"The response already from the public has been very good", said Steve Tait, the chair of the Gateway to Cornwall group. "We are beginning to pull together our ideas into a draft Plan which should be ready by the autumn. We've got some initial ideas for regeneration in Saltash from the consultations so far in the town, and we're really keen now to get the views of villagers – as customers and service users of Saltash – on how they would like the town to develop."

Ideas coming forward for the Plan already include:

- History and heritage projects, to celebrate the distinctiveness of the PL12 area
- Better community transport between Saltash and surrounding villages
- Regenerating Saltash town centre to ensure it meets local needs
- Developing facilities for young people
- Developing education, sports and leisure facilities

The "Gateway to Cornwall" partnership will be hosting meetings in villages in March and April. "We'd like as many villagers as possible to come along and tell us their views so that the Plan can have a parishes focus, too", said Steve Tait.

Meetings with parishes have been arranged for the following dates – all welcome:

- Botus Fleming, Hatt, Landulph & Cargreen – Landulph Memorial Hall – 7.30 pm Wed 30 March
- Pillaton & St Mellion – Pillaton Village Hall – 7.30 pm Thurs 31 March
- Tideford & St Germans – Eliot Hall, St Germans – 7.30 pm Mon 4 April
- Landrake & St Erney – Sir Robert Geoffrey Memorial Hall, Landrake – 7.30 pm Wed 6 April

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Gateway to Cornwall

Parish Meetings

These notes are designed to help members of the Steering Group manage Parish Consultation events

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Aim of the event

To find out from people in the parishes what their main concerns are and what they want to do about them – i.e. parish issues and issues relating to Saltash

3. The MCTi process and what we have done in Gateway to Cornwall
4. Why it's important to identify issues for Saltash and the parishes – to involve the parishes in making decisions about the future.
5. Exercise in small groups:

Purpose: to find out:

a) What are the things that concern you about your village and parish?

- Small Local things
- Bigger things - Strategic Issues

b) What are the things that concern you about Saltash?

Task: Answer four questions

- What do you love about where you live and work?
- What do you hate and would like to get rid of?
- What would you like to change?
- How do you rate Saltash as a shopping and service centre? (rate from 1-10 – where 1 is great and 10 is poor). Why?

6. Feedback on the exercise
7. The Next Steps - what we will do with this information and when.

Key Issues

Key Saltash Issues (from consultations in Saltash since 2004)

- What is distinctive about Saltash and the surrounding area?
- We don't want to be a suburb of Plymouth
- 50% of employed residents commute to Plymouth to work
- Lack of sites and premises for businesses
- A growing population requiring more services
- Increasing elderly population
- Poor access to health facilities
- Poor sports facilities or under-used sports/leisure facilities
- Tourists only bring limited benefits
- Limited accommodation for tourists
- Lack of affordable housing
- Inadequate public transport

Key Parish Issues (from Landulph and Pillaton Parish Plans)

- Lack affordable Housing
- Lack of child care
- Shortage of play areas
- Need to preserve the rural character of the parishes
- Lack of adequate public transport

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St Germans / Tideford – 4 Apr 05

(7 village representatives – none from Tideford)

General Discussion Issues

- Lack of credibility that MCTi process will make any difference to major planning decisions affecting the area, e.g. A38 road improvements, Plymouth expansion into Saltash & Torpoint etc. – hence poor turn-out to meeting from villages

Local Issues

- St Germans PC does not have a Parish Plan – assistance from MCTi?
- St Germans has traditional links to Downton (which is outside PL12 area)
- Concern at prospect of wind turbines in locality
- A38 as gateway to Cornwall is unsatisfactory and needs upgrading, particularly between Saltash & St Germans (A30 has similar shortcomings)
- Bus service sparse and does not stop in St Germans – route needs to be reviewed
- Need community transport scheme
- Need more nursery provision
- Good school transport
- Good local surgery
- Poor dentistry provision
- Satisfactory mobile library
- Poor transport links to Derriford hospital
- Insufficient car parking in St Germans
- Lack of affordable housing in locality
- Need bespoke plan combining tourism and local housing needs
- Lack of sports facilities in St Germans
- Need improved maintenance of existing public rights of way
- Need new public rights of way to be considered and opened

Saltash Issues

- Good selection of independent shops
- Parking expensive
- No free disabled parking
- Fore Street parking poor
- Bridge and tunnel are disincentive to economic / industrial development
- Saltash industrial estates are an eyesore to tourists travelling in to Cornwall
- Insufficient stopping trains connecting St Germans, Saltash & Plymouth

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Pillaton / St Mellion – 31 Mar 05

(4 village representatives – none from St Mellion)

General Discussion

- Prevalent view in Pillaton that the MCTi will only benefit Saltash and will not benefit the surrounding PL12 villages, hence low turn-out.
- Many people in village use Callington services rather than Saltash

Local Issues

- No public transport
- No funds available for community bus
- Inadequate parking in area of Pillaton village hall
- Lack of traffic calming measures
- No transport for primary school age children from Pillaton to St Mellion school

Saltash Issues

- Excessive number of speed bumps on roads
- Carkeel roundabout has no left-hand lane exiting from Carkeel for A38 tunnel
- 30 MPH through tunnel considered too restrictive
- Need more variety of shops in Fore Street
- Cheaper or free car parking in Fore Street area
- Better and more attractive use of waterfront area
- Good access to supermarket
- Reasonable selection of shops in Fore Street
- Good library
- Reasonable leisure centre
- Good recycling facility
- Alarmed by lack of concern shown in Saltash about Cornish identity

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Botus Fleming / Hatt / Landulph / Cargreen – 30 Mar 05

(13 village representatives)

Local Issues

- Parishes not consulted on Saltash development planning issues
- Lack of pride in local area / anti-social dropping of litter etc
- Lack of public transport
- Need to keep weekly surgery
- Local amenities shrinking, e.g. mobile post office, mobile library services
- Trend of increasing numbers of young people
- Welcome provision of BT broadband service

Saltash Issues

- Town is considered as a safe environment
- Poor public toilet provision
- Need easier access from car parks to shops
- Need more free car parking areas
- Need 1 hour free parking scheme near Fore Street
- Lack of short term parking spaces
- Additional supermarket viewed as beneficial and would increase competition
- Need 24 hour manned police station
- Lower end of Fore Street looks derelict and unwelcoming
- Pedestrianisation scheme for Fore Street would attract more users
- Too many charity shops and vacant shops in Fore Street
- Need more variety of shops in Fore Street
- Secondary and further education provision is good
- St Barnabas hospital services good but could be improved
- Leisure centre / library / medical centre in one area is good scheme
- Lack of dentist surgeries
- Station building is unsightly and needs restoration scheme
- Need more stopping trains
- Plymouth has cheaper fuel
- Area west of Carkeel would be good development site incorporating secondary school and college

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Landrake / St Erney – 6 Apr 05

(3 village representatives)

General Discussion

- Parish Plan consultation completed and draft in course of production (Community Agent to contact Parish Council to obtain copy at earliest convenient date)
- Some confusion as to where MCTi fits in relation to CDC, Parish Councils etc.

Local Issues

- Local employment for young people
- Access from Landrake to A38 very difficult due to volume of traffic
- No priority system for emergency vehicles to and from A38
- Tourist season magnifies access to A38 problem
- Village square
- Lack of support to local churches

Saltash Issues

- Tamar bridge bottle-neck viewed as a disincentive to business development
- Too many charity shops in Fore Street
- Need more variety of shops in Fore Street
- Need additional General Store in Fore Street
- Difficult to park for quick access to bank
- St Barnabas needs upgrading
- St Barnabas provides good service
- Good variety of services at Carkeel
- Good CFE provision (Cornwall College)