



07 June 2022

Our Ref: Perranporth/NDP

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Perranzabuloe NDP Pre-submission (Regulation 14) Consultation

Submission of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust

1. As a Trust, we welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Perranzabuloe neighbourhood plan.
2. Truro and Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT) is working with the Department for Education (DfE) on the exciting project to build a new secondary school to meet the needs of families in the North Cornwall area around Perranporth and surrounding villages.
3. As a Trust we will be working closely with the DfE, the local authority and the local parish council to meet the local need for school places through a school which is designed to meet high environmental standards and offer the highest quality opportunities for young people to learn.
4. We offer the following comments in response to the consultation document:

New Secondary School Site


5. The Leisure and Wellbeing section of the draft NDP (9.1) makes reference to the construction of a new secondary school in the Parish, and following extensive due diligence around site selection, the new site can be confirmed. The site plan with boundaries in red, is provided in Annex A.
6. The Trust has supported the school to be located on the outskirts of Perranporth as this community is between the catchments of the existing secondary provision and young people travel considerable distances to get a school place. Perranporth Primary School is already part of our Trust and we are proud of the standards in the school, and the opportunities for young people to learn and explore their environment through, for example, Forest Schools.
7. We are deeply committed to supporting the Perranporth and surrounding village communities, their children and young people, and look forward to extending our support through the new secondary school. We feel it is important that the site location for the new secondary school allows for pedestrian and potentially cycle access to the new school from the communities of Perranporth and Bolingey, which will sustain a low carbon footprint for the new school, which is being built to high environmental standards.

8. The location of the new school site (Annex A) shows that the land will be secure from future residential development and maintain a gap between the settlements of Perranporth and Bolingey with extensive landscaping and sports facilities ensuring an open and attractive school site.
9. As the exact location of the new secondary school is now known, the Trust requests that the NDP is amended to take the new school into account, recognising that the scheme will need to be designed to take into account the impacts on the respective settlements of Perranporth and Bolingey.
10. It is requested that the settlement gap reverts to that as presented at the Community Consultation Draft stage. This matches Map 9 and the text of the NDP at 6.2.2i) of the Pre-submission draft.
11. Finally it is requested that the new school I referenced in the relevant sections for community infrastructure to allow sustainable and coherent educational provision in the Parish for the long term.

Conclusion

12. I have met with colleagues on the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and look forward to further collaboration as we move forward with this exciting new school, which will benefit families and young people for generations.
13. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this response. TPAT looks forward to working with Cornwall Council and the NDP Steering Group to support preparation of the NDP.

Yours faithfully,



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