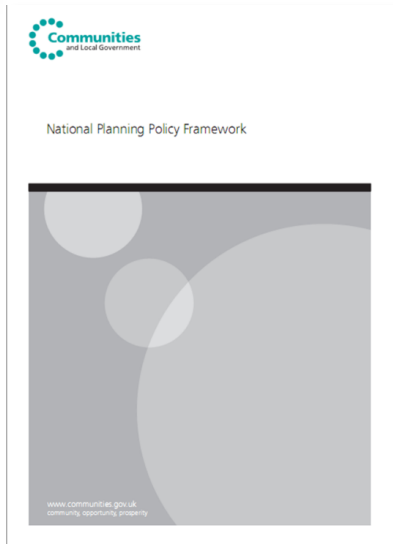


# Sustainable development and our Neighbourhood Plan

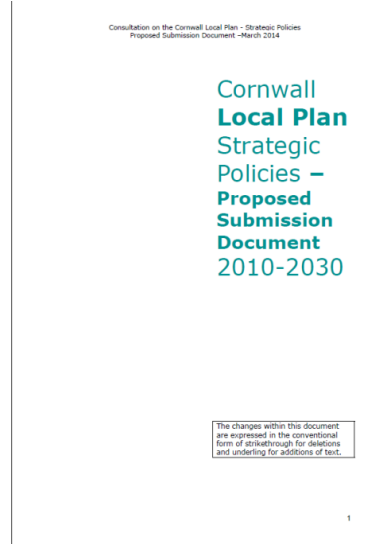
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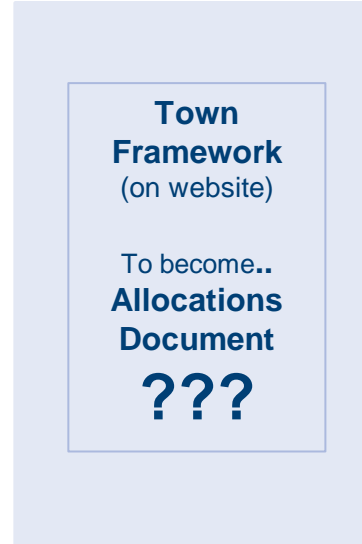
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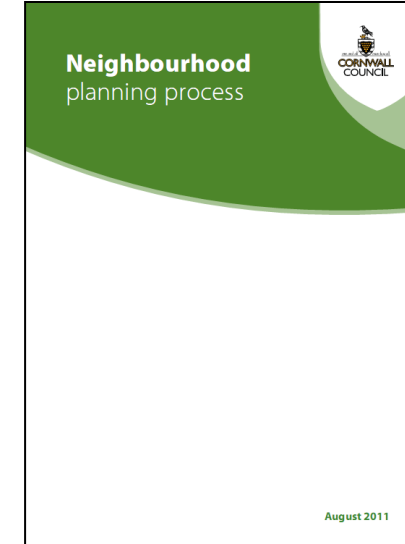
**NPPF**  
A key document  
against which the  
Local Plan and NP  
will be judged  
**Presumption in  
favour of  
Sustainable  
Development**



Sets strategic  
directions  
Growth targets  
Overall Planning  
Policy  
Statutory force, but  
rejected by Inspector:  
Growth targets too  
small, sustainability  
assessment not good  
enough



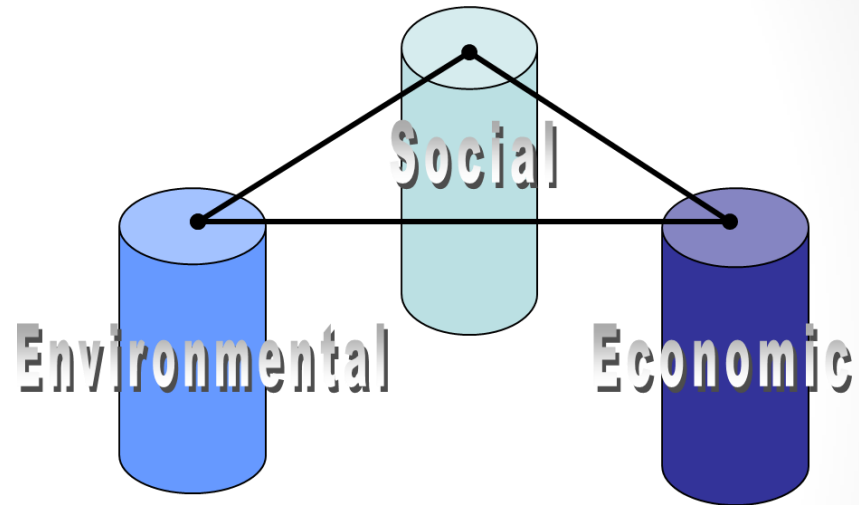
Identifies sites for  
development and  
growth  
Out of date and  
being revised. Will  
need to take  
account of new  
growth targets  
TF useable in the  
NP



Neighbourhood Plans  
Bottom up,  
community 'control'  
Can say where  
growth can happen  
and what it looks like,  
but not whether it is  
wanted

# Sustainable development?

- What does the **NPPF** think Sustainable Development means?
- **Planning for prosperity** (an economic role)
- **Planning for people** (a social role)
- **Planning for places** (an environmental role)
- But the sub-text is for economic growth
- And **Cornwall Council** in its Local Plan?
- **‘Achieve a leading position in sustainable living’**
- ‘Ultimately this is a balance of decisions around economic, social and environmental issues to meet our present day needs while not compromising the needs of future generations’
- Back to 1987!



# Sustainable development

## Spatially sustainable



- Urban containment, to prevent suburban sprawl
- Efficient use of urban land
- Preserves agricultural land and valued landscape

## Environmentally sound



- Compact form, less travel, less greenhouse gas emissions (clean air, reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions)
- Higher densities enable local power generation (energy efficient)
- Encourages carbon neutral design

# Sustainable development

## Efficient for transport



- Proximity - home, work, leisure
- Viable public transport (more equitable and energy efficient travel)
- Encourages walking & cycling (healthier lifestyle)

## Socially beneficial



- Better, more equitable access (use of services/facilities)
- Cultural and social networks (mixed use, belonging, sense of place)
- Promotes community, and safety and security



# Sustainable development

## Economically viable



- Supports local facilities and services (inclusive, vitality)
- Supports local businesses
- Lower infrastructure costs per capita (equitable)

## Inclusive governance



- Encourages participation and involvement (local inclusion)
- Resilience
- Empowerment
- Community activity

# Sustainable development

- **Sustainability claims**

- Spatially sustainable
- Environmentally sound
- Efficient for transport
- Socially beneficial
- Economically viable
- Good governance

- **Characteristics**

- Socio-economic diversity and balance
- Mixed use, high density
- Connected
- Variety of transport choices
- Walkable neighbourhoods
- Renewables, low energy and recycling





# How does it relate to our NP?

- **A 'narrative of place' for Falmouth:**
  - statements linking the social, economic and environmental aspects
  - a narrative that captures the essential distinctiveness of Falmouth
  - local design, traditional routes, cherished views and settings, variations in neighbourhood and community character, popular gathering places
  - its culture, heritage, the role of the river and sea
  - link the historic to the continuing evolution of the town.
- **A set of objectives, strategy and policies which seek to build a sustainable and balanced community:**
  - integrate with the A4D and supporting policy
  - direct development (new proposals, redevelopment, intensification) to specific locations
  - support the maritime heritage, tourism and industry
  - integrate infrastructure and strengthen connectivity
  - give design guidance on achieving human scale, character and design.





# How does it relate to our NP?

- **A broad 'master-plan' approach which:**
  - Demonstrate how the 'narrative of place' can be achieved through policies and on a limited number of site specific proposals (including a focus on A4D areas)
  - setting out rules and guidance for development and master-planning briefs
  - respect for context and the overall objective of building a sustainable and balanced community
- **An approach to environmental appraisal of options:**
  - Environmental screening/scoping of objectives, options, policies and proposals at each stage, and amending where necessary, before proceeding.

