

Policy Area	Historic environment
Policy	Protection and enhancement of heritage assets and the historic environment
Issue	<p>NDP policies should reflect the value given to the heritage and ensure that heritage assets and the historic environment are safeguarded through the planning process.</p> <p>Background: Historic environment is an important irreplaceable resource that contributes to our economy, tourism, education, culture and community identity (CLP 2.104); it is fundamental to local distinctiveness and a sense of place, shaping the character of the landscape and providing information about the past and the story of the parish.</p> <p>(Section 4 of the <i>Historic environment evidence base for the St Agnes NDP</i> identifies a range of documented issues relating to the historic environment, e.g. for the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site, the St Agnes conservation area, historic landscapes and heritage at risk.)</p>
Objective	<p>General objective: To ensure that the special character of the parish's historic environment and heritage is safeguarded for the benefit of present and future generations.</p> <p>Sub-objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the key characteristics of the parish's local distinctiveness are recognised, protected and sustained. To ensure that the attributes contributing to the Outstanding Universal Value of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site and its setting are safeguarded. To ensure that development and design reflect and enhance the historic character of landscapes and settlements. To guide how heritage assets should be identified, assessed and protected in the planning process. Where heritage assets cannot be retained, to ensure that they are recorded at a level appropriate to their significance, and that the record is made publicly available.
Evidence	<p>The value given to the heritage in St Agnes parish locally is demonstrated by the responses to the NDP Questionnaire, and also by a wealth of local literature, a thriving local museum and a St Agnes branch of the Old Cornwall Society. National and international recognition is shown through the large number of designated sites, including the St Agnes section of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site.</p> <p>St Agnes NDP information resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Historic environment evidence base for the St Agnes NDP</i> (on NDP website) (includes: information sources; outline of historic character and significance; policy background; issues and forces for change) St Agnes parish Local Landscape Character Assessment and resources (including summaries of historic environment for each Ward) <p>St Agnes NDP 'Have Your Say' questionnaire results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questionnaire Q1: Historic environment and heritage were included in responses to 'What are the three things you like most about living in our parish?' (additional to the options offered) – local history; heritage and continuity; railway remains / history; local architecture and mining history; character of the village; the Beacon and its views; family history. Questionnaire Q2: 'Protecting the landscape, coast and countryside' was identified as the most important thing to be considered when development proposals are put forward. (Historic environment is inextricable from this.) Additional responses to Q2 included: maintaining the architectural character, spirit and community of St Agnes village; protecting the Beacon from further development; protecting the aesthetic of ancient lanes and farmland; housing developments built to a good design and standard. Questionnaire Q6: 98.38% of responses agreed or strongly agreed that 'It is important to protect and enhance heritage and historic sites such as engine houses, historic buildings and Cornish hedges'. (Q3 and Q4 referring to the importance of protecting natural beauty, landscape character and habitat types, are also relevant to the historic environment as these also reflect historic landscape character types.) Questionnaire Q12: Three of the top four concerns about the impact of new residential development relate to the historic environment: landscape impact; loss of village character; impact on conservation area.
Policy direction	<p>Policies for the St Agnes NDP must bolster the historic environment policies of the NPPF, the CLP, the WHS the AONB management plans, St Agnes Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan and Landscape Assessments; and support national and local best practice guidance. (CLP 2.147, 2.173; 2.181, 2.182). NDP policies and supporting information should specify these and state that they must be used in decision making. Applicants and local planning authorities are required to describe the significance of heritage assets affected (NPPF paragraphs 128 and 129). The NDP should spell out what we regard to be heritage assets, and (with reference to Emerging Cornwall Local Plan 2.174 and 2.175) what we regard as particularly significant aspects of St Agnes' historic environment and local distinctiveness that should be safeguarded and sustained.</p> <p>Policy and supporting information should address the following aspects, to support the objectives given above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures to identify and assess heritage assets. Identification and protection of the key characteristics of the parish's local distinctiveness.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site and its setting. • Treatment of conservation areas and historic settlements. (links to Village Character?) • Historic landscape character (with reference to the Local Landscape Character Assessment). • Requirements for archaeological recording. <p>Also the following?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion of historic farm buildings. • Policies regarding the Chacewater to Newquay railway (Carrick District saved policy 10J). • Consideration of the use of Article 4 Directions for the WHS and conservation areas (issue raised in WHS Management Plan and draft SPD; and in St Agnes Conservation Area Management Plan).
Policy wording	<p>Policy wording and supporting / explanatory material should cover the following, to support the objectives and policy direction given above:</p> <p>Sign-post other policy, guidance and best practice that should be followed (eg WHS management plan and policies). The NDP should not repeat the detail of NPPF, CLP and other policies and guidance, but will set out how these can be made parish-specific.</p> <p>Requirements for assessment of heritage, including spelling out what we consider to be heritage assets in the parish, and how these should be identified and assessed (e.g., a minimum requirement to consult the Cornwall Historic Environment Record and historic Ordnance Survey mapping – available online).</p> <p>Specify what we think are the key characteristics that contribute to the parish's local distinctiveness, and how these should be treated (with a presumption in favour of their retention). (These key characteristics have been provisionally described in the <i>Historic Environment Evidence Base</i>.)</p> <p>Requirements to record heritage assets where they cannot be retained.</p> <p>Cornish Mining WHS and its setting – proposals must be in accord with the WHS Management Plan and follow the assessment procedures of the WHS Supplementary Planning Document. WHS setting – specify that WHS attributes in the remainder of the parish beyond the WHS boundary are regarded as contributing to the setting of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site, and must be assessed accordingly, with the expectation that they will be safeguarded.</p> <p>Conservation areas, village character and historic settlements, e.g.–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a presumption in favour of retaining and conserving historic fabric and detail within settlements. Significant adverse impact on Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas should be wholly exceptional. • Planning proposals must demonstrate how they respect and enhance the character and settings of settlements, making reference to village character assessments where available. • Planning proposals and decisions affecting the St Agnes conservation area must be in accordance with the draft policies set out in the St Agnes Conservation Area Management Plan. <p>Historic landscape character – proposals should respect and enhance the historic character of the landscape, making reference to the St Agnes Parish LLCA.</p>
Links to other policies	<p>(See <i>Historic environment evidence base for the St Agnes NDP</i>, section 3 and Appendix 2, for more comprehensive details of policies, guidance and best practice)</p> <p>National Planning Policy Framework (2012). Principal sections for the historic environment are: Glossary [for definitions]; Achieving sustainable development, Paragraphs 6–10; Core planning principles, Paragraph 17, bullet point 10 (); Section 12, Conserving and enhancing the historic environment (paras 126-141); Local Plans, paras 154, 156, 169, 170.</p> <p>Cornwall Local Plan. Material specific to the historic environment in the Cornwall Local Plan includes Objective 10 and policies 24 (and parts of 23), with background paragraphs 2.170–2.189 in particular, but also paragraphs 2.132–2.136 (natural and historic environment in general), 2.146–2.157 (landscape character), and 2.168–2.169 (ancient woodland and veteran trees). The Cornwall Local Plan (paragraphs 2.147 and 2.173; 2.181 and 2.182) specifies additional guidance, best practice, evidence and other important information that should be used alongside the Cornwall Local Plan in making planning decisions.</p> <p>Carrick District Saved Policies. Saved policies most relevant to the historic environment: 3A; 3D; 3F; 4D; 4F; 4O; 4Q; 4R; 4S; 4T; 4X; 4XA; 6D; 6G; 9A; 10J; 11AE; 13B.</p> <p>Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Management plan 2013-18 Policies most relevant to the planning process are: P1–8; C1–13 (chapter 6).</p> <p>St Agnes Conservation Area Management Plan (2008) Section 3 includes seven draft policies, also included in the <i>St Agnes Conservation Area Management Plan Draft Sustainability Appraisal</i> (July 2008) (section 2.2)</p>
Similar policies in	<p>Roseland NDP, policies CV1–5 Feock NDP, policy HE1 Rame Peninsula NDP, policies 6–9; also aspects of 3, 4 and 10</p>
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