

Policy Area	Sustainability
Policies	Renewable Energy and Sustainable Community
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish has no mains gas and is consequently disadvantaged in having to transport Oil and LPG into the Parish for heating, hot water and cooking at greater Kw/h cost. These fuels are not sustainable, and significantly increase the Parish carbon footprint through burning and transportation. • The Parish is a rural community with no large-scale industry. Tourism & related services is the large employer. Consequently, local businesses and services need to maximise local trade, resources and facilities to survive in the Off season and to minimise fuel miles.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce dependency on Fossil Fuels and fuel transportation. • To stimulate, support and facilitate Micro generation and Renewable energy • To ensure that all new builds and refurbishments within the Parish embrace renewable energy potential at the planning stage. • To consider Community renewable schemes and initiatives • To continue the roll out of the Collective Fuel Buying Group to coordinate bulk buying efficiencies. • To develop local Collectives, Cooperatives, Buying Groups and swap facilities • To ensure that holiday homes and letting occupancy is maximised
Evidence	<p>There are four sources of feedback from residents during the NDP consultation period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the five pre-NDP meetings • The results of our questionnaire, and results by ward • Feedback from subsequent road shows, one held in each of the five wards • Feedback from organizations around the wards after a presentation on the NDP process and discussion on the developing vision for the Parish. <p>The above evidence includes the following:</p> <p>St Agnes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar Panels on roofs of domestic and commercial buildings should be supported • The NDP should support the principles of sustainable development • ECO-homes are too focussed at the high end of the market, this should be rolled out to affordable properties. • St Agnes needs to be a year-round Parish • Energy initiatives should be introduced in the Parish • 95% of respondents support policy to support local businesses and keep local amenities and shops open <p>Blackwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar panels should be included on all new builds • We need to encourage more small businesses and craft industries • No more large scale solar farms • Sustainability is the key to living within our ecological means

<p>Evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95% of respondents support policy to keep local amenities and shops open <p>Mount Hawke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale renewables should be encouraged • A building design guide is required • 90% of respondents support policy to keep local amenities and shops open <p>Mithian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of assistance within the Parish for use of renewable energies • No more large scale solar farms • 95% of respondents support policy to keep local amenities and shops open <p>Porthtowan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate design, location and sustainability in house design is required • More renewable energy, more considered and sustainable building • Renewable energy that generates income required to take Parish off grid • 95% of respondents support policy to keep local amenities and shops open <p>Results of Questionnaire September 2016</p> <p>General Note: The response to this questionnaire was 33% and therefore well above the national average.</p> <p>Question 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 % of respondents believe we need more parking to access local shops <p>Question 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 92% of respondents think we should have policies to support keeping shops and other amenities open <p>Question 29 and 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When asked if low visual impact large scale renewables should be supported in the Parish: 70% said yes. <p>Question 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85% of respondents believe that small scale renewables i.e. solar panels on residential and commercial buildings should be supported.
<p>Policy direction</p>	<p>There is a clear mandate to support small scale renewable energy initiatives and to maintain and improve the vitality of local shops and businesses.</p> <p>To ensure that all new builds and refurbishments within the Parish embrace renewable energy potential at the planning stage.</p>
<p>Policy wording</p>	<p><i>Support will be given to building projects which have significant sustainable/renewable systems embedded in their design, and that meet other planning requirements & constraints.</i></p>

	<p>Support will be given to new businesses which are proposed outside the village settlement where they can demonstrate sustainable/renewable design and are easily accessible.</p> <p>Support will be given to low visual impact large renewable energy schemes especially where there is benefit to the community.</p>
Links to other policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornwall Local Plan –Strategic Policies 2015-30 • Cornwall Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document – POLICY SC2 Support small -scale renewables. • National Planning Policy • Getting Around' Policies • Housing and Employment Policy
Similar policies in other NDPs	<p>Feock Policy SC2 Roche Policy C3 St Ives Policies LED 1,2 and 3 Roseland Policies C 1,2,3,4 & 5 Truro Policy H1</p>
Comments	<p>The initiatives to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop local Collectives, Cooperatives, Buying Groups and swap facilities 2. Roll out of Collective Fuel Buying Group to coordinate bulk buying efficiencies <p>will form appendices to the planning policy and be brought forward as projects through by local project groups with support from the Parish Council.</p> <p>Previous attempts have been made to service the Parish with Mains Gas without success, The Parish should now dismiss Gas and other unsustainable fuels and pursue Green Town principles</p>