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Purpose of this Evidence Base

This evidence base report has been prepared to support the development of the D&T NDP. It has been structured to support the collation of information in a coherent format to:

- allow the presentation of evidence to demonstrate the needs of the community in an objective way
- ensure that the evidence presented is proportionate and robust and supports the choices to be made and the approaches taken
- support the careful analysis of evidence gathered and ensure that it informs key themes and priorities to be developed in the NDP
- allow us to use the supporting evidence to explain the intention and rationale of the emerging policies in the draft NDP
- ensure that all evidence is clearly referenced and presented in an accessible way, for the purposes of independent examination and for the benefit of residents, landowners and developers who will be reading the plan.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Themes

Section	Neighbourhood Plan Theme	What has been Considered
1	Landscape, Biodiversity and Heritage	Landscape Character Historic Environment Biodiversity Agricultural and Mining classifications Flood characteristics
2	Community Facilities and Green Infrastructure	Existing Community facilities and resources Open Space Key green infrastructure assets
3	Housing	Existing Housing Stock Housing Needs Affordable Housing Older people's Housing
4	Community Health	Demographics Population change Health Deprivation
5	Accessibility, Communications and Transport	Road Networks Public Transport Community transport Walking, Cycling, and riding routes Accessibility Parking Broadband Networks
6	Business, Economy and Jobs	Economic Activities Tourism Employment (including youth unemployment)

Structure of the Evidence Base

The Evidence base report has been structured under each of the six themed headings. For each of the themes the following elements are presented:

2.1 Policy Overview

This explores the wider policy context for the theme, through reviewing:

- Key National Planning Policy Framework policies and issues
- Cornwall Council Local Plan (2016) regional and local issues for the topic covered
- Other national or regional studies which provide intelligence on the topic

2.2 Baseline information

- Liskeard and Looe Local Insight Profile March 2017
- Census information 2011
- Cornwall Interactive mapping information on the topic covered
- Cornwall Council Specialist research e.g. Housing numbers
- Cornwall Council Supplementary Planning Guidance e.g. Biodiversity
- Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Plan 2005

2.3 Community Consultation feedback

- Results of Initial NP Questionnaire 2017
- Results of Second Questionnaire 2018
- Feedback from Roadshow events 2018
- Results of Local Consultation events 2019
- Result of Reg14 Pre submission consultation 2021

2.4 Issues and Opportunities arising from the Evidence Base

Section 2 Community Facilities and Green Infrastructure

2.1 Policy Overview

2.1.1 National Planning Policy Framework

Key messages from the NPPF include:

- The social role of the planning system involves 'supporting vibrant and healthy communities'.
- The planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities.
- Promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship.
- Ensure that developments create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder and the fear of crime do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion. Places should contain clear and legible pedestrian routes and high quality public spaces which encourage the active and continual use of public areas.
- Ensuring there is 'sufficient choice of school places' is 'of great importance' and there is a need to take a proactive, positive and collaborative approach to bringing forward development which will widen choice in education.
- High quality open spaces should be protected or their loss mitigated, unless a lack of need is established.
- Adopt proactive strategies to adapt and manage risks through measures including green infrastructure - i.e. a network of multifunctional greenspace, urban and rural, which is capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities.

2.1.2 Cornwall Local Plan

Key messages from the Cornwall Local Plan include:

- To reduce poverty and social exclusion and provide opportunities for all to participate fully in society.
- To improve health through improving access to open space and health, recreation and sports facilities.
- To improve access to key services and facilities by reducing the need to travel and by providing safe, sustainable travel choices.
- Open Space and Green Infrastructure can play an important role in improving health and wellbeing by providing accessible space for recreation.
- Green Infrastructure networks should be enhanced through the maintenance and improvement of strategic green corridors, provision of enhanced walking and cycling routes and enhancement to ecological networks.

According to the Cornwall Local Plan – Strategic Policies 2010-2030 the definition of community facilities is wide-ranging and includes:

- public services, community centres and public halls
- arts and cultural facilities
- policing, fire and ambulance services
- health and education facilities
- public houses, public toilets, youth centres, nurseries and libraries
- leisure centres, allotments and playing fields
- social care facilities including day centres
- places of worship and services provided by the community and voluntary sector

2.1.3 Other plans and studies

Dobwalls and Trewidland Parish Plan 2005 - Community Visions

- Thriving post offices, shops and other amenities
- A wide range of services provided locally through the use of community buildings that are adequately heated, maintained and equipped for multi-use purposes
- Sensitivity to the needs of those with disabilities
- An annual fun event to bring the community together
- Appropriate play grounds, well equipped and adequately maintained
- Appropriate support and facilities (such a skateboarding areas) available for the young people of the plan area
- Access to a wide range of social activities and events for all members of the community
- Access to library services for all members of the community
- Clear and appropriate postal addresses

Natural England 'Green Infrastructure Guidance'

Green Infrastructure is a network of natural and semi-natural features, green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect villages, towns and cities. Green Infrastructure Assets range from country parks, lakes and woodlands to urban interventions such as green roofs and street trees. They can be specific sites at the local level or broader environmental features at the landscape scale within and between rural and urban areas. By creating a network of multi-functioning Green Infrastructure a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities can be delivered.

Natural England's 'Green Infrastructure Guidance' defines Green Infrastructure as:
"Green Infrastructure is a strategically planned and delivered network comprising the broadest range of high quality green spaces and other environmental features. It should be designed and managed as a multifunctional resource capable of delivering those ecological services and quality of life benefits required by the communities it services and needed to underpin sustainability. Its design and management should also respect and enhance the character and distinctiveness of an area with regard to habitats and landscape types. Green Infrastructure includes established green spaces and new sites and should thread through and surround the built environment and connect the urban area to its wider rural hinterland. Consequently, it needs to be delivered at all spatial scales from sub-regional to local neighbourhood levels, accommodating both accessible natural green spaces within local communities and often much larger sites in the urban fringe and wider countryside."

A Green Infrastructure Strategy for Cornwall

The Green Infrastructure Strategy for Cornwall provides a single point of reference, enabling a strategic framework to be developed to achieve the vision of – "a strategically planned and delivered green network throughout Cornwall, comprising high quality green spaces, green corridors and other environmental features delivering a wide range of ecosystem services for the benefit of all." The strategy provides key themes, priorities, related outcomes and key actions as well as key partners. Themes include health and wellbeing, economy, climate change, education and environmental quality.

There are two key initiatives proposed in this strategy as a means of securing and maximising the opportunities for planning and delivering Green Infrastructure for Cornwall as follows:

Green Infrastructure in Growth Areas: Green Infrastructure strategies being developed at a Town Framework level for larger settlements. Key information for such framework level

strategies will consist of flooding and surface water areas, ecological resources, active travel and connections and public open spaces.

Green Infrastructure in Rural Areas: Cornwall Council is undertaking a further piece of work based on the Town Framework areas, whereby a selection of 108 smaller settlements that are likely to see some level of growth over the next 20 years will be identified for rural assessments. As an additional benefit taken together, the evidence base and associated information will enable Cornwall Council to set its own locally relevant public open space standards.

Cornwall Council will support and provide technical guidance to parish and town councils working on developing Neighbourhood Development Plans. Work will be required to develop a template and guidance to ensure that Green Infrastructure planning is integrated into the plan-making process.

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1. Cornwall Council (2013) *A Green Infrastructure Strategy for Cornwall – A Strategic Framework*

2.2 Baseline Information

2.2.1 Who is in our Community?

The statistics below have been taken from the 2011 Census and “The Villager” magazine distribution figures between 2017 and 2021.

Age	2011	QS104EW - Sex				
All usual residents	2,068	ONS Crown Copyright Reserved [from Nomis on 16 July 2017]				
Age 0 to 4	102					
Age 5 to 7	55	population	All usual residents			
Age 8 to 9	49	units	Persons			
Age 10 to 14	128	area type	English parishes/Welsh communities			
Age 15	19	area name	E04011429 : Dobwalls and Trewidland			
Age 16 to 17	57	rural urban	Total			
Age 18 to 19	50					
Age 20 to 24	89	Sex	2011			
Age 25 to 29	85	All persons	2,068			
Age 30 to 44	346	Males	982			
Age 45 to 59	496	Females	1,086			
Age 60 to 64	180					
Age 65 to 74	252					
Age 75 to 84	117					
Age 85 to 89	32					
Age 90 and over	11					

Households

Village	Location	Location Total	Village Total	Total
Dobwalls	Village	714	856	1003
	Rural	142		
Trewidland	Village	53	147	
	Rural	94		
Source The Villager magazine delivery schedule 2017				

The differences in populations of the two areas of Dobwalls and Trewidland mean that there are very different service provisions for each of the areas.

The D&T NDP area does not have a doctors' surgery. The nearest health services are in Liskeard – at Rosedean Surgery and Oak Tree Surgery. Both these surgeries have full daily services and are supported by clinics.




Liskeard also provides dentists at The Smile Centre, Windsor Place Dentist (now known as Bupa Dental Care) and Liskeard Dental Centre.









The following community facilities, services and amenities serve the plan area. Because of the physical distances between the Dobwalls and Trewidland areas, these are covered in relation to each of the two villages in turn.

2.2.2 Community Facilities and services in Dobwalls

This table was compiled by the Community Facilities topic group which was set up in 2017. The content has changed and will continue to change as a result of a number of factors including the Covid-19 pandemic:

Youth/Community		Elderly	
Have	Had/Don't Have	Have	Had/Don't Have
Memorial Hall	Health Services	Memorial Hall	Chiropodist
Playgroup	Youth Club	Short Mat Bowls	Health Services
Toddler Group	Cricket Club	Ceroc Dance	Walking Club (one at Liskeard)
Football	Music Club/Chill out time	Public House (lunches for OAP)	Memory Café (one at Liskeard)
Karate	Girls' Brigade	Bingo	Buffet Lunches
Shelia's School of Dance		Knit and Knatter	Luncheon Club
Skate Park		Gardening Club	
Church and hall		Ballroom Dancing	
Open space for informal play		Morris Dancing	
Ladies group		Church and hall	
Cream teas/bacon baps			
Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field			



	<p>Dobwalls Memorial Hall Hall and kitchen Car park capacity approximately 50 Disabled access</p>
	<p>Dobwalls Primary School is situated on the southern edge of the village. At 1st March 2022 it had a roll of 180 children. There is a nursery situated next to the school. Local secondary school provision is at Liskeard School and Community College and children are supported by a school bus from and to the centre of the village each school day.</p>
	<p>Dobwalls United Church provides weekly church services and its hall provides a very useful base for many additional activities, including a Ladies Group, Toddler Group and Knit and Knatter.</p>

	The Highwayman public house, located to the south of the main street through the village provides meals, refreshment, quiz nights and live music nights and supports the annual charity beer and cider festival.
	The Spar on Duloe Road, near the centre of the village, provides food shopping and an off licence in addition to the village Post Office.
	Dreckly Hair and Beauty (formerly Heads or Tales village shop). Hairdressers situated in the centre of the main street.
	The Antiques Shop , to the west end of the main street, also provides a kitchen furniture design and construction service.
	Rowes Garage is situated towards the end of the main street in an area known as Five Lanes. It provides MOT and car repairs as well as a car showroom for new and used cars.
	Dobwalls Football Club is a well-established football club with five junior and two adult teams. The first team play in the South West Peninsula League and the second team play in Cornwall's Duchy League. The junior teams cater for various age groups. The club has two full size pitches and a clubhouse with a bar. The clubhouse is the venue for Dobwalls Parish Council meetings. The parish council has also purchased the field next to the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field and this is being developed and co-ordinated by the trustees of the club.
	Dobwalls Snooker Club , on the main street, has two full-sized snooker tables plus a meeting, cards and darts room. The club is used by both male and female members of any age to play snooker and billiards.
	Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field is a new open space area on the edge of the village to be used and enjoyed by the community and future generations. The field, an ambitious parish council initiative, has 1,300 newly-planted trees, raised areas planted with shrubs, an orchard, seeded wildflower area and benches and picnic tables.

2.2.3 Community Facilities and services in Trewidland

This table was compiled by the Community Facilities topic group which was set up in 2017. The content has changed and will continue to change as a result of a number of factors including the Covid-19 pandemic:

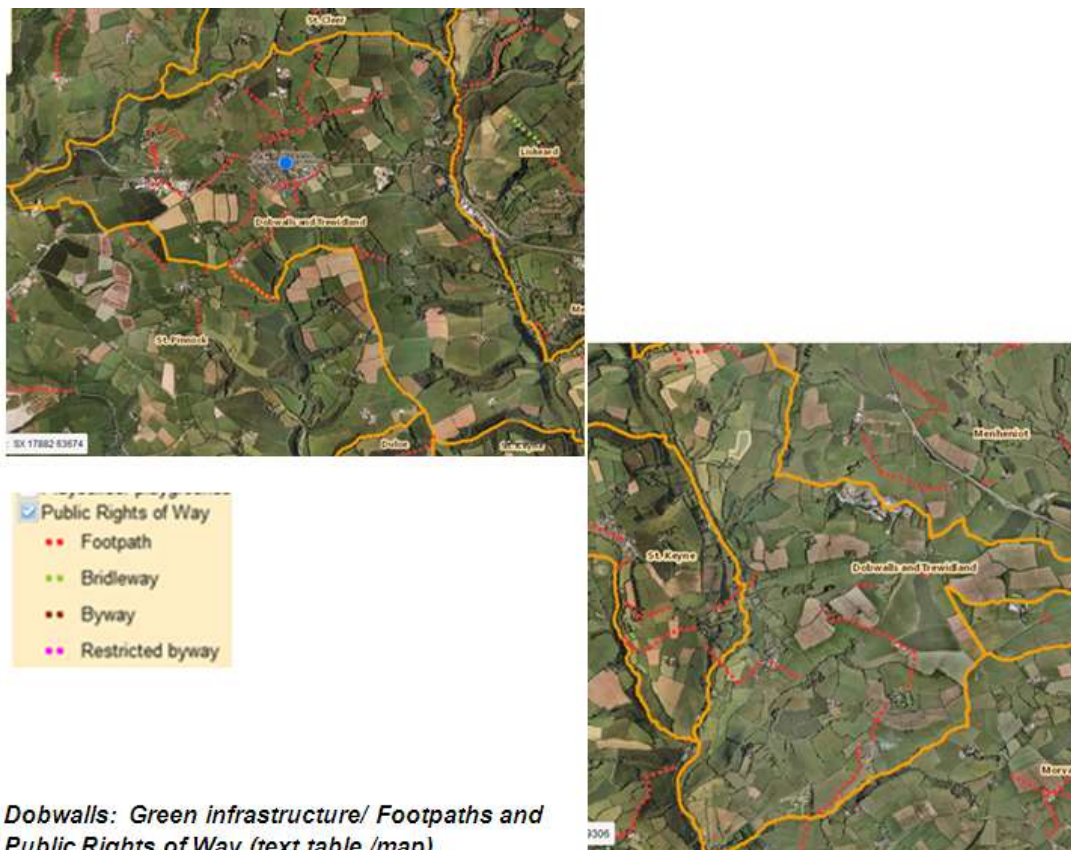
Youth/Community		Elderly	
Have	Don't Have	Have	Don't Have
Village Hall	Health Services	Village Hall	Chiropodist
Playgroup	Youth Club	Tai Chi	Health Services
Toddler Group	Sports Club	Dog training clubs	Walking Club (one at Liskeard)
Ju Jitsu	Music Club/Chillout time	Coffee mornings	Memory Café (one at Liskeard)
		Snooker Club	
		Trewidland History Group	
		Quiz Nights	
		Barn Dance	

	<p>Trewidland Village Hall Hall and kitchen Car parking capacity approximately 15 Disabled access</p>
	<p>Trewidland Primary School, on the valley lane to the north of Trewidland Village, serves the communities of Trewidland and St Keyne. It has a current roll of 29 children, with five in the Preschool Group. Trenode Church of England Primary School is also attended by some local children.</p> <p>Secondary Schools at Liskeard and Looe are attended by local children. However, the school bus service from the village only serves Liskeard School, with access to the other school only available from the Looe road at Horningtops, to the east of the area.</p>
	<p>Trewidland Shop, in the centre of the village, was closed in 2007 and is currently used as a display area for the Trewidland Local History Group material. The phone box shown in the photo above has subsequently been removed by British Telecom.</p>
	<p>Trewidland Snooker Club, housed in what was the Village Reading Room, has a full-sized snooker table available for use by all club members.</p>

2.2.4 Green Infrastructure Assets

Public Footpaths

The geography of the plan area is such that the roughly triangular areas around Dobwalls and Trewidland are linked by a short stretch of the East Looe River, to the south of Liskeard. Each of the major areas has a network of footpaths. Some of these are officially designated and classified for maintenance by contractors employed by Dobwalls Parish Council and St Keyne and Trewidland Parish Council.



Lanes and Bridleways

Local lanes, which typically have light traffic, are key local assets for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. There are no official bridleways in the plan area.

There are no routes between the Dobwalls and Trewidland areas which do not pass through neighbouring parishes i.e.:

- The lane from Trewidland through St Keyne and Trewidland Parish which links to the Duloe road (in Duloe parish) and hence to Dobwalls.
- The lane from Trewidland to Liskeard which goes through Liskeard west at Moorswater and then on to Dobwalls.
- The lane from Trewidland to Horningtops, which then joins the Liskeard to Looe road and the A38.

The separate/differing nature of the two areas means that the infrastructure of each area is dealt with separately below.

Dobwalls Public Footpaths



The table below identifies each of the currently used footpaths in the Dobwalls area and gives the Cornwall Council code, designation, current condition and responsibility for maintenance of each route. This section of the plan area also includes a short section of the Caradon Multi Use Trail.

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Key	Public Footpaths Dobwalls	Condition	CC code	Designation	Maintained
DF1	From <u>Lampoon cottages</u> [stile] on main road to school	[Blocked access at school]	607.27.1	Gold	
DF2	From school along track leading to <u>Tremayne</u> Farm and then across field to <u>Tremayne</u> lane [stile and sign]		607.10.1	Gold	
DF3	From Bridge End House [no sign] across field [sign on post] down to stream [go box] across stream, up across fields to back of <u>Goldwood</u> [Blocked access on track], left after farm along track and the path to join road to <u>Boduel</u> farm.		607.19.1 633.7.1 633.7.2 633.7.3	Silver	
DF4	From lane leading to <u>Boduel</u> Farm, down under railway bridge, across field to stream [stile], then up across fields to <u>Tremayne</u> Farm		607.7.1	Silver	
DF5	Footpath in front of <u>Tremayne</u> Water houses and onto roundabout. Cross main road from <u>Goldwood</u> [centre bollards] and footpath leads back to village		Not registered Pre bypass		
DF6	Footpath/ cycle path from roundabout to Doublebois.		Not registered post bypass		
DF7	From Doublebois to <u>Tremayne</u> Water		607.6.1 and 2	Bronze	
DF8	Internal path in Doublebois Park		607.17.1	Bronze	
DF9	From <u>Goldwood</u> lane to Doublebois Court		607.15.1	Bronze	
DF10	From Havett lane to <u>Goldwood</u>		607.14.1	Silver	
DF11	From Havett road, to Havett Farm and thence to <u>Goldwood</u> farm		607.12.1 and 2	Gold	
DF12	From Havett Farm to East <u>Tremayne</u>		607.13.1	Gold	
DF13	From Havett road parallel with by-pass to join old road leading to <u>Goldwood</u> , now a dead-end track [overgrown/ impassable]	Overgrown and impassable	Not designated post bypass		
DF14	From Rowe Court to Havett Road, through Honey Meadow and past Skate Park.		Not designated post bypass		
DF15	<u>Boduel</u> farm to north Boduel lane		607.26.1 & 2	Silver	
DF16	<u>Boduel</u> works to North Boduel lane		607.20.1	Silver	

Dobwalls Public Rights of Way

Key	Other Public Rights of Way Dobwalls	Condition	Maintained
DF17	1. Through <u>Pendray</u> Gardens to <u>Tremayne</u> lane. 2. Through <u>Tremayne</u> park to <u>Beneathway</u> 3. Through Church yard to Havett road 4. Through Newton Court onto Main road 5. Through Tamblin Avenue – Higher or <u>lowerside</u> to Dawes Close 6. Old single-track lane south of railway bridge, Duloe road, no longer in use [Farmers?] overgrown?		



Dobwalls also has a range of public open and green spaces which provide open space for children's play and community activity. The table below was compiled by members of the D&T NDP steering group.

DOBWALLS OPEN AND GREEN SPACES			
Location	Description and purposes	Quality of facility	Maintained by
Football field alongside Duloe Road on edge of village.	Used regularly for matches by adults and junior teams. No general public access. Stand and clubhouse facility with bar.	Excellent.	Dobwalls Football Club.
School field alongside school, Duloe Road.	Used regularly by school. Play facility, wildlife area, racing track etc.	Excellent.	
'The Green' in centre of Treheath housing estate.	Popular open, grassed area with road running through it. Groups of well-established trees on one side of the road and groups of boulders on the other. Stream borders part of the green.	Well kept.	Parish Council.
Play Area off Pendray Gardens.	Infant swings and rocking horse on rubberised soft surface. Large area of grass bordered on three sides by houses and the telephone 'exchange' on the fourth side. Rarely used.	Poor. Equipment out of date. Grass rarely cut. No signs at access path.	Parish Council.
Play park Rowe Court.	Variety of play equipment. Popular with variety of age groups. No signage. Poor access for prams/disabled/maintenance vehicles.	Good.	Parish Council.

Triangular area on corner of main road and old Lostwithiel Road.	Planted with shrubs by Gardening Club. Small area with easy, ramp access to bench.	Very Good.	Gardening Club.
Graveyard/cemetery beside church.	80% full, well kept, open access.	Very Good.	Dobwalls United Church
Green 'Island' Tremabe Park.	Not used.	Good.	Resident of Tremabe Park.
Grass verges alongside main road.	Daffodils, young trees in places.	Good, regularly cut.	Parish Council.
Grassed area outside Memorial Hall and around war memorial.	Needs upgrading.		Memorial Hall committee.
Allotments.	Owned by Paula Jay, the daughter of Geoffrey Harris who owns the tyre company in Liskeard.		Allotment holders.
Skatepark Honey Meadow.	Constructed by Pearce Homes.		Parish Council.
Benches.	1. Graveyard. 2. Triangle, Five Lanes. 3. Outside of Spar shop. 4. Facing onto Havett Road. 5. At end of Havett Close.		Parish Council.
Other significant groups of Trees.			
County Wildlife Sites.	Doublebois Wood CN4.12 Glynn Valley Woods NC/CN4.9 Graton and Cliver Woods CN 12.8		
Sites of Special Scientific interest.	None.		



Of particular value is the linear connection which allows access from the Highwayman car park through to "The Green" to the south of the village.

Dobwalls Children's Play Areas and public Open Space

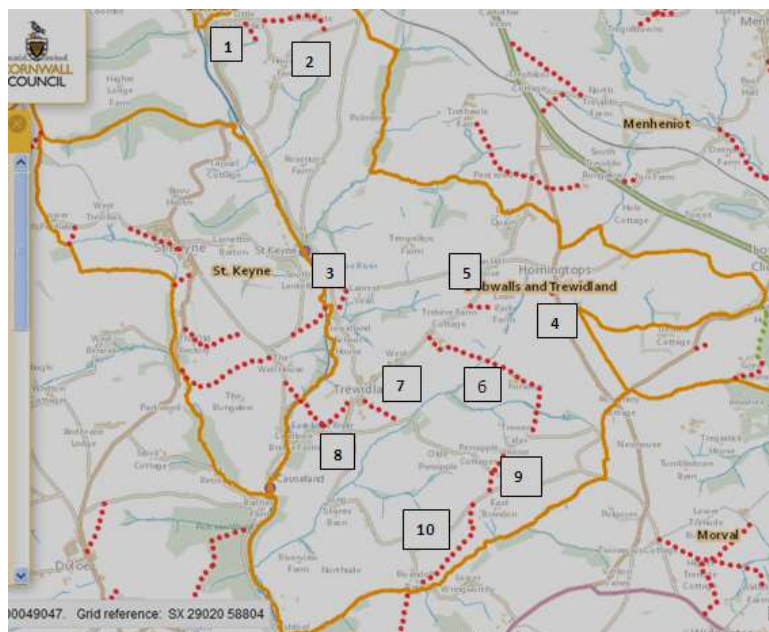


The plan above shows the location of existing and proposed play areas in Dobwalls village. Few are aware of the play area site behind Pendray Gardens. Issues have also been raised about the provision of seating (for both children and parents) in or near play areas and of the suitability of access which is up steps to the Rowe Court playground.

Unfortunately, there is no comparable map for play areas in either Doublebois or Trewidland. At present local children in these villages have no designated play space.

A more detailed Open Space Survey was carried out in 2020 with the assistance of Cornwall Council Landscape officer Stuart Wallace (see page 19).

Trewidland Public Footpaths



The table below identifies each of the currently used footpaths in the Trewidland area and gives the Cornwall Council code, designation, current condition and responsibility for maintenance of each route.

Key no	Public Footpaths TREWIDLAND:	Condition	Cornwall Council Code 2007	designation	Maintained by
TRF1	Little Gormellick to streamhead issue to the south		1 = 607.30.1	Silver	
TRF2	Lane Corner above Little Gormellick via Broombyre Farm to lane towards Liskeard		2 = 607.31.1	Silver	
TRF3	Lower Bultze Lane to Lower Reedy Mill (Continues from railway line to Higher Loggaton in St Keyne)	Generally Good Totally blocked no access	3 = 607.4.1	Silver	
TRF4	Lean Park Farm to Higher Clicker	Assume OK, No sign	4 = 607.25.1	Silver	
TR5	Lean Park Farm to Upper Trewidland Lane above Trehena cottage.	No Signs/ Sign of path route	5 = 607.28.1	Silver	
TRF6 *	Entrance to Little Trehena via * Where the Ramblers have corrected routes and provided posts for signs, still no signs and totally overgrown.	Some overgrowth at Trehena	6 = 607.29.1 (Trehena Furzedon)	Silver	
	Furzedon to Little Pensipole	Totally overgrown in 2 nd field and exit at L/Pensipole	607.24.1 (Furzedon-Trewen)	Silver	
TRF7	Lowertown Farm to Pensipole Lane west of Lake.	Lower entrance blocked. No sign	7 = 607.19.1	Silver	
TRF8	Village Hall car park entrance to Landloose	Upper access blocked, no sign. Overhanging branches in first field.	8 = 607.18.3 (Village Hall - Landloose Farm)		
	Landloose House to Railway line above Bridge. (continues into St Keyne Parish to Lake View)	No access to 2 nd field @ Landloose	607.18.1 (Landloose Farm to railway) 629.5.1 (railway to Lake View)	Silver	
TRF9	Pensipole Cottages to east Brendon Farm	Good	9 = 607.23.1 (Trewen to road)	Silver	
			607.21.1 (Road to Brendon)	Bronze	
TRF10	Brendon Farm to Haldencombe, (continues into Morval parish via Howland farm to Tregarland)	Generally OK, but steps overgrown	10 = 607.22.1	Silver	

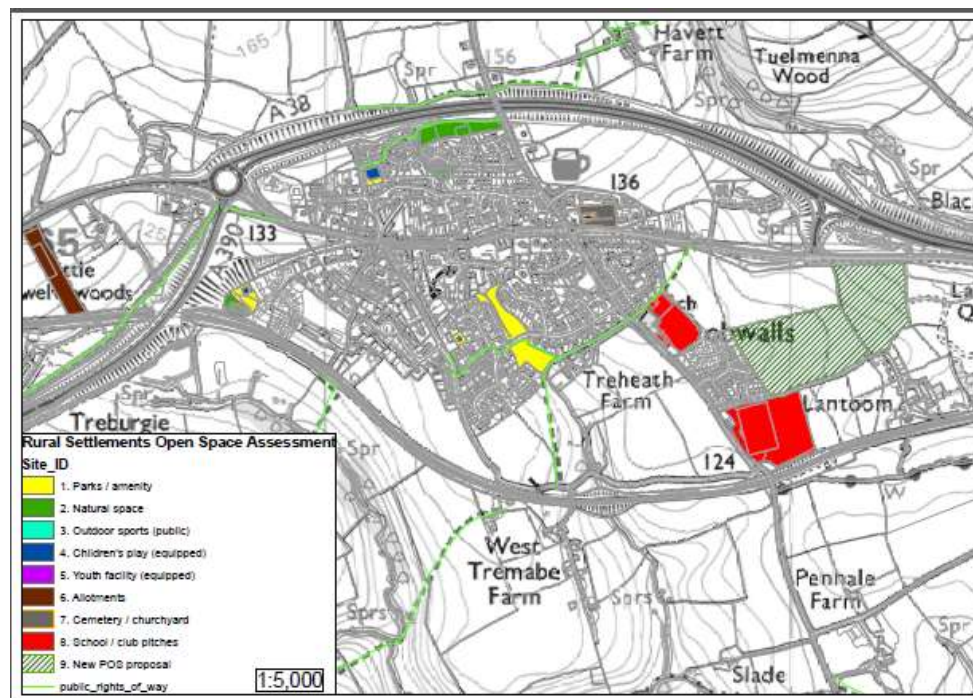


There are no public open green spaces in Trewidland village with the exception of the site around the village notice board. The table below was compiled by members of the D&T NDP steering group.

TREWIDLAND OPEN AND GREEN SPACES:			
Location	Description and purposes	Quality of facility	Maintained by
Playing field Trewidland School.	Used by school only.	Excellent.	School.
Village centre notice board and seat.	Small area near noticeboard beside old shop.	Poor.	Local people.
Well lane.	Disused well/spring area near centre of the village.	Poor.	
Play Areas.	None.		
Churchyard/cemetery.	50% full. Possible village green space???	Reasonably maintained.	Methodist Circuit.
Village Hall.	Small area of green plus car park [gravel]. Bank/hedge.	Reasonably maintained.	Village Hall committee.
Verges and Cornish hedges.	Principle route from Horningtops to Landlooe Bridge.	Reasonably maintained.	Farmers.
Trewidland village sign.	Daffodils planted on verge adjacent.	Reasonable.	
Lanes and passing places.		Some poor.	Cornwall Council.
Pavements.	Outside 3 and 4 The Village only.	Reasonable.	Parish Council.
Benches.	1. Outside cemetery. 2. By village centre notice board.	Reasonable.	Parish Council.
Tree Preservation Orders.	None.		
Other significant groups of trees.	1. At entrance to Lowertown Farm. 2. Avenue to Great Trehere.		
Sites of Special Scientific Interest.	Rosenun Lane.		
County Wildlife Sites (no implied access).	Lean and Tempellow Woods CN38. Quarry Wood CN1.1.		

2.2.5 Open Space Survey

In the Spring of 2020 Stuart Wallace, of Cornwall Council, undertook a survey of the open space provision in the Dobwalls, Trewidland and Doublebois settlements.



The results below were analysed against national standards which indicated that there is a shortfall in provision of Open Space in Dobwalls and that in Doublebois and Trewidland there is no public open space.

Typology	Average /median for smaller Cornish settlements - m ² /pers	Existing provision (m ² / person)	Accessi bility (m)	Existing provision (m ² / person)		Accessi bility (m)	Future quantity response
		Dobwalls		Trewid	Doub	Trewid / Doublb	
1. Parks, amenity	6.44	5.77	700	0	0	700	We need more space identified to create a new park with decent recreational space for the current population (83%)
2. Natural space	37.68 (median)	4.95	770	0	0	820	The village would benefit from a new accessible wood or wildlife area of a decent size, even though there will be an associated cost to maintain it (100%)
3. Public sport	2.79	0.00	NA	0	0	NA	There is not enough outdoor space in general for residents to participate in other sports and the level should be increased significantly (83%)
4.Children's Equipped Play	0.63	0.50	670	0	0	690	50% said concentrate on natural play only. 33% felt there is not enough quality equipped. Need a strategy.
Nearer playable	NA	NA	420	NA	NA	420	
5. Teen provision	0.19	0.25	<i>Suggest 800</i>	0	0	NA	50% said there is not enough. Need another. 33% felt the existing skatepark needs to be relocated.
6. Allotments	1.17	3.92	NA	0	4	NA	Existing provision is fine with new plots needed only in line with population growth (100%)
7. Cemeteries	3.93	1.77	NA	9.48	0	NA	
8. School pitches & clubs	10.19	15.23	NA	10.04	0*	NA	
Total	63.01	32.39					
Total for 1– 6 (standards apply)	48.90	15.39		*Excluding golf course			

In October 2020 a short questionnaire was sent out to 40 local households spread across all three areas and the resulting responses identified issues that were of particular concern to local people.

Further questions were also included in the January 2021 D&T NDP newsletter to provide greater detail.

2.2.6 Green Infrastructure Strategy

Green Infrastructure Strategic Objectives

Significant importance was given during the Dobwalls and Trewidland Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation process (2017-2021) to the role of Open Space, Greenspace and Public Rights of Way in the high value that local people put on the sense of place in their home areas. The need for Public Open Space to support health, community integration and biodiversity objectives was clearly apparent and encouraged the plan steering group to develop this Open Space/Green Infrastructure Strategy. The benefits of Green Infrastructure were recognised in the D&T NDP policy area objectives and were explored in detail in the Green Infrastructure Strategy document.

Green Infrastructure Summary (2021)

The NDP process, including the following evidence bases, identified a range of important and highly-valued resources provided in the local environments of both the Dobwalls/Doublebois area and of the Trewidland area. It also identified significant gaps in the provision of adequate Green Infrastructure resources to meet the needs of each of the local communities.

It was seen as essential to assess and document in each of the major areas covered by the plan the current provision and adequacy of:

- Existing public open space which needs to be maintained and enhanced.
- Ensure that particularly valued open spaces are safeguarded from future inappropriate development through Green Space designation where required.
- Explore the improvements that could be made through reinforcing and reopening Public Rights of Way.

Existing footpaths and PRoW can link and give access to other informal Green Infrastructure resources seen as creating significant benefits for both local and visiting individuals, the social and physical health of the community and the health and diversity of the natural and historic environment of the plan area.

Proposed enhancement of Greenspace should be delivered through a co-ordinated Green Infrastructure approach, including input from Cornwall Council, Natural England and local organisations.

It is recognised that with the difficulties that have resulted from the Covid-19 pandemic it has been hard to make significant progress with detailed consultations on the future shape of open space proposals within any of the villages.

However, we have reached a point where we have a clear, logical basis for future decision-making when the circumstances allow us to engage in more detail with local people in each part of the plan area.

2.3 Community Consultation Feedback

A series of public consultations on the D&T NDP has taken place throughout the NDP process. The following draws together the information on Community Facilities and Greenspace and related issues at each stage of this consultation process.

2.3.1 Responses to Initial Questionnaire March 2017

The analysis of the Initial Questionnaire allowed us to rank the key importance of a range of issues to those who responded, based on the number of 'agree' ticks.

Category Ranking	Priorities	Important Tick	Category Number
1	Open Space Footpaths	60	4
	Community Facilities	60	6
2	Landscape	57	2
	Provision for Young People	57	17
3	Type of Housing	56	10
	Health Services	56	16
4	Wildlife	55	1
	Transport/Traffic Parking	55	13
5	Provision for Older People	54	18
6	Housing Numbers	51	9
	New Development Location	51	11
7	Recreation/Leisure Facilities	50	5
8	Education/Skills	46	15
9	Economy/Jobs	44	14
10	Housing Design	43	8
11	Neighbourhood Watch	42	19
12	Historic Environment/Heritage	39	3
13	Renewable Energy	29	7
14	Second Homes/Holiday Homes	27	12
15	Tourism	16	20

We also felt that it was important to compare the number of times that the issue had appeared in the top Quartile of Question 4 responses (shown in pink in the table below) with the number of comments made in Questions 1, 2 or 5, which related to the issue. This shows some interesting differences in emphasis.

	From tick box matrix	priority	from written comments
1	Open spaces, Footpaths Community facilities	top	+ 13 comments + 14 comments
2	Landscape Provision for young people		+ 24 comments + 9 comments
3	Health services Type of housing		+ 9 comments + 5 affordable housing
4	Wildlife Transport/Traffic parking		+ 14 comments + 22 comments
5	Provision for older people		+ 4 comments
6	Housing numbers New development location		+ 6 no more Dobwalls + 4 more please Trewidland
7	Recreation and leisure facilities		+ 6 comments

The tables below draw together the written comments in response to the Community Facilities and Green Infrastructure issues raised in the D&T NDP Initial Questionnaire (March 2017).

Improve	Community: Dobwalls written comments
Improvement of community facilities	Things that may bring the community together - fun days maybe.
	Stronger links between young and old (e.g. forthcoming lunch at school inviting older people in) excellent idea. Volunteering to support older people.
	It would also be nice to see entertainment (weather permitting) during the afternoons for folk who cannot get out during the evenings.
	Entertainment, facilities for health, education and with the closure of libraries, a small local one would not go amiss.
	Dobwalls is very much a dormant village at present. It really needs community to come together and support more social spaces.
	Community spirit.
	A better attitude and support for community activities. It is very hard to get help from younger members of the community.
	Need a new Memorial Hall.
	Good community spirit. An open space for community gatherings.
	It could improve provision for older people.
	Community spirit which I hope the development of a Neighbourhood Plan will encourage.
	To get more activities for the young people to do.
	Facilities for elderly and youth.
	Keeping an eye on older neighbours.
	Provision for children/babies - Although the two playgroups are great.
	A sense of community - not tangible, I know, but Vital.
	Parents and Toddler group, Tumble Teds needs more funding to keep it open, because they do it voluntarily.

Improve	Green Infrastructure: Dobwalls written comments
Dog Walking	Provision for owners of dogs. There is no land in Dobwalls to let them run free! Even dogs on leads - public rights of way across land is a problem. Obstacles, locked gates, stiles everywhere. Older dogs cannot get over!
	Respect for the environment - clean up after dogs.
	Dog walking/exercise area. More poo bins.
	People and dog mess, take responsibility for own pets.
	There still appears to be footpaths with dog fouling. Perhaps yet another note in The Villager Magazine. What can we do? And I stepped in it on the way to the bus. I am disgusted, as many are.
	More dog walking areas (access to some footpaths are blocked) extra dog poo bins near footpaths.
	More dog poo bins. Places where dogs can be let off the lead to exercise.
Better public footpaths	Signposting for public footpaths.
	Well kept footpaths.
	Footpaths.
	Footpaths in Havett Close - winter cover in moss - needs cleaning.
	Proper footpaths/pavements from the new houses to link up with the existing ones.
	More cycle paths and walking trails.
Tidy up gardens	Summer tidy up of some front gardens? Car boot sales?
	Gardens and houses etc. being encouraged to be kept in good order.
	Finish the roundabout - to make it look authentic, rather than look like a stone dump.
	Frequent litter picks.
	Litter management.
	Litter.
Communal village space	An open space for community gatherings.
	They both need a central place - somewhere people can be proud of. A communal space at the heart of the villages.
	A communal recreation outside area. Park and seats perhaps would be really good.
	Village Green, flowerbeds + trees and dam stream through car park (council one) by pub to make a pond - a wonderful centre piece to the village, with seating areas etc. and venue for village events.
	Provision of public toilet.
	Perhaps a few more flowerbeds.
Better recreation areas for teenagers and children	Provision for young people.
	Better recreational areas for teenage children.
	In the green in Pendray Gardens a playground is needed.
Wildlife	Consideration of Wildlife and provision of habitat/wildlife corridors linking to woods and ponds.

Improve	Community: Trewidland written comments
Improvement of community facilities	Improved Memorial Hall Dobwalls and new Village Hall Trewidland.
	More inhabitants to make it a more viable community, especially young families.
	Return of village shop and Post Office. New improved Village Hall.
	The lack of a village shop and a youth club for children, and public transport. It would be lovely to see the village shop brought back to life, as I consider it to be the heart of the village when driving/walking through.
	Community shop.
	Shop.
Improve	Green Infrastructure -Trewidland written comments
Community Open space/play area	An open space in Trewidland.
	It's all important! Trewidland needs a community open space - somewhere for kids to play and for village functions.
Lanes	Improved passing places in lanes.
	It needs the hedges/banks tidying regularly. The Parish Council needs to ensure that the village looks its best, at all times. It engenders pride in the inhabitants.
Footpaths	More footpaths so that we can make use of beautiful countryside.
Tidiness	The village is scruffy.

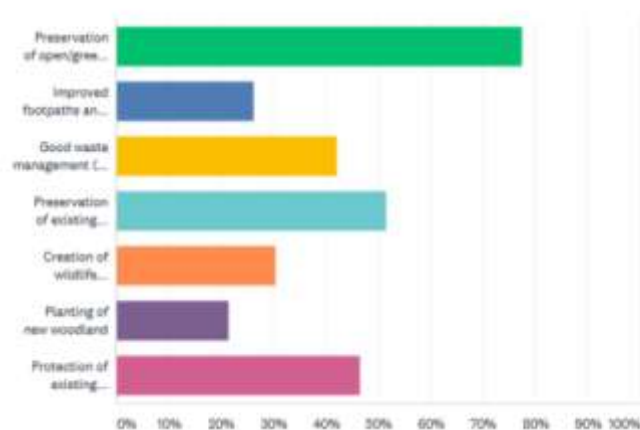
2.3.2 Responses to Second Questionnaire May 2018

Boscawen CEP undertook the second major questionnaire which was posted to all households in the plan area in May 2018. Boscawen also undertook the analysis of the questionnaire responses received and these were published in the Roadshow Exhibitions in September 2018.

Questions relating to Community and Greenspace issues:

Q3 Preservation of Greenspace

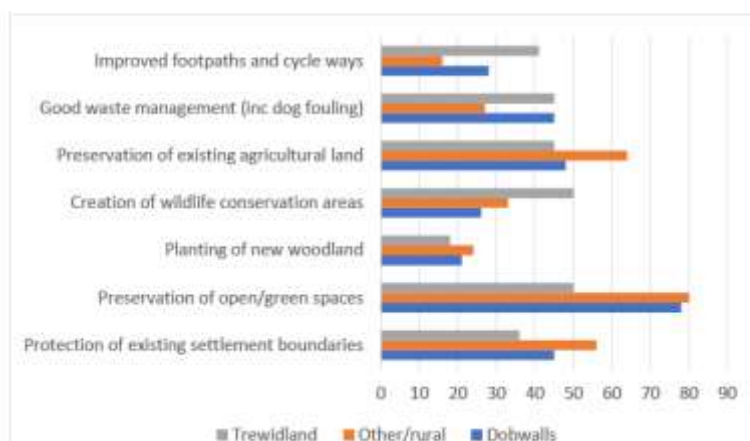
Preservation of open/green spaces is the most important issue for respondents with 78% of respondents selecting this choice with preservation of existing agricultural land and the protection of existing settlement boundaries also being important.



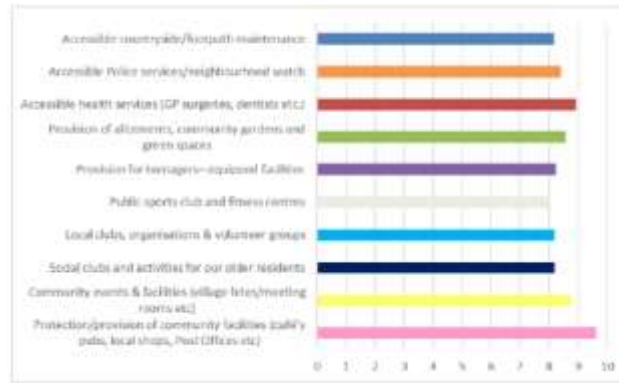
When these results are analysed by the areas of residence of the respondents the following can be seen:

Relative importance of conservation issues

'Looking ahead, which of the following do you think would be most important to you? Please tick your top three only: (%)'

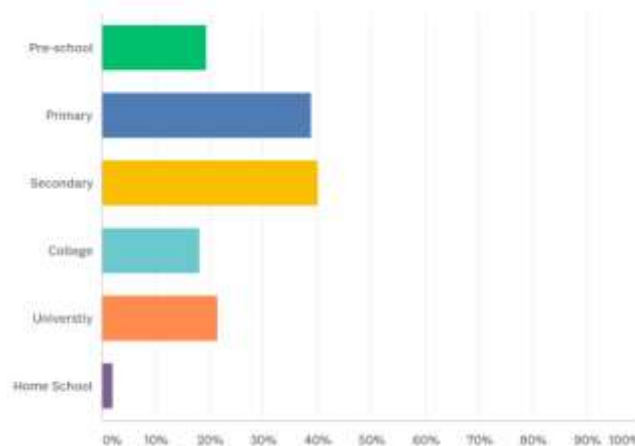


Q4 Community safety, health and wellbeing. Please rate the importance of the following:

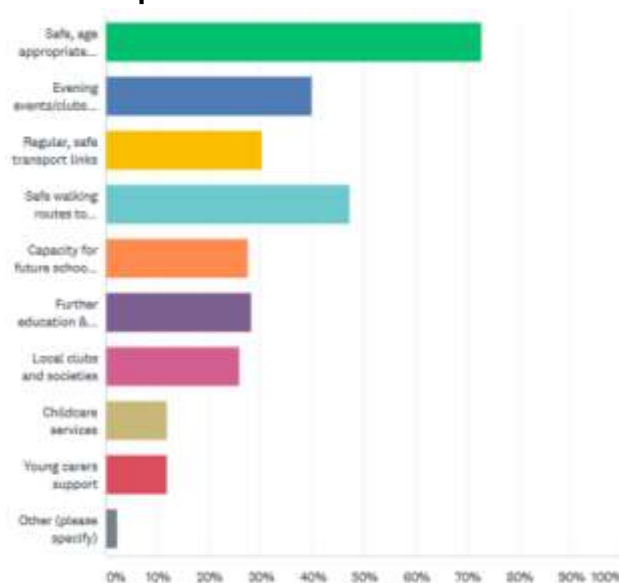


Q10 Do you have children of school age?

149 respondents (24%) had children in education, mostly at primary and secondary school. This figure is likely to be under-represented given the proven over-representation of older people within survey respondents.



Q11 Thinking of young people, which of the following facilities or resources do you consider to be most important?



The following free text choices were also provided:

- Better schools
- Traffic calming
- Return of school to local authority control, to avoid paying for unnecessarily created academy managers/executives
- Cleanliness
- School transport for rural families

2.3.3 Written Feedback from Roadshow Public events September 2018 Dobwalls Roadshow 22nd September Dobwalls Memorial Hall

What have we missed?

Green Infrastructure

- Multi use of space – design in green corridors for wildlife - open space – green roofs etc.
- Safe crossings for hedgehogs/toads etc.
- Cats poo-ing in other people's properties – keep them in your own space!
- Safe scenic bike routes to link with Looe and Bodmin route.
- Bike route to Looe – good for tourism – good for local people too.

Community Facilities

- Mobile facilities – doctors/banking/clinics existing facilities.
- Village halls are community assets – can't we use the parish Precept to help improve them?

Trewidland Roadshow 29th September Trewidland Village Hall

What are your Priorities?

Greenspace and Footpaths

- New outside community area for young and old.
- Clearly identified public footpaths.
- Public Footpaths better maintained.
- Improve access to the countryside please.
- No space to walk dogs.
- No play areas.

Village Hall/facilities

- Improved Village Hall to include a bar and snooker table.
- Improvements needed to protect Village Hall for future generations.

What really bothers you?

Footpaths and Greenspace

- Improved signs for public footpaths.
- Maybe access to the field adjacent to the walk down to the school for a safer walk to school.
- A public space. Maybe at the top of the lane on the way down to the school.

2.3.4 Local Policy Consultation Events - Sept/October 2019

As policy objectives were being developed in 2019, three events were set up in Dobwalls, Trewidland and Doublebois to provide an opportunity for local people to focus on the issues that were of particular significance to their home areas. Displays showing the proposed policy issues under each of the key headings asked those attending to tick “agree” or “disagree” boxes. In addition, a “comments wall” allowed everyone to write their own comments to add to the discussion.

The first draft of the D&T NDP Landscape Character Statement document was exhibited and those attending were asked to identify areas on local maps to show locations that they felt were of particularly high value.

Oct 19 local events feedback		Dobwalls		Doublebois		Trewidland		All	
	COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE	Agree	Don't Agree	Agree	Don't Agree	Agree	Don't Agree	Agree	Don't Agree
9	Ensure that appropriately sited and designed seating and other play/exercise equipment is included in new housing development to support health and social interaction.	7		10		5		22	
10	Create informal meeting places as a focus to help people to get to know/interact with their local neighbours.	7		9		1	2	17	2

The table above shows the results of the responses to the draft policy proposals for Community Facilities and Open Space at each of the three events.

Written comments (Dobwalls)

Facilities and services

- Need for doctor surgery.
- Pedestrian crossings.
- Public toilets.
- More speed checks.
- No access for HGV unless need to access village.
- Less plastic about.
- Problems of sewage in school field in the past – what happens to it now?
- New building must be kept in line with the infrastructure’s ability to cope.
- I understand ‘Local’ to mean anywhere in South East Cornwall.
- So difficult to get to see GP/medical staff at Liskeard as just too many patients.
- I think you are doing a wonderful job of drawing up all these policies – Well done and Thanks.
- Get the infrastructure first before you build more houses – i.e. doctors/hospitals/schools etc.

Open Space

- I feel we need a communal green area for village activities.
- Play areas must be village centralised obviously for security reasons.
- Open space: A nice area to stop, chat and relax in, perhaps provide seating – donated by people in memory of loved ones.

Walking and access

- Safe places to walk.
- Footpath signs at Bridgend Farm and other places in Dobwalls.
- Need more seats around the village as resting places.

- Stop parking on drop kerbs they are needed for mobility scooters.
- Hedges cut back on a regular basis – e.g. Coldwinds Lane – you can hardly get through on a mobility scooter.
- Pavements are for people! Discourage people parking on them.
- Twelvewoods roundabout would be less dangerous with two lanes only coming from Bodmin to Liskeard.
- Not enough buses in the evenings from Liskeard.

Written comments (Doublebois)

Facilities and services

- In addition to supporting open space/play areas I would like to see any planning gains (CIL or S106) going towards community facilities e.g. community halls – they are vital to our communities.
- Use the waste area to south of footpath going west to roundabout for recreational use.
- Land between Treburgie Water and the path should be maintained.
- We do not have play areas in Doublebois but would support play areas and open spaces 100%.
- There is always a need for open space and tree planting schemes.
- The footpath from Doublebois Industrial Estate to Treburgie should be reopened ASAP.
- Play areas etc: This should be minimal as covered in Cornwall Local Plan to 2030. Spaces must also have an ongoing plan for upkeep.
- As a fitness professional we need to envisage the wise way to keep fit. Walking is the best and most cost effective way and it is free exercise.
- Important but missing: For a rural community there is a lack of signage for the rights of way for footpaths. There should be several rural routes to suit all abilities for walkers and cyclists.
- Lovely drawing of 'my ideal play area'!

Footpaths etc.

- Speed restrictions/review along Coldwind Lane.
- Need a light at Junction 17.
- Where is the access supposed to be blocked at Caduscott? (prow) There are gates to open but none blocked.
- If the bank between road going west to roundabout and the footpath (heading to cross the road at Doublebois) was trimmed as well as the banks towards Dobwalls, it would very much Enhance Dobwalls Entrance i.e. by roundabout side of Dobwalls sign.
- Wheelchair access to play areas, parking, pathways, i.e. steps bar the way from Dobwalls to Liskeard.
- Lane from Twelvewoods island to Treburgie would benefit from seating especially for elderly/disabled.
- Walks!
- There should be signs to warn traffic that the area/lanes are used for exercise – many runners, cyclists and walkers use our lanes for recreational purposes.
- Cities in UK are having a huge cycle lane expansion - and lanes should also in part be handed back to the public to enjoy - the traffic otherwise imprison people within village boundaries.
- Direct disabled access to public spaces. Access from Dobwalls to Liskeard for wheelchair users is non-existent due to steps near Liskeard.
- Tidy bank by roundabout to enhance Dobwalls entrance.
- Open space: Play areas, benches and walking paths in all areas of the parish.

- Important but missing: Open all public walking paths and link them together. As path in Doublebois has been blocked for many years.

Written comments (Trewidland)

Open space

- Villages need a 'middle' – somewhere where things can happen – will make a village a village.
- Agree.
- No problem as we have plenty of countryside to play and live in.

4. Community facilities and open space

Green spaces and local facilities are the heart and lungs of our community. As such the Neighbourhood Plan sets out to not only preserve but also to promote our community assets.

Our policies towards open spaces are intended to protect all qualifying open spaces within the parish, while providing for improvements to them that will benefit the community, by designating them as *Local Green Spaces* as part of our Greenspace Strategy.

The recent Open Space assessment carried out by Stuart Wallace (Cornwall Council officer) and the 'Dobwalls and Trewidland Open Space Survey' is intended to give us a much clearer picture of how local people in each of the areas would like to see appropriate open space being developed, improved or created to meet the needs of all members of the community.

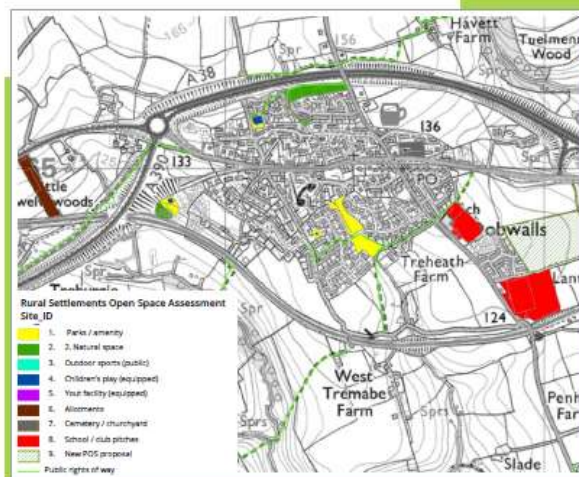
Policy: Community Facilities and Open Space

CF1: To protect and promote community facilities, development proposals should retain, promote and enhance essential community facilities, village halls, public toilets, post offices, schools, green spaces and car parking.

The loss of community and cultural assets will be resisted unless replacements of better value are provided at an agreed location.

CF2: Development of community health and cultural facilities and services in sustainable locations (e.g. Health clinic facilities, allotments, play parks, fitness trails, extensions to cycle trails and sporting facilities, etc.) will be supported.

CF3: Facilities to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Developments should provide continuous even surfaces and kerbs for pedestrians and wheeled users to aid safe mobility around the parish.



Policy: Local Green Spaces

GS1:

- a) Areas designated as Local Green Spaces will be afforded protections accordingly while permitting improvements intended to increase their amenity value. Development that would result in the loss of the amenity value of any of these areas, or that would result in any harm to their character, setting, accessibility, appearance, wildlife or general quality will not be supported.
- b) As a part of the Forest for Cornwall initiative, tree planting in these areas, as a part of any development and to preserve ancient woodland at Doublebois, will be supported.
- c) Access to all Public Rights of Way will be retained and where necessary re-instated.

GS2: New development in Trewidland village should provide appropriate Greenspace to accommodate children's play and community use.



Community Health, Facilities, and Open Space	
Location	Comment
Community Health - proposed policy changes	
Village community and wellbeing - covered in HE1	
Dobwalls	The emphasis should continue to keep our village as it is. We do not want to create another sprawling, over-crowded town with all the issues that creates. Open spaces/public paths are all extremely valuable to our wellbeing and should be extended wherever possible. Pollution. Traffic pollution will only be increased with more houses which can only lead to more health problems.
Dobwalls	I have lived in Dobwalls or the immediate area all my life. I attended Dobwalls School as a child and could not see myself living anywhere else. However, the village has changed quite significantly over the last few years with the large amount of housing development that has taken place and I feel that if any more development were to happen in the future, then it would certainly not be a positive change and destroy the village life that currently exists which is not good for the community as a whole. If the current COVID situation has taught us anything, it is how important having outside space and access to open countryside is for our overall mental health and wellbeing.
Dobwalls	This is a beautiful village and should remain so. No more houses please. No one would mind a few new houses dotted around. But too many large estates. And not even for our local people, who were born and bred here. Very, very sad.
Dobwalls Rural	Housing development outside of the settlement boundary should prioritise homes to buy or rent or the elderly, disabled and individuals seeking independent living as already mentioned in the Neighbourhood Plan. This would free up larger family homes to buy or rent.

Village facilities and mental health- add to HE2 'which support the physical and mental health of individuals and the social health of the community'.	
Dobwalls Rural	Community gardens and orchards could benefit individuals struggling with loneliness and mental health issues and people who haven't got gardens of their own.
No location	I would like to see more community gardens in the village of Dobwalls. Not everyone is fit enough to run an allotment, but a community garden that allots space for all ages, whether it is growing, sitting, looking after plants in tubs, simply enjoying being together, learning and sharing skills to benefit all. There is a scheme in Newquay that has done this and it brings the community together. We are too separated in Dobwalls - something like this could really enhance our village life. With a (or more than one) community garden at the centre would create offshoots for even more diversity and help to develop a thriving community. Thank you.
No location	It would be good to know what the industrial units are going to be used for. A gym would be great! There is a lot of potential in these villages to have more activities for all age groups. Some places have outdoor exercise equipment in their parks. A great idea for all!
No location	Community health. Ensure that any 5G mobile phone masts are kept well away from people's homes. Preferably not have them at all due to their adverse effects on health.
Dog Walking – address in parish Projects	
No location	Dog walking areas - would this cut down on people leaving their dogs 'presents' all over the pavements. More 'poop' bins required. Then they might be bothered to pick up after their own 'b****' dogs instead of leaving it on my garden and drive.
Facilities for young people – covered in HE2	
No location	Youths, there is nothing for them to do other than traumatise people but in their eyes it is 'fun' like knocking on doors and running away. With the current situation in the village this is happening, more houses this is going to escalate. No wonder people are installing CCTV to protect what they own.
Trewidland	No comments.

Key Issues raised : for Parish Projects

- Protect the village character of Dobwalls.
- Facilities that support individual and community wellbeing are needed.
- Dedicated dog walking areas.
- Better facilities for young people.

Community Health, Facilities, and Open Space	
Location	Comment
Village Facilities – covered in CF1 and CF2	
Dobwalls	Dobwalls as a village needs more amenities such as shops, and better community facilities for younger people. The village is expanding in size with families of all ages and needs some better and more local facilities to accommodate this is essential, one shop, a pub that needs improvement and a hair salon is not enough as great and handy as they are we need more otherwise our only option is to drive out of the village to the nearest town or next village, having more on or doorstep would improve convenience for local families and support the growth of local businesses and bring the community together.
Dobwalls	I have no objections of further development but we need infrastructure. Bigger school. Bigger shop. Bigger car park at school for drop off area. Another local dentist as I can't get an appointment, there's always a waiting list at all local doctors. Another supermarket as we only have 2!! Bodmin has 8!! I travel to Caradon Town to go to a butcher your sincerely,
Dobwalls	There should be no more development outside the settlement boundaries, the village can't cope with the amount of people now, the school isn't big enough! Spar parking is a nightmare and extremely dangerous!! The GP surgeries in Liskeard are too busy!!
Dobwalls rural	Dobwalls is in desperate need of a community centre and gym, sports centre, doctor's hub.
Dobwalls rural	Dobwalls has had 3 considerable housing estates built in recent years. I think consideration to the infrastructure (school extension, doctors etc.) as well as facilities to accommodate young families growing up is of utmost importance. This should be considered before allowing any more major housing developments to be permitted.
No location given	We need more facilities like more doctor's surgery's, you build new houses but no infrastructure to support all these houses. School's unable to take children from the village, other children being taken by taxi to Liskeard.
Shop/Memorial Hall/Parking - covered in CF1 and Parish Projects	
Dobwalls	I believe that the Parish Council should take responsibility for Dobwalls Memorial Hall which is an underused Community resource - not just in the current pandemic - community parking would benefit shop users and safety issues for the school.
Dobwalls	We have one shop only which is excellent but parking totally inadequate.
Dobwalls rural	The traffic now parked along the Duloe road either outside Spar or the school is becoming a joke. It is time for this to STOP and they all park in the hall car park. They need to sit down discuss the situation and get this sorted before we have a serious accident.
Dobwalls rural	The problem is many local people can't afford to pay the high prices which is very hard for them. Dobwalls could do with a small car park but where? Apparently, the hall has stopped parking in its parking area?
School – covered in CF1 and SC1	
Dobwalls	The school is full, there are no facilities for children and teenagers. We need to get the village hall opened and used. Please do not approve any more houses to be built. Thanks
Dobwalls	Biggest concern is the school. We have a young baby and are worried with the current population of the area will struggle to get a place in the nursery or school. This will make childcare arrangements and working difficult especially if current COVID situation continues.
Dobwalls	We have not got enough spaces in our school to cope with another housing development. A new school would be more beneficial.
Dobwalls	I hope the forward planning is taken very seriously. The roads are becoming dangerous for our children around and in Dobwalls. The school is absolutely full. We have had a huge increase in new estates being built. There is insufficient infrastructure for any more at all.
Dobwalls Rural	In Dobwalls:- How will any new development that arises be able to go ahead as the school is already full and there is no room to expand the school??

No location	We could do with more facilities shops, chemist etc. If more houses are built Dobwalls School should be for children of the village (including Doublebois) not from further afield. Could the Parish Council try again to obtain the section of land opposite the school, between the fence and where cars park on the road.
No location	Policy SC1 School Plans - Objections are lodged to this policy on the basis that pupils have a choice of schools they attend; it may not be Dobwalls or Trewidland School. The Education Authority is consulted on all residential applications and accordingly they know the capacity of local schools and programmes for improvement. We believe that this policy is unduly restrictive and should be redrafted.
Doctors and Health facilities– covered in CF2	
Dobwalls	Before any new development is allowed there needs to be more access to health care such as dentists and doctors etc. Also, adequate places for further education needs.
Dobwalls	I am concerned that there is no provision of medical/doctor surgery. Liskeard is expanding rapidly and only had 2 surgeries, both of which are fully booked. There are insufficient elemental practices too.
Dobwalls	Before thinking of building perhaps you should consider schools, doctors, work places, hospitals. All those are hard now.
Dobwalls	Regarding services/schools. Doctors. Any future plans should include parking and doctors' surgery.
Dobwalls	We are not against improvements or affordable housing, but we do need facilities to go with them i.e., chemist schools and most important is doctors surgery as they can't cope now with the amount of people that go into Liskeard now.
Public toilets – covered in CF1 and Parish projects	
Dobwalls	There are no public toilets in the village and there should be. Especially near the park where the old ones remain. This would make life a lot easier for people with young children. The village is forever growing yet the amenities aren't. This needs to be looked at.
Dobwalls rural	Refurbishment of the public toilet in Dobwalls to include accessible and baby changing facilities and provision of the same alongside proposed nature area. Perhaps we could call on the Government Active Travel Fund for the South West to link up PROW and cycle paths or creating School Streets or a Low Traffic Neighbourhood?
No location	Toilet public required in Dobwalls. More shops. Doctors and dentist. No more building of houses in Dobwalls. Chemist.
Trewidland	No comments.

Key issues raised for parish projects

- Need for adequate infrastructure to support current village development.
- Rationalise Shop and Memorial Hall car parking.
- School capacity in Dobwalls now critical.
- Doctors and health care facilities needed.
- Re-opening of public toilets.

Community Health, Facilities, and Open Space	
Location	Comment
Open Space - covered in GS 1	
Dobwalls	As for open spaces there's a plot of land between the old Lostwithiel road and Bodmin road which could be put into amenities for the village i.e., gardens to sit, picnic area, and as for walkway it's disgusting overgrown with brambles and dog poo which we pay enough council Tax for clean-up.
Dobwalls	All the current spaces allocated to children/teenagers and young people seem to attract litter and antisocial behaviour in Dobwalls. Lovely rights of way across farm land etc. but throughways are usually inaccessible due to locked gates, electric fences, hay bales piled high in front of gates, high stiles etc.
Dobwalls	I feel the village has enough housing! I disagree that there should be further development of housing especially opposite the school (Dobwalls). There should be more open spaces for us all to enjoy.
Trewidland	Green areas needed, no more development until, ALL brownfield sites developed.
Facilities for Teenagers and children - do we need to add to GS1/parish projects?	
Dobwalls	Although we have the skatepark in Dobwalls albeit very small there is nothing for teenagers to do.
Dobwalls	Something is needed to encourage children to get out and away from computers and TV screen. It is a rare thing to see them out and playing.
Dobwalls	Events area would be absolutely great.
No location given	I think that they should build a skatepark as lots of skaters live around this area and can't walk to a skatepark.
Footpaths - covered in GS4 and Parish projects	
Dobwalls	Could we look at putting a path up to the park as it gets so muddy it isn't possible to access the park safely when it has been wet? Why is the park on the new Pearce Homes estate closed? Outdoor Gym equipment would be good and a community garden like in St Neot, with flowers, benches and view for all ages to enjoy.
No location	I would like to see a hard surface pathway around the chosen project for children to learn to ride their bikes, scooters, roller skates etc. without the danger of them going into the roads. It would also mean Granny and Grandad could join the walk if they used rollators or mobility scooters. Seeing as the space is so far away from the village, I would like to see a safe access route to and from it.
Dobwalls	Footpaths around Dobwalls are a disgrace and mostly don't exist meaning most walking has to be on the lanes especially Duloe Road which is unsafe.
Improvements to existing areas – covered in parish projects?	
Dobwalls rural	It is clear that many local people have expressed a desire for Green Spaces yet those we presently have are not valued. Litter lies everywhere, in the roads and hedgerows and even on farm land where subsidies are shamefully taken for stewardship. Discarded plastic, baler twine and rusty wire together with dozens of old tyres lie in the valley bottoms. Ancient woodland is subjected to catastrophic pig and cattle damage. What hope is there come denser development?
Dobwalls rural	To the east of the Wain Homes site, you have hatched an area as 'new public open space'. What are the proposals for this area and are these fields now in the parish/council ownership or is it proposed to buy this land from the current owner.
No location	I think that the green area in Treheath Road should not be developed at all. I do not think that it is a good idea to fill this area with benches or a children's play area, or anything else. I think that the fence and gate in this area should be repaired/replaced because it is in a dilapidated state.

No location	Public open space and pitch proposals. Concerns about where this will be accessed. Living in PL14 4FJ. We wonder where the accessible points to the proposed public open space areas will be. Given the distance some people may need to travel to get to it. People are likely going to be inclined to drive and we worry people will come and park on the estate to access the POS. Also concerned about whether access via the lane between the estate and the football pitches is to be provided? If not, then the road will be opened up on the estate and this will bring traffic down some tight roads which will increase the danger to young children playing around the estate. It would have been better to have further details about the public open space areas in the plan and the access points. Strongly suggest that the major access is via the main road from Dobwalls to Moorswater. Consideration to expanding the POS to the field behind the school (Twelvewoods?) Would make for a fantastic space for the local community. Providing it has financial commitment. The potential could be enormous providing money does not get wasted.
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Open Space : Key Issues raised for parish projects

- Improvements to existing areas need discussion with local residents/landowners.
- Footpaths need maintenance and re-opening.
- Facilities for children and teenagers.
- New Public Open Space for Trewidland.

2.4 Key Issues and Opportunities for Dobwalls and Trewidland

2.4.1 Issues

Community Facilities

- Although Dobwalls and Trewidland appear to be independent areas, many of the issues in the rural areas of Dobwalls have much in common with the rural area of Trewidland.
- Many of the existing community activities are dependent on the Trewidland Village Hall and Dobwalls Memorial Hall. Both these buildings are currently in a poor state of repair, despite the efforts of their respective management committees, and are in need of financial investments which are not easily achieved. **Update June 2022**, both buildings have had investment since this comment was made.
- Dobwalls is very well served in terms of facilities/shops and community activities within the local area, many within walking distance in the main village. The regular bus services to Liskeard and Bodmin etc. provide access to medical and other facilities not available in the village.
- However, in Trewidland, the lack of a local shop and post office – coupled with the absence of public transport for the area - means that all major services have to be accessed by private car. This is likely to become increasingly problematic as the population of the plan area ages.
- The lack of access to medical services in the villages is seen as a significant issue in relation to the age.
- The lack of provision of either activities or space for young people, particularly in Trewidland, is a concern for many families.

Footpaths

- There is a need for a review of the current classification of footpaths in the plan area to identify what local people using these resources consider to be the most significant routes, and to reflect this in the classification of the footpaths for maintenance.
- Clear large scale Footpath maps (A2) of each of the areas, identifying the status of the paths would assist both local people and visitors/tourists in making full use of the footpath system.
- There are some cases where existing footpaths are blocked/inaccessible.
- Identification of potential 'round trip' walking routes would encourage wider use of the existing resources in both areas.

Green Infrastructure/Open Space

- Provision of play areas in Dobwalls is inadequate or not appropriate for different age groups, and in Trewidland and Doublebois does not exist.
- The management of the graveyards in the two villages are treated differently. Are there opportunities to increase the biodiversity of these areas, while maintaining appropriate standards of management?

2.4.2 Opportunities

Community Facilities

- There is recognition of the need for investment in both Village Halls to ensure that they can continue to provide appropriate facilities for the many local groups and activities which are dependent on the space and facilities that they provide. **Update June 2022**, both buildings have had investment since this comment was made.
- There is support for the creation (in Trewidland) and the upgrading (in Dobwalls) of a central public open space which could provide a resource for outdoor events – summer fetes/etc.
- The recently constituted Trewidland Community Group has proved successful in initiating and supporting a variety of activities in the NDP area.

Footpaths

- Problems of car parking at peak times for both local schools emphasise the need for a review of all walking routes to each school, (including those from St Keyne to Trewidland School) and the potential to upgrade these routes to encourage walking to school.
- The importance of maintaining access – or in some cases recreating access - to all Public Rights of Way across the parish is seen as vital to support walkers and visitors to the area.

Green Infrastructure/Open Space

- The provision of benches – in both green spaces and play areas in the Dobwalls area, and in e.g., the graveyard and related to existing footpaths, could encourage use of these areas by both older and younger members of the community – improving health and social interaction.
- The provision of ‘outdoor Gym’ equipment – particularly in the Dobwalls green spaces – could provide a community resource which would support exercise and health.
- The protection of significant groups of trees in both areas could ensure that these important visual and biodiversity benefits are maintained.
- Could the introduction of ponds/wetland areas where suitable also enhance the local wildlife?

The need for the development of an integrated Green Infrastructure Strategy for the NDP area is seen as an important outcome from the NDP process.

Update – March 2022

Dobwalls Parish Council has been fortunate to purchase a field which is currently being landscaped into a Community Open Space and Forest for the local community to enjoy for the future and further generations to come. At the time of writing, over 1300 trees have been planted including a small memorial area where people who have lost loved ones can place a plaque in front of a tree. The orchard has been started and plans are in hand to have a wildflower meadow created. The remaining area will provide somewhere for people to sit and relax or to watch their children play and could also be used to host parish and village events.

Update – July 2022

Since our last update the orchard has been completed and a number of shrub beds have been put in place. We have also seeded the area set aside for the wildflower meadow.

We had installed four park benches prior to the grand opening on the 3rd of June which coincided with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. There was a fantastic turnout on the day for the opening which was combined with a family day at Dobwalls Football Club.

Dobwalls Parish Council has added a couple of picnic benches for families to use at the community field and are looking to make further additions in the future.

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