

Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan

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REGULATION 16 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The final public consultation step is a statutory one, known as [Regulation 16 Consultation](#). This starts on 10 Jan 2022 and runs for at least six weeks.

The Neighbourhood Plan web site Home Page gives an overview and ways to respond to this consultation at

<https://www.tivertonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/>

The Plan and supporting documents can be download from the **Documents** section of the TNP web site:

www.tivertonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/documents and then look in

TNP Regulation 16 Version and
TNP Regulation 16 Supporting Documents

Printed copies of The Plan can be ordered from: Fax and Files, 15 West Exe South, Tiverton, EX16 5DQ - email dawn@faxandfiles.eclipse.co.uk.
The cost is £23 - payment to be made to Fax and Files on collection.

This consultation is being run by **Mid Devon District Council** and details will also be posted on its web site at

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/your-council/consultation-involvement/current-consultations/>

In her Foreword to the Regulation 16 Version the Mayor of Tiverton, Cllr Sue Griggs, said, "This document has taken a good number of years and a huge effort by some very dedicated and determined people, showing an extraordinary persistence to ensure its completion. I think that like me they feel that Tiverton deserves the dedication that they have given to this plan".

The Rev Ian Johnson, Steering Group Chairman, adds, "Later this year the citizens of Tiverton will have their say in a Referendum, which we hope will result in The Plan being adopted, alongside the District Council Local Plan. All this effort is intended to make a difference to Tiverton and for the people of Tiverton".

REGULATION 14 FEEDBACK

There was very good feedback from the Regulation 14 Consultation conducted during mid-2021. To raise awareness a [summary pamphlet](#) was distributed to every address in the parish by Royal Mail, although there were some addresses that did not get one.

Including 5 statutory consultee responses there were responses from nearly 30 organisations and individuals, amounting to 66 comments. Neighbourhood Plans are about planning matters only. Some feedback was about non-planning matters, which The Plan cannot address directly, but some of these responses contributed to recommendations for **Non-Policy Community Actions**.

If anything is going to happen about these Non-Policy Recommendations, then other groups and individuals will have to take them on. Some of these projects may need significant funding and project management effort. A prime example is the restoration of the Town Leat. One idea that did not make it into The Plan was the 2014 suggestion for a Monorail from Tiverton Parkway Station to the Town!

The Plan covers what needs to be done in monitoring the implementation of the policies, that is in making sure that the scrutiny of planning applications takes account of them, alongside the Local Plan policies. For Tiverton Town Council this is the responsibility of its Planning Committee, and similarly at the District Council.

This feedback was taken into account in updating The Plan for the Regulation 16 version. There were only minor changes.

The succeeding statutory steps will be:

- Examination by an inspector in Spring/Summer 2022.
- A Parish Referendum, hopefully in September 2022.

A simple majority of those who vote is all that is needed for The Plan to be adopted.

CONCLUSION

Whilst Tiverton Town Council and Government grants have provided funding during the years from 2014 when the first real effort to produce a Plan started, it is the determined efforts of a small band of volunteers that have resulted in The Plan that we now see. Most of the funding has been spent on consultancy support, which has been vital to producing a credible Plan. Big thanks must go to **Alison Eardley**, our professional consultant, for the knowledge and experience that she has brought to The Plan's development.

The bottom line is that The Plan is for Tiverton and is intended to make a positive difference to Tiverton, and for the people who live and work in the Parish. It is down to those who live in the Parish to respond, especially in the Referendum.