

	<b>Recreation and leisure policy draft amended 07 June 2019</b>
Policy area	<b>RECREATION AND LEISURE</b>
Policy	<b>Local Green Spaces</b>
	The Parish benefits from an attractive environment for recreation and leisure, both for local residents and for visitors. There are many businesses in the Parish who derive an economic benefit from tourists <sup>1</sup> who visit and enjoy our beautiful coastline, open rural environment, and open spaces accessible for leisure and well-being. The Parish benefits from its location on the coastal path and coastal views and open spaces are important but so is the rural feel in the northern part of the parish around the village of Tregrehan in a wooded valley which also draws walkers and cyclists.
Issue	<p>The Parish has many roads, or parts of them, which pose a safety hazard and developments should be designed to make the villages more pedestrian and cycle friendly, and to encourage transport that is more sustainable for the 21st Century.</p> <p>Pressure from development is having a detrimental effect on the "green and open" character of the parish, as commented on in the Village Design Statement, which is distinct from the urban hub of St Austell. It is threatening visual and physical access for locals and visitors, the beautiful landscape and environment of the Parish and the historic, special and rural character of areas within the Parish.</p> <p>The entire Parish is considered to be a valued landscape<sup>2</sup> as referred to in section 15 of the NPPF. The policy's objectives also accord with the principles of section 12 by seeking development to demonstrate how it responds to local character, so that we may safeguard this asset for the benefit of the Parish and thus be responsible to those who love it, from these parts and further afield.</p> <p>The Parish is an important leisure facility for the well-being of St Austell residents and visitors; in turn, the hub of St Austell and surrounding villages provide facilities which the Parish cannot facilitate e.g. St Austell Leisure Centre, Tregorrick rugby club, Par running track, social facilities for young people e.g. transport links to a central meeting point.</p>
Objective	To encourage new development to maintain visual and physical access for locals and visitors, to the beautiful landscape and environment of the Parish and to preserve the historic, special and rural character of areas within the Parish. To retain the 'green and open' character of the area, commented on in the Village Design Statement, which is distinct from the urban hub of St. Austell. Whilst the permitted development on the Carlyon Bay beaches will add a "town" the size of Mevagissey to the coastal scene, we will seek to retain public access to the beaches which are a draw for locals and visitors alike. To preserve our peaceful, pleasant Parish with its clean sea air and village feel, which provides a pleasant environment for residents and tourists which is distinct from high density resorts like Newquay. To retain the cherished views within the Parish and avoid high rise backdrops to historical settings like the Carlyon Bay Hotel.

<sup>1</sup> Carlyon Bay Hotel, Porth Avallen Hotel, Carlyon Bay Camping Park, Crinnis Beach and Pop-ups, Bed & Breakfasts, holiday flats and apartments, Cornwall Football-Golf, Carlyon Bay Golf Club, Beach Road restaurants, Pinetum Gardens, Garden Centres, Hairdresser.....

<sup>2</sup> Action point (Robin Malcolm) for LLCA to establish if all or part of the Parish maybe designated a valued landscape

	<p>The Parish has a limited number of sports and recreational areas. The amenity areas at Sea Road and Tregrehan are well used and have an important role in community life. We want to encourage people to enjoy healthy leisure pursuits. We want to protect the recreational areas we have and to ensure they are easily accessible to the whole community (including elderly and the disabled) and fit for modern purposes. Within the Parish there are sports facilities in private ownership (pitch and putt plus golf course at the Carlyon Bay Hotel, football-golf and beach pop-ups); these should be protected from change of use.</p>
Evidence	<p>It is a core planning principle embodied in the 2018 NPPF (para 92) that planning policy should “provide the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs”. The 2018 NPPF (para. 96) says “Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities” and says (para. 97 “Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on” subject to conditions.</p> <p>Our policies challenge developers to deliver development which maintains the intrinsic value of this beautiful parish for all stakeholders as identified by our NDP survey.</p> <p>Coastal views and open spaces are important aspects of the area: Ref survey; 216 households (99%) either agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.</p>
Policy direction	<p><b>Policy GS1 – Local Green Spaces</b></p> <p>The illustrated sites in Figure xx are designated as Local Green Spaces due to their contribution to the recreation and sports facilities for the community. They are also important places for peaceful enjoyment of their tranquillity beautiful vistas, wildlife and fresh air. Development on these sites will not be permitted, unless it proposes to improve the space for community recreational purposes and complies with the other plan policies.</p> <p><b>Policy GS2 - Community facilities</b></p> <p>Development proposals will be supported where they provide and improve community facilities, in particular those which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide opportunities for social and leisure activities; and</li> <li>• unite the two wards of the Parish; and</li> <li>• include access and facilities for elderly people and people with disabilities and limited mobility.</li> </ul>
Comments	
	<b>FOOTPATHS, ACCESS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY</b>
<b>ISSUE</b>	<p>The Parish is an attractive area for recreation with its rural character in Tregrehan and the coastal area of Carlyon Bay with its golf course, beaches and coastal paths. Local residents and visitors from other parishes can enjoy the open spaces in the Parish but this important local amenity would be put at risk if the footpaths are not properly maintained and public access blocked. Continued access to the beaches at Carlyon Bay is a priority in the Parish. The footpaths and bridleways throughout</p>

	the parish provide opportunities for and encourage a safe and healthy lifestyle.
<b>EVIDENCE</b>	<p>The St Austell DPD identifies a number of existing and potential walking and cycling routes running through our parish linking green corridors (Figure STA4). We would support its stated aim to “connect and enhance” the green links (9.72). We would support improving the network to provide an important recreational resource.</p> <p>The number of parked cars, walkers, cyclists, joggers and walkers, particularly on fine days, evidences the attraction of the footpaths, green spaces, attractive roads and beaches of the Parish, for exercise and relaxation; 98% of respondents to our survey agreed that Public Rights of Way should be preserved and – where possible – extended. Continued access to the beach facilities is a priority in the Parish.</p>
<b>POLICIES</b>	<p><b>Policy FP1 - Carlyon Bay Beaches</b></p> <p>Development proposals which retains and improves access to the beach facilities will be supported, including for residents and visitors with disabilities and limited mobility</p> <p><b>Policy FP2 - Footpaths, cycle paths and bridleways</b></p> <p>Support will be given to proposals that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improve and safeguard existing rights of way (including signage),</li> <li>• increase and enhance existing public footpaths,</li> <li>• extend or create cycle routes, bridleways and multi-use trails across the Parish provided such ways are safe, convenient and attractive and do not adversely affect the character of the area nor have an adverse effect on other land uses in the vicinity.</li> <li>• ensure access to existing permissive rights of way is maintained</li> </ul> <p>Developments that harm or inhibit the use of public rights of way will not be supported unless alternative and appropriate provision is made.</p>