

## Culture, Identity & Heritage

### Vision Statement:

**Retain Penryn's culture and identity; and promote its heritage whilst embracing its future**

The public comments analysed in this document were received at the following consultation events:

**Penryn Neighbourhood Plan Launch, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**May Day celebrations, Doorstep Green, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
**Gig at Glasney, College Field, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The full transcript of public responses can be downloaded from:

[www.planforpenryn.co.uk](http://www.planforpenryn.co.uk)

Please note that the 'Issues', 'Key Themes' and 'Next Steps' outlined here are interpretations from the public comments, are not exhaustive and are subject to change.

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### Question: How would you describe Penryn's identity?

#### Example public responses:

*"Clashing cultures"*

*"Mix of styles of way of living – positive; to be fostered"*

*"History and community fighting with a changing future and progress rather than working together and embracing a joint move forward."*

### Question: What do you think Penryn's identity should be in the future?

#### Example public responses:

*"Welcoming, open, inclusive."*

*"Not afraid to change, but respectful of its history."*

*"Community focused."*

### Question: Which heritage & cultural sites in Penryn are important for you?

#### Example public responses:

*"College Valley – A place for everyone to use (runners, cyclists, children, artists, photographers) to connect with nature / relax. Penryn's greatest asset."*

*"Make the most of the town's waterfront for the local community, visitors and general improvement of the town's fabric."*

*"Penryn Historic Town Centre"*

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### Issues arising from public responses:

- Tensions arising out of change
- Impact of student population
- Loss of local identity
- Racism and prejudices
- Challenge of balancing old and new
- Fear of loss or damage to historic natural environment
- College Valley not accessible to everyone
- No signage to Penryn's Historic Town Centre
- Loss of connection to the river
- Unrealised potential along waterfront
- Threat to local heritage through development

### Key Themes arising from public responses:

- Retaining history and identity
- Embracing progress and the changing population
- Celebrating mix of cultures
- Being open and welcoming
- Embracing change while valuing the past
- Supporting community
- Supporting and harnessing the arts & creativity for the benefit of the Town
- Protecting historic natural environment
- Connecting with and enjoying nature
- Promoting health and wellbeing
- Making Penryn a destination
- Linking Penryn to the water
- Maintaining, protecting & promoting local heritage

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### Next Steps:

#### Potential Policy Areas:

- Maintenance of properties
- Medieval town – Conservation Areas
- Relationship of new developments to historic town fabric
- Student accommodation sites
- Strategic development - balance of commercial, arts & heritage, community and residential usage
- Relationship of new developments to historic town fabric
- Protection of valued green spaces
- Tree Protection Orders
- Gateways and sense of arrival to Penryn
- Access to and along the waterfront
- Integration between the Town, the river and College Valley

#### Potential Evidence Base:

- Historic building fabric review
- Document historic street scene
- Audit of existing Tree Protection Orders and ancient trees
- Review of current signage
- Review waterfront usage

#### Potential Projects:

- History & culture sharing events
- Review local desire for amenities at College Valley (e.g. walkways, benches, handrails, steps, signage, café, bins)
- Waterside walkway (from Islington Wharf to Ponsharden)
- Improvements to the Quay
- Visitor/heritage signage
- Heritage experience