

Parks and Natural Environment

Vision Statement:

Safeguard the town's parks and natural environment for the benefit of the community and ecology

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

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

The full transcript of public responses can be downloaded from:

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: What kind of green / outdoor space would you like to see in Penryn?

Example public responses:

"Connection to the river."

"As much green natural space as possible – all developments should be considered in the light of and contribute towards greening the environment."

"Allotments would be welcome, but really it's more about taking care of the green spaces we already have!"

"Local community planting"

Question: Which open spaces in Penryn do you visit and how could they be improved?

Example public responses:

Glasney & College Valley:

"Glasney field conservation area respected fully"

"More information about history of site"

"Better cycle paths to children's facilities"

Trelawney Park:

"Kids' play space in Trelawney Park is noisy, polluted: needs moving!"

Permarin Park:

"Needs bins and litter clean up. Teenagers use the bench in Permarin Park to gather, eat and drink. This isn't a problem, the mess they leave is."

"More playground equipment, more adventurous (a zip wire)"

"Space for community garden, raised beds, fruit trees"

Whole Town:

"More dog poo bins!"

"Seating, planting, shelter"

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Issues arising from public responses:

- Loss of connection to the water
- Limited access to the riverfront
- Route between Penryn & Falmouth lacks green
- New developments not providing green space
- Lack of outside space for residents (gardens, food growing, play space)
- Poor maintenance of existing green spaces
- Lack of children's play spaces
- Dog waste is a problem in the town
- Green space being lost to developments

Key Themes arising from public responses:

- Linking Penryn to the water
- Providing public access to the waterfront
- Improving the public realm
- Increasing planting in the public realm
- Greening road links
- Increasing the amount of natural, green space
- Providing space for food growing
- Providing shared and community green space
- Protecting historic natural environment
- Increasing biodiversity

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Next Steps:

Potential Policy Areas:

- Access to and along the waterfront
- Integration between the Town, the river and College Valley
- Enhance the public realm along the river, including cycle track and footpath.
- Address biodiversity along the river
- Measures to improve air quality
- Green corridors (A roads)
- Green routes connecting existing green spaces
- New developments to include green spaces
- Pocket parks
- 30% of any development site should be accessible to the public as a green space – this would include business and housing developments.
- All car parks should include green spaces or planters or wall planters
- Protect existing green spaces

Potential Evidence Base:

- Highlight Penryn's historical connection to the river: Penryn exists because of the river yet the river is hardly visible or accessible to the public.
- Mapping of existing green spaces
- Measure air quality along busy roads
- Re-instate the story of Penryn as a public garden. Penryn was a Garden Town – Burbages.
- Map existing green spaces in Penryn
- Review of public spaces in Penryn (planting, amenity, enforcement issues)

Potential Projects:

- Floating gardens moored along the river for growing food and flowers.
- The development of a green corridor where flowers, fruit and river botanicals could be planted and developed. This would enhance the bee corridor as well as encourage birdlife.
- A green link between Penryn & Falmouth could also create links with existing green spaces as well as enhancing such outdoor spaces along the river.
- Access could be improved by the creation of a riverfront walkway that is pedestrian and cycle friendly but that would also pay heed to the wildlife and potential biodiversity of the town.
- Turn the high street into a park

Penryn Neighbourhood Plan

Analysis of public comments, June 2017

- Increase green space – boardwalk/route along Commercial Road
- Green the links in all public spaces along road routes
- Remove Saracen Way car park & replace with playground
- Develop shared allotment sites – side of river and cemetery plot
- Re-introduce orchards
- Create more 'Friends of' groups