

# Town Centre

## Vision Statement:

# Safeguard the town centre as a commercial and community hub

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: **Aside from issues of parking, what would bring you to the Town Centre more often?**

#### **Example public responses:**

*"Cafes with tables on street / pedestrianisation? Shared space?"*

*"Community Centre which is user friendly / free / cheap for everyone"*

*"More events with better advertising"*

*"A Saturday outside market with live music and arts."*

*"Fruit and Veg shop on High Street"*

*"Butchers"*

#### **Issues arising from public responses:**

- Vehicles currently have priority over pedestrians
- Vehicles travel too fast through the town
- Pollution from vehicles (air & noise)
- Cyclists not catered for
- Access to surrounding areas cut off by roads
- Dog waste on pavements
- Lack of venues in the town for community, culture, leisure
- Not enough events in the town
- Lack of information about events
- Lack of shops in Town Centre (specifically butcher, fruit & veg)
- Quality of shops in the Town Centre
- Services have gone (bank) or been reduced (library)

#### **Key Themes arising from public responses:**

- Prioritising pedestrians over vehicles
- Promoting cycling
- Improving access to surrounding areas
- Improving the public realm
- Providing affordable activities
- Making Penryn a destination
- Supporting community
- Supporting collaboration and skills sharing (e.g. marketing)
- Increasing the range of shops, venues and community activities
- Retaining key services in the Town Centre

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### Next Steps:

#### Potential Policy Areas:

- Pedestrianising the High Street
- Accessible public access to and integration with the river & College Valley
- Cycle paths / network
- Sustainable and integrated transport policy
- Parking designation
- Creating a good mix of uses in the Town Centre
- Enabling temporary licensing
- Business Rates and Rents
- Tackling empty properties

#### Potential Evidence Base:

- Review enforcement issues (dog waste)
- Traffic census in Town Centre
- Review current offer in Penryn Town Centre
- Review provision of key services in Penryn

#### Potential Projects:

- Trial / investigate shared surfaces between pedestrians & vehicles
- Town wide coordination of events and marketing initiatives
- 'Meanwhile Uses' for empty shop fronts
- A regular outdoor market (food market)
- Assistance fund to local traders