



## AGENDA FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2024 IN THE GUILDHALL

There are stairs to the Council Chamber but if any member of the public has mobility issues the Council can relocate to the lower Guildhall.

You are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend the **Planning Committee on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 6.30pm** for a maximum of 90 minutes in the Guildhall for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**Committee Members:** Councillors T Bennett (Chair), L Auletta, S Collinson, T Cooper, J Cummings, J Hodgson, L Smallridge and M Trant.

### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair will read out the following statement:

Welcome to everyone attending and observing the meeting.

A reminder that open proceedings of this meeting will be video recorded. If members of the public make presentations, they will be deemed to have consented to being recorded. By entering the Council Chamber attendees are also consenting to being recorded.

This meeting is limited to 90 minutes and therefore members are asked to raise their points succinctly and not repeat the same view expressed by colleagues if it does not add to the debate.

To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.

*The Committee will adjourn for the following items:*

#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes.

*The Committee will convene to consider the following items:*

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and update on any matters arising.  
Document attached.

### 3. TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS

To make recommendations on the following tree works applications:

3a. 3195/24/TPO - T1 : Liquidambar styraciflua - Crown height reduction by up to 2 meters, lateral crown reduction by up to 2 meters, works required due to the proximity to ours and neighbouring properties & a branch resting on neighbouring property wall, reductions also required to allow more light into neighbouring properties. T2: Juglans regia (Walnut) - Crown height reduction by up to 1.5 meters, Lateral crown reduction by up to 1 meter,

reducing the height & width to allow more light into neighbouring property. Victoria House, Victoria Street, Totnes, TQ9 5EF. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3195/24/TPO>

3b. 3014/24/TCA – T1: Lawson Cypress - fell and replant with native species. T5: Purple Leaf Plum - crown lift to provide 4m clearance from driveway and footpath, 2m lateral reduction on Northern aspect to remove encroachment to main road. Hay Hill, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5LH. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3014/24/TCA>

3c. 2876/24/TCA - T1: Conifer - removal of overhanging and low hanging branches overhanging garden of 1 North Castle Mews. Bogan Cottage, North Street, Totnes, TQ9 5NZ. See <https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2876/24/TCA>

#### 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To make recommendations on the following planning applications:

4a. 2915/24/FUL – Extension to cottage and sub-division to form two separate dwellings. Causen Cottage, The Grove, Totnes, TQ9 5ED. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2915/24/FUL>

4b. 2276/24/HHO - Householder application for single storey rear extension with pitched roof to provide a larger kitchen & dining space. 4 Brooklands, Totnes, TQ9 5AR. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2276/24/HHO>

4c. 2273/24/HHO – Householder application for demolition of garage and construction of annexe. 38 Follaton, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5ND. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2273/24/HHO>

4d. 3113/24/LBC – Listed Building Consent for proposed repairs to building fabric inc. removal & replastering of lime plaster to ground floor, removal of floorboards & replacement of timber flooring. 6 Cistern Street, Totnes, TQ9 5SP. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3113/24/LBC>

4e. 3098/24/VAR - Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) & removal of condition 3 (natural slate) of planning consent 2113/24/HHO. Sharpham Lodge, Moat Hill, Totnes, TQ9 5ER. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3098/24/VAR>

4f. 2457/24/LBC – Listed Building Consent for replacement of external windows and doors. Seymour Court, Bridgetown, Totnes. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2457/24/LBC>

4g. 3264/24/ARV – Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Construction Management Plan) to planning consent 2559/24/LBC. 10 Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5PH. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3264/24/ARC>

4h. 3089/24/FUL Change of use from Sui Generis (club) to single dwellinghouse (C3). Totnes House (formerly Totnes Conservative Club), Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5HW. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3089/24/FUL>

#### 5. DEVON AND TORBAY LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4 CONSULTATION

To consider the Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4 Consultation and make any recommendations to Full Council (deadline 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024). Document attached and see [Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4 - Have Your Say](#)

**6. DEVON COUNTYWIDE LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP) CONSULTATION**

To consider the Devon Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation and make any recommendations to Full Council (deadline 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024). Document attached and see [Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan \(LCWIP\) - Have Your Say \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

**7. SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP) CONSULTATION**

To consider the South Hams District Council Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation and make any recommendations to Full Council (the consultation deadline was 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024). Document attached and see [https://activetravelshwd.commonplace.is/?\\_gl=1\\*8e0ehz\\*\\_gcl\\_au\\*NjlwODM3MzcuMTcyNjg0MzEONQ..](https://activetravelshwd.commonplace.is/?_gl=1*8e0ehz*_gcl_au*NjlwODM3MzcuMTcyNjg0MzEONQ..)

**8. WOODLAND CREATION, BOWDEN PILLARS**

To consider a proposed woodland creation scheme located at Bowden Pillars Farm, located above Totnes and make any comments to the Forestry Commission. Documents attached.

**9. BOB THE BUS LETTER OF SUPPORT**

To consider a request for a letter of support to nominate Bob the Bus for a Kin's Award and make a recommendation to Full Council. Verbal update.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.30pm in the Guildhall.

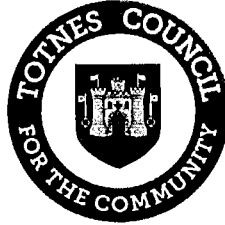
S Halliday  
Governance and Projects Manager  
16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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## DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 IN THE GUILDHALL

Present: Councillors T Bennett (Chair), L Auletta, S Collinson (from 1835), T Cooper, J Cummings, J Hodgson.

Apologies: Cllrs Smallridge and Trant.

In Attendance: Members of the public, Cllrs Beavis, District Cllr Allen and S Halliday (Governance and Projects Manager).

### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.

Cllr Bennett read out a statement about how the meeting would be conducted and recorded.

The apologies were accepted.

*The Committee will adjourn Standing Orders for the following items:*

### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

### 2. FORMER TOTNES CONSERVATIVE CLUB BUILDING

To receive an update on the planned works to the former Conservative Club building on Station Road.

The new owners of the former Conservative Club outlined their plans to return the building to a Victorian villa creating a family home (4-5 bed). There had been no commercial interest in the property and there has always been a residential element on the first floor of the building. Planned works include: demolishing the 1970s flat roof extensions; removing suspended ceilings on the ground floor to reveal the original features; creating a garden by taking up the tarmac car park; and potentially building a small separate dwelling within the footprint in the future. The owners have been advised to first apply for a change of use from 'Sui Generis' to Class C3 dwellinghouse, and if this is granted they would then submit the detailed listed building consent applications required for the works proposed. An invite was extended to the Committee to make a site visit if it would be helpful to do so. The Committee thanked the members of the public for their time, accepted a site visit but explained that they are unable to endorse any proposals at this stage due to predetermination of future planning applications that will come to them for comment.

*The Committee reconvened Standing Orders.*

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and update on any matters arising.

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of proceedings. Matters arising:

Item 5 – National Planning Policy Framework Consultation. It was **RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation with comments as drafted.

Item 6 - Traffic and Transport Forum, Engagement with Peninsula Transport. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation.

#### 4. TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS

**To make recommendations on the following tree works applications:**

4a. 2645/24/TPO - T1: Oak Tree - Pollard just above first limb approx 8m high by removing dead crown, T2: Oak Tree - Remove one dead branch approx 150mm diameter from mid crown. 20 Jordons Brook, Totnes, TQ9 5FR.  
Support.

#### 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**To make recommendations on the following planning applications:**

*Note: Cllr Hodgson observes and does not vote on any applications which would potentially be discussed at a Development Management Committee meeting at SHDC.*

5a. 2760/24/PIP - Application for permission in principle for erection of detached dwelling. Land adjacent 5 Christina Parade, Totnes.

Object. Due to lack of detailed plans the Committee is unable to offer specific comments but has concerns about the following:

- The height of the building, how it will be viewed from and the effect of its light spillage onto a natural open space and overlooking the play area;
- Impact on the scrub woodland and wildlife corridor, particularly the impact on bats.
- Poor quality scrub will provide less screening of the mass of the proposed dwelling on the top and into the bank than the woodland provides for neighbouring new dwelling built into the bank/slope.
- Access to, and lack of space in, the car park for the shop on Christina Parade during the construction phase and after.

5b. 2403/24/FUL – Extension of flat into vacant store. Brutus Centre, Unit 2 - 3 Flat 2, Fore Street, Totnes, TQ9 5RW.

Support.

5c. 2478/24/HHO – Householder application for two storey extension. Attic House, Jubilee Road, Totnes, TQ9 5BW.

Object. Overmassing/overdevelopment of the site. The loss of the existing gable end and rubble wall to timber cladding will change the visual appearance of and the character on Jubilee Road as the building abuts the road rather than being set back. The overall ridge height and monolithic design will impact on what feels like a rural setting when descending the hill.

5d. 2559/24/LBC - Listed Building consent for replacement rear windows, replacement roof windows, internal alterations & external re rendering. 10 Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5PH.

Support. However, given the narrow pavements outside of the properties and existing parking on pavement issues, the Committee would request a condition that a construction management plan

is produced which takes into account the timing of construction deliveries to avoid the hours when the school run takes place.

5e. 2527/24/HHO - Householder application for alteration, extension, rear & side extension. 10 Hillbrook Road, Totnes, TQ9 5AT.

Support.

5f. 2799/24/HHO - Householder application for extensions & alterations. The Gardens, Priory Avenue, Totnes, TQ9 5HR.

Support. However, the Committee would request that the tree is retained and is concerned that the use of UPVC windows is not sustainable.

5g. 2669/24/HHO – Householder application for alterations to roof and installation of rear dormer. Louan, Weirfields, Totnes TQ9 5JS.

Object. The Committee has concerns that the heights shown on the plans are insufficient to accommodate the fabric of the building and useable head height and would request that a detailed section drawing is produced. The Committee objects to the continuous rear dormer and would request that an element of pitched roof is retained to complement the surrounding street scape which is predominantly bungalows.

5h. 2428/24/HHO - Householder application for replacement of garage roof & roof lights to create garden room, reorientate front door & replace garage door with new front window. 42 Weston Lane, Totnes, TQ9 5UN.

Support. However, the Committee is concerned that the use of UPVC windows is not sustainable.

5i. 2769/24/LBC and 2770/24/FUL – Listed Building Consent for installation of Air Source Heat Pump, mounting of compressor on east corner of outer south wall of church. St John's Church, Bridgetown, Totnes, TQ9 5AB.

Comment – support in principle but more details are required on the insulation methods required for heat pump efficiency.

5j. 2585/24/LBC - Listed Building Consent for internal finishes (Phase 4). 29 High Street, Totnes, TQ9 5NP.

Support. The Committee is concerned about the use of non-breathable PIR insulation in the roof and would welcome the Heritage Officer's view.

5k. 2667/24/CLE - Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of property as a single dwellinghouse (C3). The Kingsbridge Inn, 9 Leechwell Street, Totnes, TQ9 5SY.

The Council has no evidence to support this CLE application. However, the public has raised concerns with the Council about the use and disregard of enforcement action for unlawful use.

5l. 2640/24/CLE - Certificate for lawfulness for existing use of 17c as dwellinghouse. 17C Fore Street, Totnes, TQ9 5DA.

The Council has no evidence to support this CLE application.

## **6. PARISH HOUSING PROFILE**

**To consider the Parish Housing Profile for Totnes and make a recommendation to Full Council of any comments to be submitted to South Hams District Council.**

To **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the following comments are made to South Hams District Council:

- The total number of properties is not included;
- Concern that the average rental statistics data is not granular enough;
- Concern that rental figures have been distorted by the residents of Baltic Wharf being moved into rental accommodation in the town whilst remedial works were ongoing; and
- How will these figures be used in relation to the proposed new National Planning Policy Framework guidelines to address housing demand targets? The Council is concerned that unless the data is accurate, the figures could be misleading and the town could be recommended for more housing building/development, and/or not of the type needed, than is required.

#### 7. PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING AND CONTROL OF WAITING ORDER

To consider the proposed Disabled Parking and Control of Waiting Order 37 for Totnes issued by Devon County Council, for a section of Babbage Road and Borough Park Road.

Support.

#### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 6.30pm in the Guildhall.

Noted.

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*The Committee will be asked to **RESOLVE** to exclude the press and public “by reason of the confidential nature of the business” to be discussed and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.*

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#### 9. E-BIKE SCHEME

To consider in principle support for the logistics of an e-bike scheme in Totnes and make a recommendation to Full Council (commercial).

To **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that in principle it supports the logistics required (the loss of one parking space, location to be confirmed) for the South Hams District Council e-bike scheme.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Sara Halliday  
Governance and Projects Manager  
September 2024



## ITEM 5 – DEVON AND TORBAY LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4 CONSULTATION

Taken from the Devon County Council website

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/devon-and-torbay-local-transport-plan-4/>

### Introduction

The Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) is the strategic document that sets out the priorities for transport across the county between 2025 and 2040.

Transport and connectivity have a vital role in helping make Devon and Torbay the best place to grow up, live happily and healthier, and prosper.

Many of the projects from Local Transport Plan 3 have now been delivered, and changes in technology, working patterns and climate change mean the way we travel is changing.

Our vision is that:

Transport will facilitate sustainable growth and support reaching net zero carbon by 2050 at the latest. Well-integrated, accessible and inclusive transport will improve travel choice and benefit the health and wellbeing of everyone

Alongside this vision, six objectives that the LTP4 will help to achieve have been identified:

- Decarbonisation
- Easier travel
- Reliable and resilient
- Unlock development
- Greater places for people
- The place to be naturally active

### Text from Local Transport Plan 4 Summary Booklet

#### DEVON & TORBAY: DRAFT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4

The draft Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) is the strategic document that sets out the priorities for transport across the county between 2025 and 2040. Transport and connectivity have a vital role in helping make Devon and Torbay the best place to grow up, live happily and healthily, and prosper. Many of the projects from the Local Transport Plan 3 have now been delivered, and changes in technology, working patterns and climate change mean the way we travel is changing.

Our vision is that:

Transport will facilitate sustainable growth and support Devon and Torbay in reaching net zero carbon by 2050 at the latest. Well-integrated, accessible and inclusive transport will improve travel choice and benefits the health and wellbeing of everyone.

There are six objectives underpinning the draft LTP4 to achieve this vision:

- Decarbonisation
- Easier Travel
- Reliable and Resilient Network
- Unlock Development
- Greater Places for People
- The Place to be Naturally Active

Different places across Devon and Torbay have distinctive characteristics and different transport challenges and needs. The draft LTP4 includes four place-based strategies and action plans covering:

- Torbay
- Exeter
- Growth Areas
- Rural Devon and Market & Coastal Towns

The draft LTP4 also includes strategies and action plans for:

- Connecting Devon and Torbay
- Asset Management and Road Safety

We are now seeking your views on this draft strategy to ensure it addresses current priorities and the needs of communities

### **Projects Completed since LTP3**

M5 J27, J28, J29 & J30 upgrades - 2012-16  
Drakes Trail including Gem Bridge – 2012  
Redworth Junction, Totnes - 2013  
Roundswell Roundabout - 2014  
Holsworthy Agri-Centre Access - 2014  
Cranbrook & Newcourt Rail Stations - 2015  
South Devon Link Road - 2015  
Brixham Road Widening - 2015  
Blundells Road Enhancement - 2016  
Exe Estuary Trail completion - 2017  
Bridge Road Exeter Widening - 2018  
Torbay Western Corridor - 2019  
Emergency Active Travel Fund Measures - 2020  
Dartmoor Line reopening - 2021  
A3123 & Lynton Cross Roundabout - 2022  
Magdalen Road Exeter - 2023  
Marsh Barton Railway Station - 2023  
Tiverton Eastern Access - 2023  
North Devon Link Road Upgrade – Onsite

### **LTP4 EVIDENCE AND STRATEGY OVERVIEW**

#### **Key statistics**

- Devon and Torbay have a combined population of 940,000. This is an increase of 8% in the last decade, and the highest growth of 14% was in East Devon.
- Digital access to services is reducing the need to travel, with each individual making 13% fewer trips in 2019 compared to 2002.
- Transport accounts for nearly a third of carbon emissions. 63% of which come from private cars and a third from freight.
- The majority of freight is moved by road. In Devon in 2019, there were an estimated 1.4 million HGV trips carrying 27 million tonnes of goods.
- The majority of residents of Exeter do not drive to work, including approximately a third who walk or cycle to work.

- Highest proportions of commuting by car use are typically in Torbay and in the Growth Areas.

Bus is the most common form of public transport in Devon and Torbay, with over 24 million bus trips made during 2023/24.

- Rail patronage is now 50% higher than in 2010, with over 15 million rail trips made from stations in Devon and Torbay during 2022/23.
- The number of injured in road traffic collisions in Devon and Torbay has decreased by 31% since 2013.

### **Asset management and road safety**

Reliable and Resilient network: Continue to prioritise maintenance of A and B roads, enhance maintenance of active travel routes and parking systems.

Decarbonisation: Reduce carbon in highway maintenance and construction, through low carbon procurement, a carbon design toolkit and upgrading the streetlighting network.

Greater Places for People: Work to reduce injuries to road users, with an aim of halving the number of people injured on the highway by 2030. This includes reducing speed limits on some routes to reduce collisions.

### **Connecting Devon and Torbay**

Reliable and resilient network: Complete the rail resilience works on the Dawlish and Waterloo line, enhance the resilience of M5 J29 – J31 and explore changes to speed limits on major A roads.

Easier travel: Provide additional long-distance rail services, enhance bus and rail integration, introduce single bus branding with enhanced ticketing as well as better mobile connectivity on trains.

Decarbonisation: Support the delivery of alternative fuel stations, electric vehicle charging points and new technologies.

### **Exeter**

Greater Places for People: Reduce dominance of vehicles within the city and support the delivery of Liveable Exeter housing developments in areas such as Water Lane, East Gate, Southgate and Red Cow.

Easier Travel: Provide a consistent standard of sustainable transport to surrounding towns, including half-hourly rail, 15-minute bus frequency as well as a comprehensive citywide cycle network.

Decarbonisation: Support roll-out of low emission vehicles, a single transport ticketing system, a shared cycle hire scheme and the testing of new measures and/or network changes.

### **Torbay**

Greater Places for People: Revitalise the public realm spaces in the town centres and improve access to transport interchanges.

Easier Travel: Construct a new railway station at Edginswell with links to Bristol, Exeter, and London, roll-out zero emission buses with enhanced bus stop access and facilities, and offer shared cars and bicycles for hire.

Places to be Naturally Active: Improve the Bay Trails network for local travel as well as the connections to the Devon multi-use trail network.

## **Growth Areas**

**Unlock Development:** Deliver and enhance transport links to enable sustainable strategic development.

**Easier Travel:** Provide more frequent and attractive bus and rail services, with faster journeys and cleaner vehicles. Includes aspiration for half-hourly trains on the Tarka Line.

**Greater place for People:** Enhance town centres through reducing the dominance of vehicles and improving public realm, and progress delivery of LCWIP priorities including the Teign Estuary and Tarka Trails.

## **Rural Devon, Market & Coastal Towns**

**The Place to be Naturally Active:** Expand the multi-use trail network, delivery of local priorities for 'green lanes' and 20mph communities.

**Easier Travel:** Enhance and expand bus and rail integration by providing hub-and-ride services, establishing new stations, improving connections between buses and trains, and upgrading bus stop facilities for long-distance services.

**Decarbonisation:** Deliver Electric Vehicle charging points, decarbonise rural transport fleets, and improve digital access and online services in rural areas

## **ACTION PLAN**

The draft LTP4 is a long-term strategy, accompanied by an action plan of measures. An indication of priorities for different methods of travel is shown below:

- Expansion of Multi-use trail network, including completion of Tarka Trail and Drakes Trail and progressing Teign Estuary and Clyst Valley Trails
- Green lanes to deliver local priorities for walking, cycling and horse-riding
- Active Exeter: 50% of trips in the city to be made by walking and cycling
- Delivery of Bay Trails and Newton Abbot to Torbay Cycle route
- Delivery of priorities in Growth area LCWIP's
- Continued delivery of Devon Metro, including increased frequency from Exeter to East Devon, Barnstaple and 15-minute frequency to Digby & Sowton
- New stations at Cullompton, Edginswell, Monkerton and Okehampton East
  
- Reinstatement of railway from Tavistock to Plymouth
- Resilience works at Dawlish and enhanced diversionary capacity of Waterloo Line
- Increased services to London from Torbay and Okehampton/Barnstaple
  
- Bus priority measures in Exeter and Barnstaple
- Roll out of modern low emission buses throughout Torbay, Exeter and Barnstaple
- Bus/rail Interchange at Polsloe Bridge and Digby Park and Ride
- 15-minute frequency bus services between Exeter and surrounding towns
- New bus services from Torbay to East of Exeter
  
- Completion of North Devon Link Road and A382 enhancements
- Sherford Southern Access Route
- Dinan Way Extension
- Improve resilience of M5 between J29 – J31
- Trial reduced speed limits on strategic routes

- Low Carbon Procurement Strategy
- Develop Low Carbon Design Toolkit
- Electric vehicle charge points and promote Peer to Peer charging
- Energy generation on Park and Ride sites
- Work towards zero-emission transport subscription service in Exeter

### **How to respond**

View consultation documents and provide feedback by 30 November 2024 at: [devon.cc/LTP4](https://devon.cc/LTP4) or post to the Transport Planning Team, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

If you require more information, or a different format, please email: [transportplanning@devon.gov.uk](mailto:transportplanning@devon.gov.uk) or write to the above address.

## ITEM 6 – DEVON COUNTYWIDE LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP) CONSULTATION

Taken from the Devon County Council website

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/countywide-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-lcwip/>

We want to know your views on the draft Devon Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

The consultation will run from Tuesday 1 October 2024 to Saturday 30 November 2024.

Please read the information provided below to find out more about the Countywide LCWIP. For more information please refer to the full draft document, which can be found here. Alternatively, there is a fully accessible version of the document here. A summary of the routes, as shown below, is also here.

To give your views on the proposals, please fill out the questionnaire – this will provide the project team with direct feedback.

If you would like to receive any of the below information in paper form, please get in touch or visit your local library where materials will be on display.

One of the routes detailed below – the Boniface Trail – is currently being engaged on separately, to understand the preferred route alignment. More information for this can be found here.

### Background

The requirement for Local Authorities to produce LCWIPs is set out in the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy. Developing an LCWIP follows a consistent process to identify cycling and walking improvements required at a local level. It also strengthens Devon County Council's bid for future funding and ensure improvements can be incorporated into future development plans.

Devon County Council has three existing LCWIPs already adopted and two more in development:

- Exeter LCWIP
- Heart of Teignbridge LCWIP
- Barnstaple with Bideford and Northam LCWIP
- Cullompton and Tiverton LCWIP (in development)
- Clyst Valley and New Communities LCWIP (in development)

The Countywide LCWIP will complement these existing LCWIPs, identifying routes between settlements. It develops upon the existing Multi-Use Trail (MUT) Strategy to identify potential high-level routes for connecting market towns and smaller communities across the

county. This will help to inform active travel's place in the emerging Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP) and will be one of the key documents feeding into its development.

The objectives of the Devon Countywide LCWIP are:

- To provide an aspirational long-term strategic network plan for walking and cycling links between Devon's towns and communities.
- To use evidence of existing and potential future demand to plan and design interventions which will:
  - support the health and wellbeing of all users
  - improve accessibility and social sustainability
  - accommodate growth
  - deliver economic benefits
  - respond to climate change
- To design a prioritised programme of infrastructure interventions and improvements for future investment, considering existing plans, strategies, and priorities across the county.
- To make the case to Government for future funding for strategic walking and cycling infrastructure outside of urban contexts, ensuring investment is targeted where it can have the greatest impact.

**The LCWIP has followed the Department for Transport's 6 stage process:**

Stage 1 – Determine the Scope. Establish the geographical context and arrangements for governing and preparing the plan.

Stage 2 – Gathering Information. Identify existing walking and cycling patterns and potential new journeys. Review existing conditions and identify barriers to walking and cycling. Review related transport and land use policies and programmes.

Stage 3 & 4 – Network planning for cycling & walking. Identify origin and destination points and cycle flows. Convert flows into a potential network of routes which complement and build upon the existing Devon MUT Strategy and determine the improvements required.

Stage 5 – Prioritising improvements. Prioritise improvements to develop a phased programme for future investment.

Stage 6 – Integration and application. Integrate outputs into local planning and transport policies, strategies, and delivery plans.

A link to the full Department for Transport guidance is available [here](#).

The Countywide LCWIP has been developed in accordance with this guidance using a bespoke Geographic Information System (GIS) computer model.

**Proposed Routes**

Following the identification of key desire lines, 10 routes for improvement are proposed as part of the LCWIP. This aims to focus investment on corridors identified as having high

demand or are forecasted to have high potential for active travel. The LCWIP does not include detailed plans for every route or identify every aspiration for active travel improvements across the county. The routes are set out in an east-to-west order, relative to their geography.

Map showing all proposed Countywide LCWIP routes.

### **All proposed LCWIP Routes**

Below is an overview for each of the 10 routes. For more information on each, including the case for investment and opportunity, route alignment options and challenges, please see the full draft LCWIP document.

Route 1: Tarka Trail (Knowle to Willingcott)

Route 2: Ruby Way (Holsworthy to Hatherleigh)

Route 3: Clearbrook to Roborough

Route 4: Yealmpton to Newton Ferrers

Route 5: Ashburton to Buckfastleigh

Route 6: Boniface Trail

Route 7: Teign Estuary Trail

Route 8: Otter Trail

Route 9: Sidbury to Sidford

Route 10: Beer to Axminster and Uplyme

### **Scheme Prioritisation**

Funding for active travel schemes and infrastructure is typically awarded from the Government and in many cases, it requires Local Authorities to bid for this funding. Therefore, it is important that a set of schemes are identified ahead of the bidding process.

Stage 5 of the LCWIP process involves prioritising the routes developed in previous stages and collating a delivery plan. This can be used later to target funding bid to schemes higher in the delivery plan.

While the prioritisation exercise focuses on entire routes, it is important to note that this is flexible and should be adapted, for example if funding becomes available but is only sufficient to deliver sections of routes. Equally, funding may become available which is only suitable for particular routes, or may be as a result of developer funding. In these cases, lower priority schemes may be delivered if they are more appropriate.

The 10 routes identified in this LCWIP have been scored against several criteria, which are detailed in the full document on page 28, resulting in the routes being prioritised as follows:

#### *Short Term*

Route 9: Sidbury to Sidford

#### *Medium Term*

Route 3: Clearbrook to Roborough

Route 7: Teign Estuary Trail



Route 1: Tark Trail (Knowle to Willingcott)

*Longer Terms*

Route 5: Ashburton to Buckfastleigh

Route 2: Ruby Way (Holsworthy to Hatherleigh)

Route 8: Otter Trail

Route 4: Yealmpton to Newton Ferrers

Route 6: Boniface Trail

Route 10: Beer to Axminster and Uplyme

When taking this priority order through to scheme delivery there is a need for a flexible approach, adapting to changing circumstances and opportunities.

**Have your Say**

There are several ways to provide feedback on the draft LCWIP.

- Complete the online feedback form. Paper copies are available upon request.
- Give feedback directly to a member of our project team by contacting us:
  - in writing to Transport Planning, Room 120, County Hall, Topsham, Exeter, EX2 4QD
  - by email to [transportplanning@devon.gov.uk](mailto:transportplanning@devon.gov.uk)
- Attend our stakeholder engagement webinar. On Wednesday 30 October, we will be running an engagement webinar at 15:30. A short presentation will be given, followed by a question and answer session to give you the chance to speak directly to our project team.
- Attend our public engagement webinar. On Wednesday 30 October, we will be running an engagement webinar at 18:00. A short presentation will be given, followed by a question and answer session to give you the chance to speak directly to our project team.

## ITEM 7 – SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP) CONSULTATION

Taken from the South Hams District Council website

[https://activetravelshwd.commonplace.is/?\\_gl=1\\*dq0dym\\*\\_gcl\\_au\\*NjlwODM3MzcuMTcyNjg0MzEONQ..](https://activetravelshwd.commonplace.is/?_gl=1*dq0dym*_gcl_au*NjlwODM3MzcuMTcyNjg0MzEONQ..)

South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council are developing a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

An LCWIP allows local authorities to help plan long-term networks and routes for everyday walking, wheeling and cycling. Wheeling means those using wheelchairs and other wheeled mobility aids.

### **An LCWIP aims to create:**

- A network plan of high priority walking and cycling routes
- A prioritised list of projects to improve walking and cycling infrastructure
- Reports which summarise the analysis that has been undertaken to identify the priority walking and cycling routes and how potential improvements have been identified

An LCWIP is important to help residents to become more active by walking and cycling.

### **What are the routes, and how are they selected?**

Potential walking and cycling routes across the South Hams and West Devon have been identified through a complex modelling process.

The LCWIP can only include existing roads and cycle paths, and cannot assess or suggest cycle paths that pass over private land.

The identified routes have been split into two types:

- Routes completely within a single town - known as an **intra-urban route**
- A route connecting two or more communities - known as an **inter-urban route**

As well as identifying routes, the modelling process has also identified further possible improvements for cycling, walking, and "wheeling" in the South West Devon area.

There are **no proposed schemes with funding** at this stage. However, these schemes could be pursued if funding becomes available.

There may be many more routes outside of the LCWIP that are also important to residents, but the project currently focuses on those routes shown to have the greatest number of people who would use them.

### **What are the barriers to people walking and cycling?**

- Heavily trafficked main roads, with limited provision for active travel, and limited crossing points

- Dangerous junctions for walking and cycling
- One-way streets and other features in our communities that make it difficult to make short journeys by bicycle
- Features of the natural landscape - such as steep hills and rivers
- Poor surfaces and drainage on existing routes
- Existing roads and routes being too narrow
- Barriers such as chicane barriers or 'A frames'
- Obstacles like vehicles parked on pavements

### **What is being done to reduce or remove these barriers to cycling and walking?**

Each route on the LCWIP has been analysed to identify what barriers may stop people walking or cycling - and solutions have been suggested in the plan to overcome these barriers and provide an 'appropriate level of service' to enable more people to walk, wheel or cycle along each route.

Where appropriate, interventions align with the Department for Transport's Local Transport Note 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design and other national guidance.

### **What happens after the public consultation?**

After the consultation ends, we will produce a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, which will form the basis for long-term investment in walking and cycling in the South Hams and West Devon.

When funding is secured for design and delivery of some quicker wins and early projects, your comments will feed into the early stages of design development, so that those designs address local problems and provide adequate solutions to help more people to walk and cycle more often.

**ITEM 8 – BOWDEN PILLARS WOODLAND CREATION**

Totnes Town Council has received the email below from the Forestry Commission:

We [Forestry Commission] are currently assessing a woodland creation scheme located at Bowden Pillars Farm, located above Totnes, which is being funded as part of English Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO).

As this scheme is likely to cause some landscape change and is highly visible from the centre of Totnes, we felt it was pertinent to consult with local community groups and councils to get their opinion on the scheme.

The scheme will be made up of a mixture of planted native broadleaf areas and areas of native broadleaves established through natural colonisation (i.e. areas left ungrazed and trees allowed to naturally regenerate from nearby seed trees). Open space has been integrated into the scheme to retain views on site and soften the design.

Existing public access routes will be maintained, and new permissive access will be included within the scheme

Please see attached, a map of the scheme, location map and species breakdown of each compartment.

Any queries, please let me know.

To give your response to this consultation, please reply to this email by completing the following table and returning.

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In accordance with the agreed consultation procedures for woodland creation, I hereby enclose details of the above new planting.

It may be that you have already provided the project proposer with environmental information and / or advice to help with their planning of this project.

If you need more than 28 days to respond, please complete Part 1 of the table below – providing a date when you could respond by - and return this form to us immediately.

If you are able to respond within 28 days and want to make a comment on this project, please complete Part 2, 3 and 4 in the table below, providing any relevant advice or information about the impact the project may have, and respond to us by 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.

1.	I intend to comment by [enter date]
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2.	<p>I have reviewed the information supplied and I am satisfied this proposal does not adversely affect any local interest (delete 'Adverse effect' or 'No adverse effect' as appropriate).</p> <p>If you answer 'adverse effect', please give your explanation for doing so in Part 3:</p>	<p>Adverse effect</p> <p>No adverse effect</p>
3.	<p>I have the following comments in connection with this consultation:</p> <p>Enter your comments here:</p>	
4.	<p>Do you have other relevant information that may affect this proposal?</p> <p>If you answer Yes, please attach details to this email and send to us</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>

In the event of objections being raised to the proposal, it is our aim to assess and resolve these within two months from the commencement of these consultations.

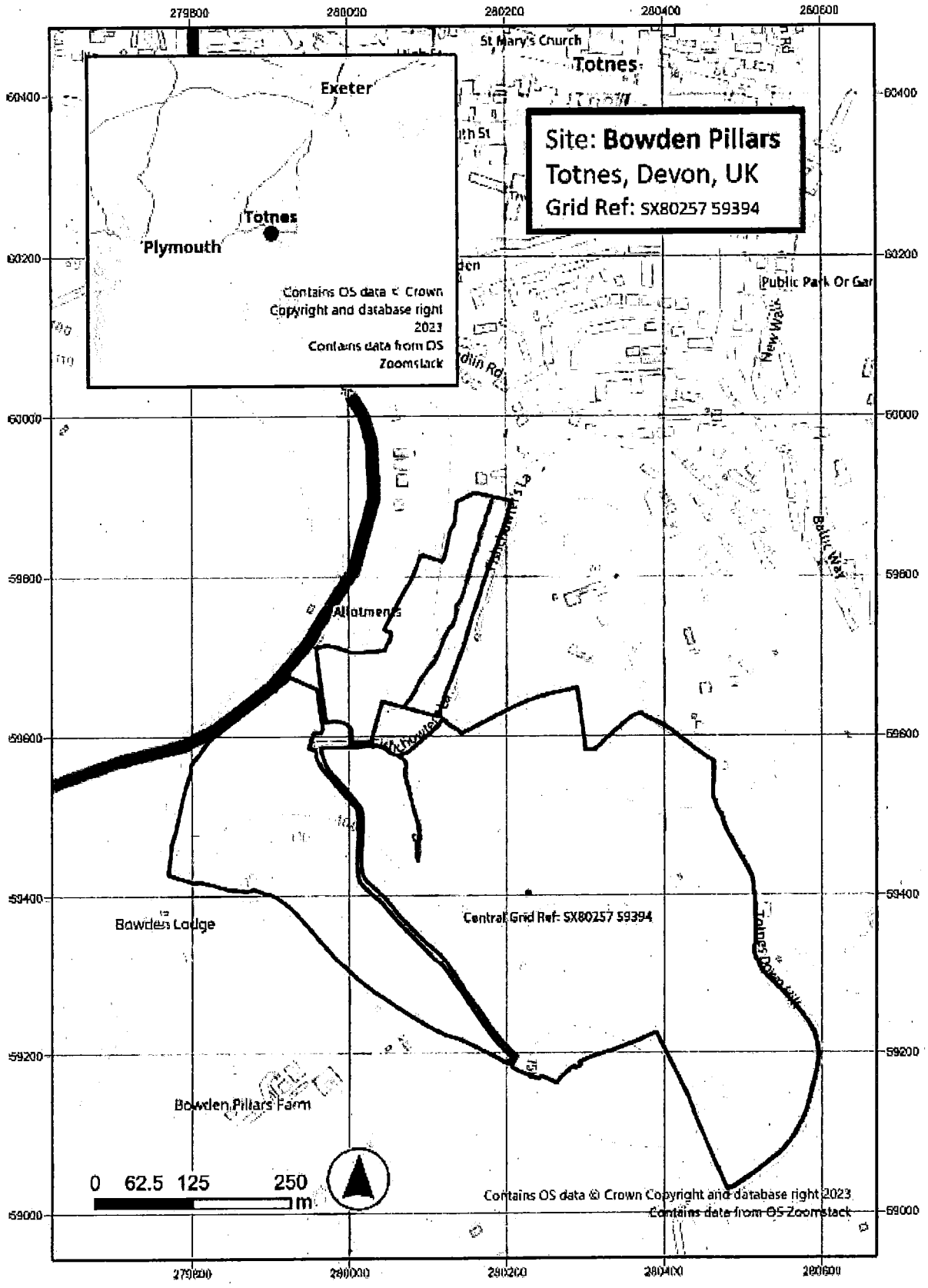
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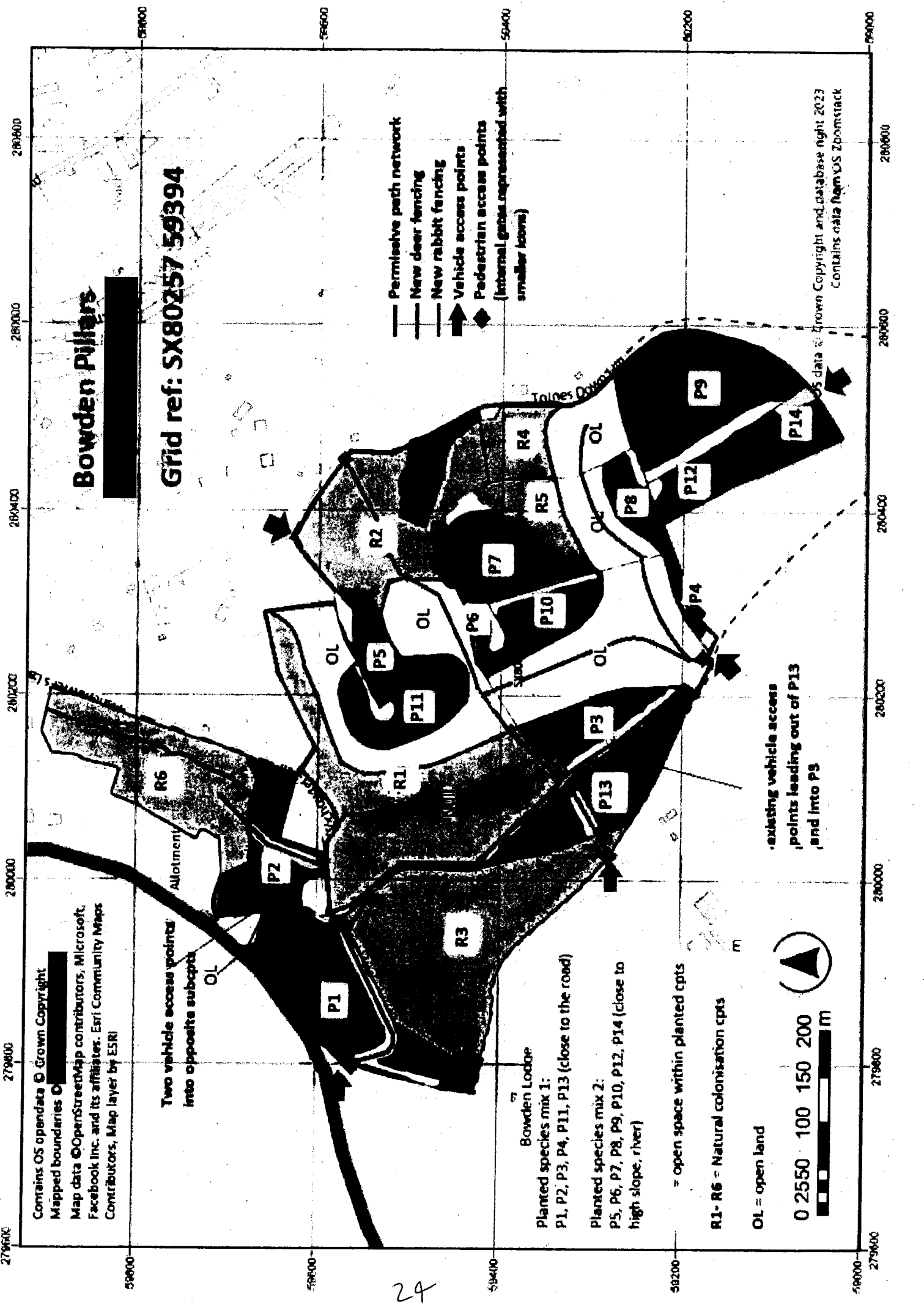
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Woodland Officer (Teignbridge, Torbay and South Hams)



### 1: General Location and site boundary





# Bowden Pillars

Grid ref: SX80257 59394

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Two vehicle access points into opposite suburbs

Bowden Lodge  
 Planted species mix 1:  
 P1, P2, P3, P4, P11, P13 (close to the road)

Planted species mix 2:  
 P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P10, P12, P14 (close to high slope, river)

OL = open space within planted cpts

R1- R6 = Natural colonisation cpts

OL = open land



- Permissive path network
- New deer fencing
- New rabbit fencing
- ➔ Vehicle access points
- ◆ Pedestrian access points (internal gates represented with smaller icons)

existing vehicle access points leading out of P13 and into P3

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