

FOREWORD

Sustaining the environment and the economy are two of the community's priorities. In making decisions the Council will consider the long-term implications for the built and natural environment, together with their impact on the community and the economy of the Bay.

The Local Plan is essential in helping us to meet the goal of achieving sustainable development. It sets out a legally binding framework governing the development of land in Torbay and contains policies and proposals for housing - including affordable housing - employment, shopping, tourism, recreation and community facilities. It also sets a framework for protection of the natural and built environments, and for transportation.

In preparing the adopted version of the Plan, we have tried hard to embrace the views of our customers and to meet as many of their concerns as possible. In particular the emerging Local Plan has been the subject of scrutiny through a series of Member/Officer Working Parties, public consultations and a Public Inquiry.

I am certain that this process has been invaluable in helping the Plan to strike the difficult balance between meeting Torbay's economic and social needs, whilst at the same time protecting our unique environment and conserving our natural resources.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the preparation and delivery of the Local Plan.



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