

A Vision for Bodmin Town Centre

Community Planning Weekend - 18 March to 22 March 2022



Bodmin Town Centre Charrette briefing note

Previous work has identified growth and place priorities for Bodmin. This work was informed by earlier consultation and is outlined in the Cornwall Local Plan and the associated Site Allocations Document.

However significant events, such as changes in lifestyles and purchasing behaviours, together with the Climate Change Emergency and the Covid pandemic, have had a profound impact on residents, businesses and local communities in recent years.

It is important to understand what makes Bodmin unique and the challenges the local community are facing. We also need to capture the opportunities for the town and identify the community's ambitions to deliver a vibrant and sustainable town centre.

The Bodmin 2030 and Beyond Vision, launched in 2019, identifies the long-term ambitions for the town as "*an attractive, thriving town centre*". This has evolved into the concept of a community hub offering a variety of daytime and evening meeting places and experiences, as well as retail opportunities".

Cornwall Council has committed to work with local partners to progress the next steps to understand how this ambition can be delivered.

The first of these steps is the Bodmin Town Centre Charrette, a five-day community planning event involving workshops and a series of walkabouts aimed at bringing the local community together to help shape a vision for the town centre.

Led by Cornwall Council and Bodmin Town Team in partnership with key local stakeholders, with support from JTP, architects and placemakers with a strong track record of working with communities to help them shape their local surroundings, the Bodmin Town Centre Charrette will be held between Friday, 18 March and Tuesday, 22 March, with public workshops taking place on Friday, 18 and Saturday, 19 March.

Prior to the workshops JTP's team, which includes specialist architects, urban designers and community planners, will be carrying out a range of preparatory work in the local community to ensure that all groups have the opportunity to have their say. This will include activities in local schools, and targeted engagement with hard-to-reach groups.

On Sunday 20 March and Monday 21 March the feedback from all the different activities will be analysed by the Charrette team, led by JTP, and the information used to produce a vision for the town centre.

This vision will then be presented to the local community at a public session on the evening of Tuesday, 22 March.

Further information about the Bodmin Town Centre Charrette will be available on Cornwall Council's Let's Talk site: letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/bodmin-town-centre where people will also be able to make comments and ask questions, as well as on the websites of partner organisations.

Information will also be available on the JTP website: [jtp.co.uk/projects /bodmin](http://jtp.co.uk/projects/bodmin).