

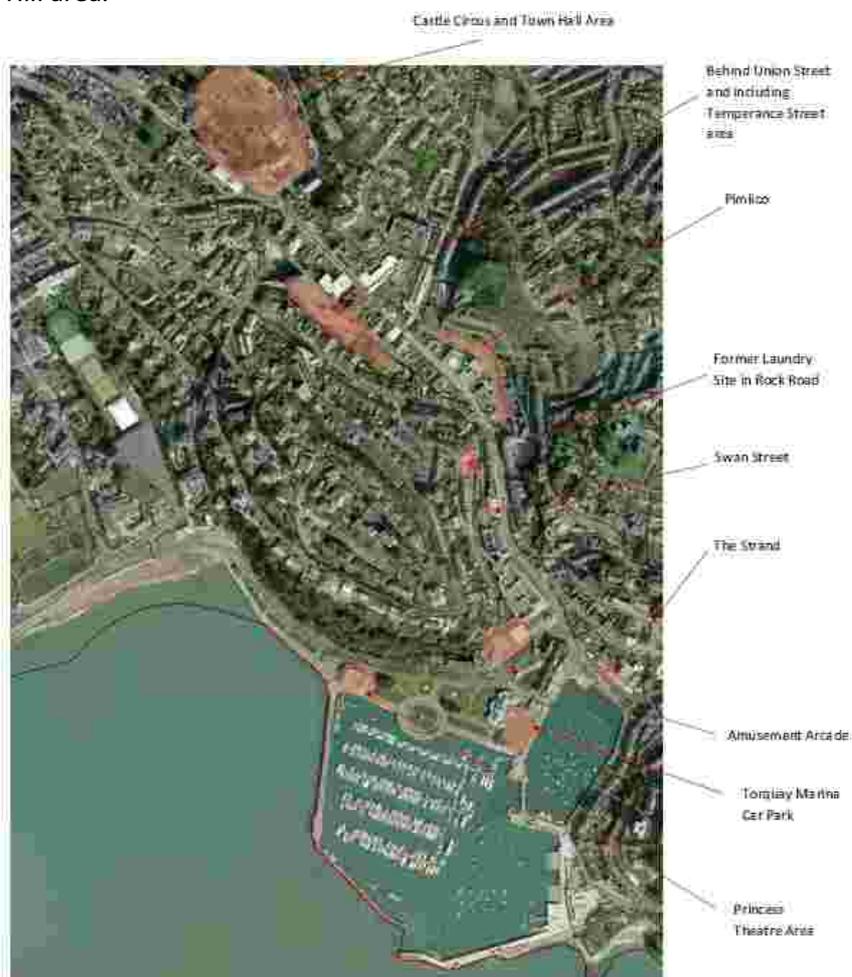
Summary of Neighbourhood Plan working draft – outputs for Neighbourhood Plan

**Torquay Town Centre**

Torquay Town Centre should be a vibrant, lively, colourful and thriving place with a range of activities for all age groups. The plan supports the town centre being a premier leisure destination, the primary commercial centre of Torbay and encourages more people to live within the area, bringing more activity into the town.

Regeneration, comprehensive development and large scale investment will ensure that the town centre and Torquay harbour areas evolve to be successful into the future. This plan identifies key locations where the Neighbourhood Forum considers that major redevelopment could help transform the town centre's fortunes. In these areas there is a willingness to give positive consideration to high quality proposals brought forward by developers that help support the success of the town centre. Site specific policies will be included in the Neighbourhood Plan to guide development proposals.

Key areas of focus around sub-topics of the **Harbour and Night Time Economy**, the **Abbey Road/Melville Hill area** and **Transport and Connectivity** have also helped produce objectives for projects/policy to be developed to help improve the town centre. This includes supporting the reversal of traffic through Torre, reducing the conflict between residential and night time economy uses in the harbour and reducing the number of small dwellings/HMO's in Abbey Road/Melville Hill area.



## Torquay Gateway

The Gateway area of Torquay (the Edginswell area including land either side of the stretch of road from Kerswell Gardens Roundabout to Torre Station) will be a growth area in Torquay for new employment and residential development. The South Devon Link Road, when constructed, will lead directly into the area. Edginswell will become a key area for new, modern employment premises helping to stimulate new jobs. The area will also deliver much needed family sized dwellings and affordable housing.



## Community Partnerships

Each Community Partnership area will have a dedicated page in the Neighbourhood Plan which will provide context for their area, convey their community's aspirations and identify projects that the community would like to see delivered for local benefit. Each Community Partnership will play the key leading role in helping the wider Neighbourhood Forum to identify areas for special protection (as areas of Local Green Space) in their own areas respectively as well as highlighting development opportunities.

## Further developing the Neighbourhood Plan

The Prince's Foundation, in December, will carry out further work with the Forum to work up fine detail for inclusion in a draft Neighbourhood Plan document. This could include:

- Site specific policies for redevelopment opportunities to support regeneration in the **Town Centre**
- Produce proposals for site allocations within the **Torquay Gateway** to cover redevelopment opportunities and new development sites. This could include a masterplan to indicate how new sites should relate to existing development and how key issues of transport, green infrastructure and community space are dealt with through design.
- Help define a common structure for **Community Partnership sections** and work on appropriate detail in conjunction with the wider Neighbourhood Plan and new Local Plan.

The Torquay Neighbourhood Forum will continue to work in partnership with Torbay Council in the production of the emerging Local Plan. This is part of a continued process of twin tracking both documents; the new Local Plan and the Torquay Neighbourhood Plan will together form the Development Plan for Torquay.