

## neighbourhood plans

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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Regulation 16 Consultation: Comments on The Submitted Torquay Neighbourhood Plan**

These are the views of the Torbay Green Party for the independent assessor to consider (when appointed) in regard to the Submitted Torquay Neighbourhood Plan (TNP) given to Torbay Council and for response by 0900hrs on Monday 18 December 2017.

### **General Support for the Plan**

Torbay Green Party supports the submitted TNP.

The content of the plan positively complements the Torbay-wide balance of 3 neighbourhood plans with the Paignton Neighbourhood Plan, for central Torbay, and the Brixham Neighbourhood Plan, for southern Torbay, which have been also been produced for the area.

### **Support for Local Green Spaces**

Torbay Green Party strongly supports the proposed designation of 100 of Torquay`s local parks, woods, greens, fields and natural areas as Local Green Spaces. Such areas are enormously important for the whole palate of 'ecosystem services' they provide such as:

- Filtering pollutants;
- Cooling our streets;
- Managing stormwater;
- Storing carbon;
- Reducing stress;
- Providing food;
- Improving health and reducing obesity; and
- Protecting biodiversity.

We endorse their designation and encourage several more to be recognised and approved to better serve Torquay, its visitors, and its residents into the future.

### **Conclusion**

Torbay Green Party hereby submit comments for the independent assessor to consider in regard to the submitted TNP and look forward to ratification of the approved TNP.

We gratefully acknowledge, thank and support all the community volunteers who have embraced localism and made such a positive contribution to Torbay by successfully rising to the challenge of producing and delivering this impressive neighbourhood development plan to serve Torquay, and its residents, to 2030 and beyond.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Sam Moss

Chairman, Torbay Green Party



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