

## neighbourhood plans

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Sirs

Re above – I have now read all the documents and noted contents. I wish to put the following forward for consideration:

In the main I support many of the recommendations which have been produced, but feel some of been re-stated so many times with nothing happening. However that does not mean that every suggestion is the right one and should be accepted without discussion and consultation.

My main objection is that developers seem to have the Council's thinking well worked out and submit plans which they know will be rejected only to come back with what they probably hoped for in the beginning virtually certain they will be accepted. I refer to Torwood Street – what a shambles, how many times have we been told signatures are nearly there from interested parties only to fail yet again. Make developers take on this area and also the old B&Q building at Torre before any further applications for other sites are received.

My views on the Pavilion site have been expressed on many occasions – why cannot the new hotel/apartments be put on the site of the Princess Theatre? There would be no obstruction of views and a new theatre, incorporating the Pavilion, could be developed on that site without causing loss of light/obstructions/overshadowing of the Harbour and leaving the Cary Green untouched.

Instead of using green field sites, look at redeveloping the top half of Union Street from shops into accommodation, bringing increased footfall into the town area from Market Street down, but keeping Union Square, and providing much needed housing at lower cost level. The owners of such properties such as Insurance companies must be coerced into supporting such change.

I know Oldway does not come within Torquay boundaries but could I ask that my views be addressed to that Plan – ie refurbish the ground floor and bring back into community and limited commercial use, and the upstairs levels into high quality apartments which would readily sell. There would be no need to build within the grounds, thus leaving the landscape as originally planned. The Rotunda and other ancillary buildings could also be developed into suitable quality housing.

Good luck with your endeavours, not an easy task, but remember it is the wishes and needs of the local people which should be at the forefront of decisions, not outsiders coming in and telling us what they think we should want!

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