

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2024



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Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

Cawsand Carpark & Antony Road Carpark

As an update the potential changes to the car parks in Cawsand and Torpoint Sainsbury's, I have been making my views on this issue as I think this will be really harmful to the village of Cawsand particularly.

There are questions that I am still waiting answers on, and I have contacted the legal officers at the Council to try and get some clarity. Specifically around what this means for those residents that have residents parking permits that are allowed to be used in the carpark - the Council issue 68 resident parking permits, and there are under 20 street parking bays available. There are also issues around the dingy park and, I believe, about the actual ownership of the carpark.

I will update as I know more, by email to the parishes or on my facebook page. The "consultation" is live until the 9th January - and I would ask PCs to encourage residents and organisations to complete the consultation with their views. It is important to note that you have to input your postcode with NO spaces, else you can not put in a comment.

This also highlights how terribly unfriendly the consultation site is to people, it is not particularly accessible at all!

The consultation is [HERE](#) or by going to <https://www.engagespace.co.uk/cornwall/default.aspx>

You can also make representations (objection or support) to the proposal by writing and should be received by 9th January 2025. They should be addressed to: Parking Services, PO Box 664, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 9DH, to parking@cornwall.gov.uk

Adult Education in Torpoint

Very frustratingly, it seems as though the decision to close the Adult Education centre in Torpoint has been made - even before the consultation period had ended. I am working with other Cornwall Councillors to get this decision looked at again as it flies in the face of common sense and supporting our residents.

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Devolution White Paper

The Government recently released the long awaited devolution white paper that looks at how local authorities can devolve proper powers and funding out of Whitehall and into local communities.

I think there are a number of really positive things on offer in this paper, but the devil will be in the detail and how it impacts us in the East of Cornwall. At this end of Cornwall we look to Plymouth and Devon for a lot of our services, work and education but currently we have no say in how those are run and delivered. We all want to see better funding and better delivery of services in our part of the world and it is worth us looking at this carefully.

There is a clear direction of travel for larger combined authority mayoral structures that look after the bigger, strategic things - such as policing, big transport (ie, trains, buses, big road networks), health and economic development. While still maintaining the autonomy of local authorities to run the local issues that are area specific. One of the questions I am asking is what this would mean for things like the Tamar Tolls - if this is devolved out of the Secretary of State for Transport's decision making for raising tolls, could this be a way of finally removing the tolls? There is also talk in the white paper of how to balance and re-establish the links between local authorities and town and parish councils.

I would welcome thoughts from Parish Councils on their views on this topic - I know it can be controversial but I do think it is worthy of proper debate and conversation to make sure we are getting this right.

The White Paper can be found [HERE](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-white-paper-power-and-partnership-foundations-for-growth/english-devolution-white-paper) or <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-white-paper-power-and-partnership-foundations-for-growth/english-devolution-white-paper>