

Future Planning

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At the Totnes Town Council Full Council on Monday 5th January 2026, it was **RESOLVED** that the Council responds to the Torbay Local Plan 2025-45 Regulation 18 Draft Plan Consultation with the following comments:

- Policy TA2. No reference is made about the impact of traffic and congestion caused by vehicles coming out of Torbay through adjoining settlements. Whilst the route northwards towards Newton Abbot and Exeter has had significant investment to improve capacity, this is not the case with the southern route towards Plymouth. The impact on Totnes is already substantial with junctions beyond capacity during rush hours. Altered driver behaviour results in vehicles increasingly taking routes through the town to avoid congestion on the A385. Investment in this route is required to mitigate these effects and to improve economic outcomes for Torbay.
- Page 173 paragraph 6.7 – there is no mention of improvements beyond the Torbay boundary, but the impact of traffic will extend beyond the bay area.
- Acknowledge that Torbay is an employment hub for the area.
- Torbay has important wildlife corridors that link to the River Dart and Totnes which the plan should be mindful of retaining to best preserve biodiversity in the region.
- Would refer you to the 2018 South Hams District Council Landscape Character Assessment and the importance of green spaces between communities on the outer regions of the bay area.

Kind Regards

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