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TOTNES needs a plan – and the town needs people to help sort one out.

The town is currently in the process of putting together a Neighbourhood Plan to help shape the future of Totnes – providing a vision of how the town should grow and where people will live and work.

Totnes' new neighbourhood Plan co-ordinator is Thea Platt while the plan chairman is Paul Bennett.

Mr Bennett said this week: 'We are inviting people to join task groups to look in detail at particular issues like the economy, housing, open spaces, culture, heritage, traffic and transport and to come to our events, or just make sure they know how and where they can express their opinions on what they want in the future.'

Thea added: 'Planning should be good for everyone, not just developers, that's why we want to involve local people in making decisions about how Totnes develops.'

The two posts have been recruited by

Totnes Town Council with the aim of working with the community to design a plan.

Thea said that while larger Local Plans are aimed at laying out a vision of future development for a whole area, the needs of individual towns and villages can vary.

Neighbourhood Plans can be used to decide the future of the places where you live and work giving opportunities for local people to:

- inform where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built
- have a say on what new buildings should look like
- In some cases, grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead

'Planning shapes the places where people live and work and it is right that local people should be involved in the process of deciding local priorities, said Thea.

Anyone can get in touch with Thea or visit the Totnes Neighbourhood Plan website [info@totnesneighbourhoodplan.org](mailto:info@totnesneighbourhoodplan.org) or [www.totnesneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.totnesneighbourhoodplan.org)

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