



## Key milestone for St Ives RFC project

The planning application for the St Ives Rugby Club project to reposition and refurbish clubhouse facilities to provide a modern clubhouse with two full size sports pitches for use by the club and local community is now available for viewing on Cornwall Council's online planning register: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/>

The application will also free up land for the potential delivery of extra care homes and affordable housing on the site.

The reference number for the application is PA24/04344.

One of nine projects due to be delivered as part of the multi-million pound St Ives Town Deal, the submission of the planning application marks a key milestone in the development and delivery of this exciting and ambitious scheme to provide much needed local housing and extra care facilities in St Ives, as well as delivering new high-quality sports facilities for the local community.

Discussions over the need to improve the clubhouse building and facilities and make better use of the site have been taking place for some time. The project will free up land to both create new homes and better facilities for an organisation that has long been a core part of the community.

If approved the plans, which have been developed in conversation with the Rugby Club, the RFU and meet the requirements and standards of Sport England, will see the new sports facility remaining on the same site but relocated further north in the position of the existing grandstand. This will then, in turn, free up the space for the new affordable housing and extra care accommodation in respond to identified local need. The land is owned by Cornwall Council.

The planning application is a 'hybrid' type, with a full planning application for the relocation of the current clubhouse building and training pitch and associated access, parking and landscaping; and an outline planning application (with all matters reserved) to provide for up to 50 dwellings and up to 70 extra care units with associated open space. An outline planning permission allows for a decision on the general principle of how a site can be developed, whereas a full permission is detailed and no further planning permissions are necessary.

The application was formally validated by Cornwall Council's Local Planning Authority on 31 May. A decision on the application is currently expected to be made in Autumn 2024 following a full consultation and publicity process involving the public, expert consultees and many other stakeholders. The

Council is able to receive comments at any time while it is considering the planning application.

Louis Gardner, Cornwall Council cabinet portfolio holder for economy, said: **“Our role is to support the towns to realise their ambitions for their communities and it’s great to see the plans for the rugby club project have reached this significant milestone.**

**“A great deal of work is going on behind the scenes in St Ives to bring to fruition projects which will have long lasting benefits for the local community for years to come.”**

There are two main ways for people to comment on the planning application. These are:

- Cornwall Council’s online planning portal  
<https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/>
- By letter to Cornwall Council Planning Department, New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3AY

Information about the progress of all the St Ives Town Deal projects is available on the Town Deal website [www.stivestownddeal.org.uk](http://www.stivestownddeal.org.uk)

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### **About the UK Government Town Deals programme**

Part of the government’s plan for Levelling Up the UK economy and the wider Towns Fund, the Town Deals programme aims to regenerate towns and deliver long-term economic and productivity growth. This is through investments in urban regeneration, digital and physical connectivity, skills, heritage and enterprise infrastructure. As of July 2021, DLUHC have offered Town Deals to all 101 places that submitted proposals, committing over £2.35bn of investment across c.700 projects nationwide. [See the press releases associated with Town Deals on gov.uk.](#)

### **About the St Ives Town Deal**

In June 2021, St Ives secured a Town Deal of up to £19.9 million following the successful submission of its [Town Investment Plan](#) for a range of regeneration projects. For more information about St Ives Town Deal visit [www.stivestownddeal.org.uk](http://www.stivestownddeal.org.uk)

Cornwall is the only area invited by the Government to submit proposals for four of its towns: Camborne, Penzance, St Ives and Truro. After conducting extensive public consultations, each Town Deal Board submitted their Town Investment Plan in collaboration with Cornwall Council. As a result, the Government announced in spring 2021, that Cornwall will receive up to £88.7 million from the Town Deals programme.

Cornwall Council is the Lead Authority for the Town Deals in Cornwall. Cornwall Council supports the governance role of St Ives Town Deal Board and is responsible for administering the Fund on behalf of the Board.

For more information visit: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/business-trading-and-licences/economic-development/towns-fund](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/business-trading-and-licences/economic-development/towns-fund)