



Forrabury and Minster Parish Council expresses frustration with Cornwall Council's planning and enforcement failures

Forrabury and Minster Parish Council has joined a growing number of town and parish councils across Cornwall in expressing serious concerns over the continued failings of Cornwall Council's Planning and Enforcement Department. At a recent meeting, the Council considered and supported a motion of no confidence in the department, reflecting widespread frustration over Cornwall Council's unwillingness to listen to local voices and enforce planning laws.

Local councils play a crucial role in shaping planning decisions to protect the character of their communities. Despite this, there is mounting evidence that Cornwall Council is routinely disregarding the views of town and parish councils, failing to take enforcement action against clear breaches of planning regulations, and allowing inappropriate developments to proceed unchecked. This lack of oversight has led to developers, homeowners, and businesses taking advantage of a system where enforcement is weak or non-existent.

Forrabury and Minster Parish Council believes this situation is unacceptable. The planning process should work in the best interests of local people, ensuring that developments are appropriate, lawful, and respectful of our unique environment. However, Cornwall Council's persistent failures mean that communities like Boscastle are left powerless in the face of bad planning decisions.

The Council joins Marazion Town Council and others in demanding that Cornwall Council takes urgent action to reform its planning and enforcement processes. We call on the authority to work more closely with town and parish councils, uphold the integrity of planning policies, and ensure that breaches of planning law are dealt with swiftly and effectively.

We encourage residents to stay informed and engage with this issue, as the future of our community's built environment depends on a fair, transparent, and accountable planning system.