

Liskeard Town Forum 29th October 2025. Item 8.

Two Planning applications of interest to the Forum and still Awaiting Decision:

1)ALDI Stores

PA24/09331 *Proposed extension to existing store, together with associated development including new plant compound and the provision of an additional car park area and associated pedestrian crossing.*

The Forum has heard public concerns about this application (currently 166 comments)

and has expressed concerns particularly about pedestrian and highway safety.

Update:

According to the website the application remains undetermined but there has been a recent site plan amendment (**16th September**) **“Pedestrian link between proposed car park and Clemo Road updated. Parking spaces reduced by one.”**

The application together with the Forum views can be seen on the Council’s website

2). The Fountain Hotel premises

Over the past 5 years the Town Forum have expressed concerns about the dilapidated appearance of several prominent building premises in the Historic centre of the town including the Fountain Hotel -a Grade 11 Listed Building at the heart of the Conservation Area. According to the Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment Department one of the largest development proposals (apart from the cattle market development) in recent times, within the historic core of the town is that relating to the Fountain Inn hotel and the Forum are aware that they are of the opinion that from a design/layout perspective the proposals in the planning applications for 13 dwellings at the rear are not appropriate.

(Applications: PA25/01739 And PA25/01740 | *Planning and Listed Building Consent for the redevelopment of land between Greenbank Road and Barras Place, to include construction of 13 new residential properties, including demolition of buildings to rear of Fountain Inn Hotel, demolition of boundary wall, provision of external garden amenity areas, provision of vehicular parking, soft and hard landscaping, blocking up of existing vehicular access and creation of new vehicular access.*)

The application remains undetermined.

Because of the importance of this proposal to the character of the conservation area and the continuing lack of maintenance of this prominent Listed building should the Town Forum ask the County Council for an update?

Liskeard /Looe /Torpoint and Rame foodbank. - Update.

We live in a deprived area and the Town Forum has received regular updates about needs We are aware that 1 in 4 children are at risk of needing a *food bank*.

This time our top priority has to be need for donations that include funds. The foodbank is in need of help as our funding has just come to an end from Trussell and we really want and need to continue helping all in need in our community. **So far in 2025 we have seen a 29% increase in people coming to us in need of our help.**

Background

The foodbank started in 2010 run from a garage, aimed at helping those in the community who were struggling to feed themselves and their families. It soon became clear that the need was bigger than the garage space could manage so larger premises were sought and we operated from BARRAS PLACE: THE FIRST FOODBANK BUILDING IN LISKEARD

The landlord wanted his premises back so in 2022 we had to move. Demand for our help had grown again as you can see in the table:

Year	Number of adults and children helped
2024	4390
2023	4073
2022	4124
2021	2789
2020	2869
2019	2546
2018	2246
2017	1785
2016	1575
2015	1469
2014	1986
2013	1379
2012	1026

Thanks to a grant from The Trussell Trust we were able to take on a warehouse at Trevecca (northern edge of the town) and client collection centre (in Liskeard it is on Deane Street with access from corner of Westbourne car park). We have trained signposting volunteers and we currently have a fast-track system with Citizen's Advice meaning our clients get help quickly.

Often by the time someone comes to us they are in a desperate situation. This could be on the verge of eviction, homeless, jobless or with bailiffs at the door. Sadly, many have faced no fault evictions and families are placed in B&B style accommodation with just a kettle for cooking. Sadly, some families have to live like this for months due to the lack of social housing in Cornwall, it can take a long time to find the family a new home. Single people come further down the housing priority list and we have been supporting several living in their cars.

Can the Forum help us by agreeing to lend their support to our efforts to raise funds? I have recently written to our County councillors and already had a positive response.

Could individuals afford to make a donation? Or become a friend of our foodbank, donating a little each month to help those facing real financial hardship onto a path to a better future? (brochures will be available at the meeting together with the normal food collection point).