Ellacombe Community Partnership

History of Ellacombe:
FIRST came the grand villas and then the terraced houses for the tradesmen and staff who served them. Such are the 19th century origins of Ellacombe, Torquay's first large housing project for working people.

Ellacombe was named after Ellacombe House which once stood at the top of Market Street.

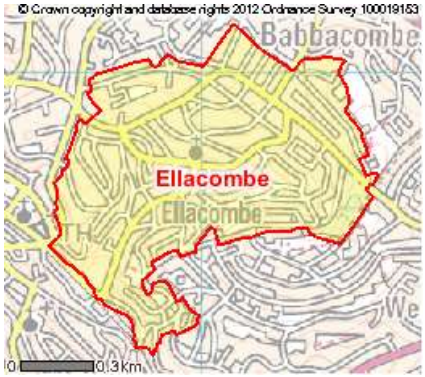
The land around was owned by Sir Lawrence Palk and, having made a handsome profit from its development, bequeathed Ellacombe Park for public recreation in 1867. The good knight also provided the land for Ellacombe Parish Church, built 1867-68 and before any of the surrounding land was developed. Next door, Ellacombe School would be built.

View of Ellacombe from Warberry Copse

Ellacombe's vision:

- Protect **all** parks and green open areas
- Warberry Copse development
- Preserve Heritage character of area (sensitive approach eg Ellacombe Church)
- Community Hub/Centre
- To Protect public houses from redevelopment
- No more houses turned into flats
- Improved Transport Links to other areas of Torbay
- Traffic calming outside Ellacombe Academy

Map of Ellacombe:



Opportunities and action:

- Opportunity to develop the numerous small workshop spaces around Ellacombe into houses or training workshops supporting residents into employment as Ellacombe has high levels of unemployment and benefit dependence
- Community Centre/Hub development
- Albert Court development
- Land Stentiford Hill – up for sale and potential for development
- Superfast broadband
- Our boundaries lead into town centre – Market Street potential quality residential development?