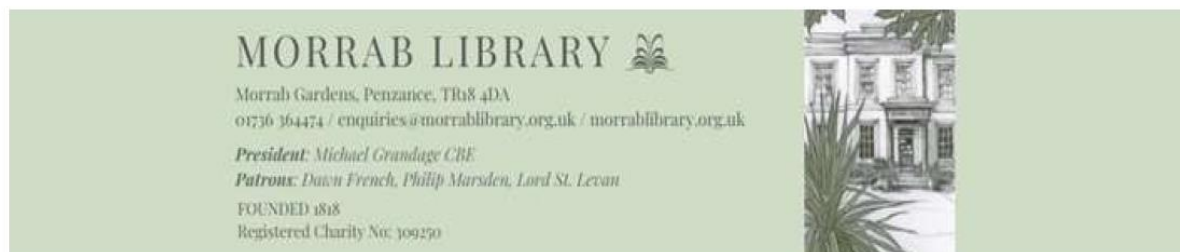


## Penzance Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation – Morrab Library Trustees Comments.



### Morrab Library Submission

#### Penzance Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Trustees of the Morrab Library welcome the opportunity to comment on the Penzance Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

The Morrab Library has been an integral part of the Penzance and wider Cornish cultural life for over two centuries. We hold over 70,000 books as well as archives and a rich photographic collection. (See [www.morrablibrary.org.uk](http://www.morrablibrary.org.uk) for more information)

In addition to being a resource to our membership, now numbering around 800 individuals and families, we welcome visitors who want to use our collections for their research, we organise a range of competitions that involve the wider community and we welcome school visits for children and students to enrich their education. We have formed a partnership with the NHS Social Prescribing Team to provide a welcoming space for vulnerable people, individually and in groups.

Our developing programme of Outreach and Engagement seeks relationships with other organisations to enable us to play a fuller part in the cultural life of Penzance.

We therefore welcome the recognition in the Neighbourhood Development Plan of the importance of culture as a key part of the local economy, its importance in attracting high end tourism and in the social life of the residents of Penzance Parish.

We understand that Penzance Council proposes to establish liaison arrangements between organisations active in the cultural sector and we confirm our commitment to participating in these arrangements.

We note that the Plan identifies Penlee House (including the Gallery and Museum), The Acorn, Savoy Cinema and the Penlee Park Open Theatre buildings as buildings which can be considered as community or public assets.

We would ask you to consider including Morrab House in this list as we believe that such a designation will not only provide a further measure of protection to Morrab House but will also signal the contribution we can make to the cultural life of Penzance Parish.

We would, of course, be happy to meet to discuss this submission.

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