



## DARTMOOR LOCAL PLAN

guiding planning applications in Dartmoor National Park

# Settlement Profile: *Princetown*

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This settlement profile has been prepared by Dartmoor National Park Authority to provide an overview of key information and issues for the settlement. It has been prepared in consultation with Parish/Town Councils and will be updated as necessary.



# Introduction

*One of the highest settlements on Dartmoor, in the late 18th/ early 19<sup>th</sup> century Princetown was transformed into a model farming community and prison town by Thomas Tyrwhitt. The economy and community is now less focused on the prison; with tourism and visitor services playing a much larger role. The village supports a post office and shop, local pubs and cafés.*

## Main Shopping Area

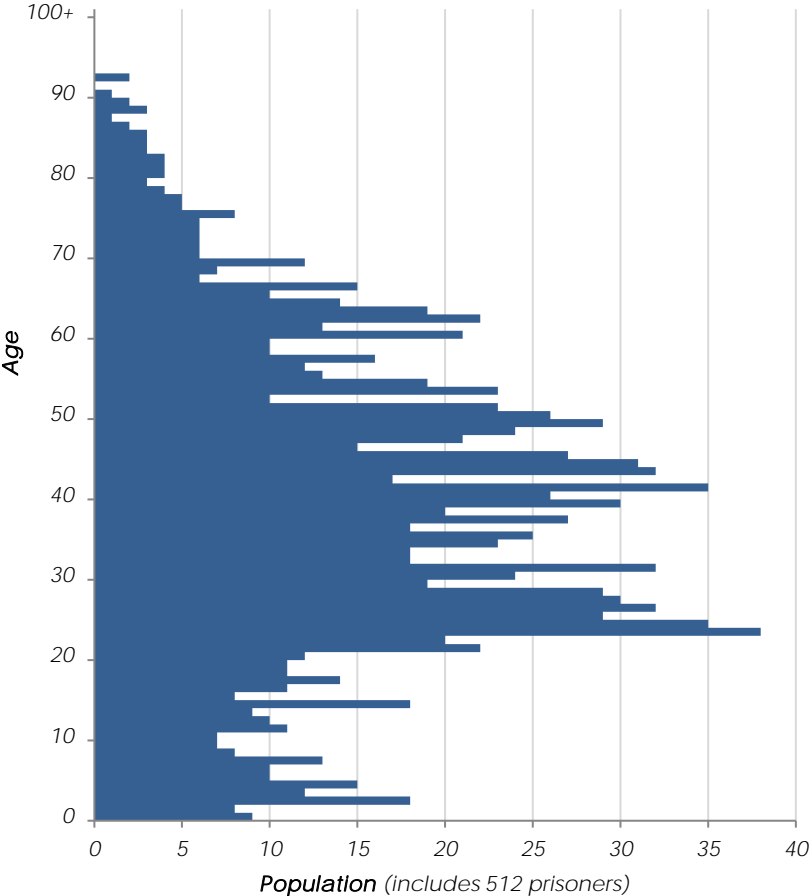
*Princetown's main shopping area is centred on the Square, Tavistock Road and Two Bridges Road.*



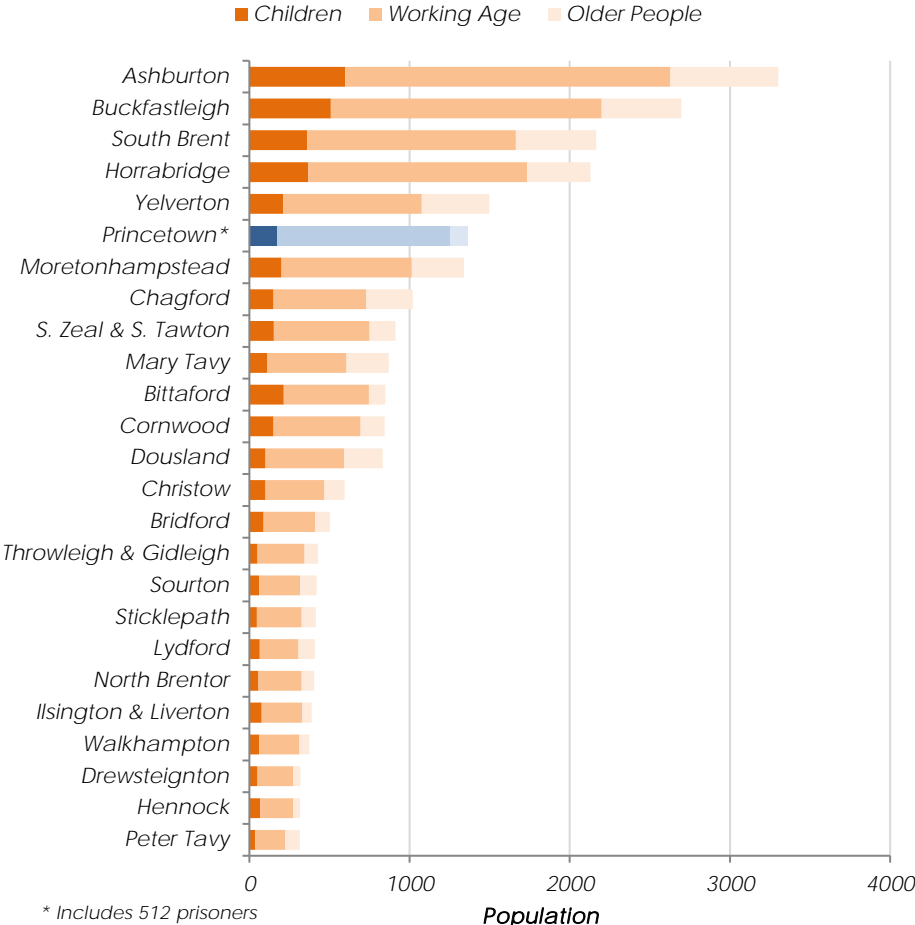
## Population 1,366

Census 2011, defined by best-fit Output Areas and includes 512 prisoners

### Age Profile (Census 2011)

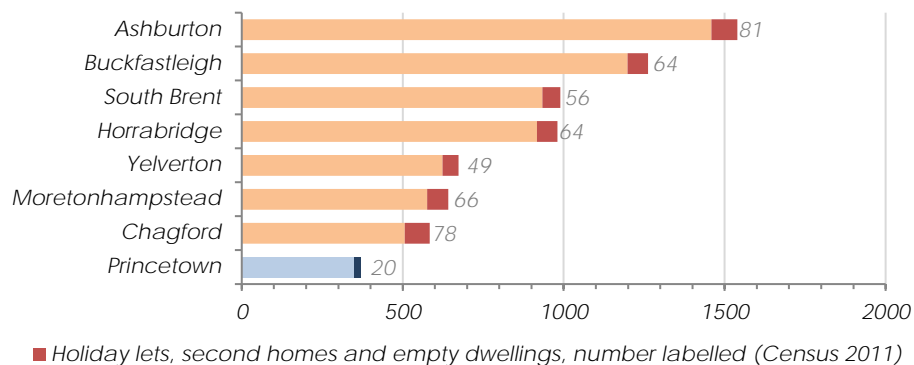


### Settlement comparison (Census 2011)



## Current Housing Stock

Census 2011, defined by best-fit Output Areas



## Current Affordable Housing Stock

Bedrooms					
1	2	3	4	5+	Total
7	36	20	-	1	64

Devon Communities Together, 2016

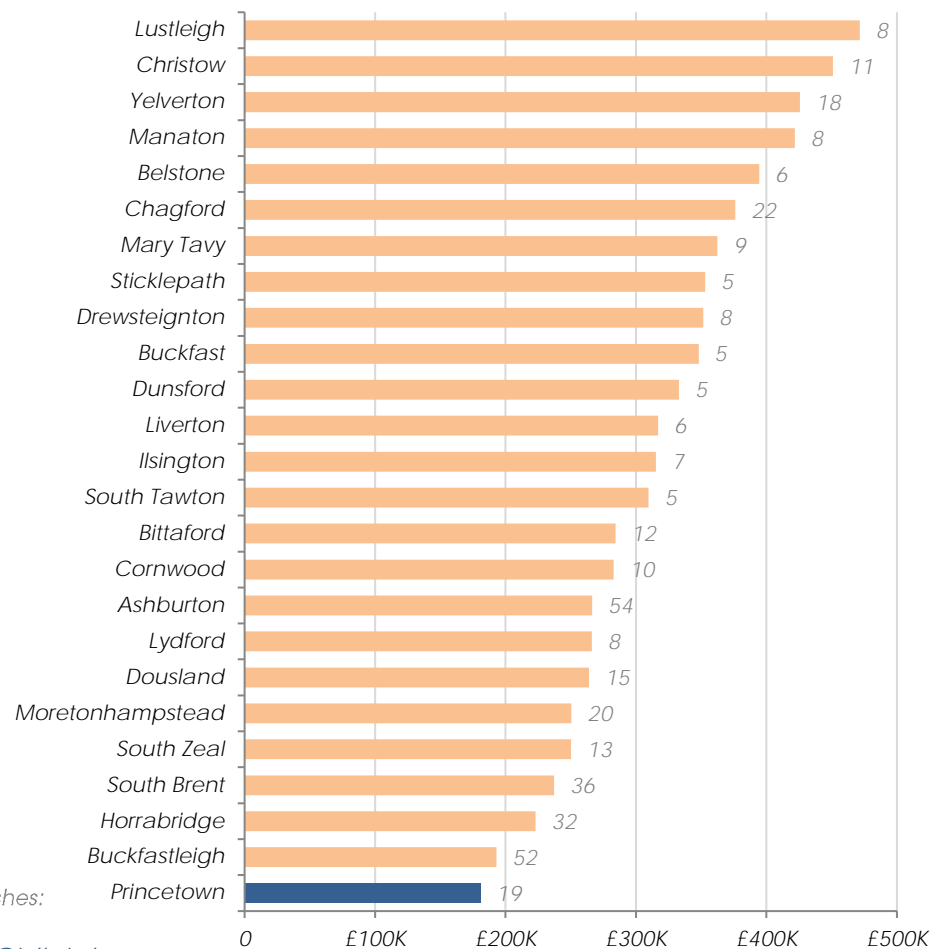
## Identifying Housing Need

Princetown's affordable housing need will be identified from housing need within the following Parishes:

Dartmoor Forest, Belstone, Bridestowe and Sourton, Cornwood, Dean Prior, Gidleigh, Harford, Holne, Lydford, Manaton, North Bovey, Okehampton Hamlets, Peter Tavy, Shaugh Prior, Sheepstor, South Tawton, Throwleigh, Ugborough, Walkhampton, West Buckfastleigh, Whitchurch, and Widecombe in the Moor.

## Average House Prices\* 2016 Land Registry, 2016

Excluding settlements with less than five sales, number of sales labelled



*Sites allocated for development in current local plan:*

*No sites allocated for housing*

*2 affordable units have been delivered on other sites since 2008*

*The 2015 Housing Needs Assessment recommended:*

*15 affordable homes needed*

*8 one-bed, 6 two-bed and 2 three-bed*

## Issues Paper Consultation (Dec 2016)

*The following summarises issues identified by Princetown's residents, the Parish Council and other local organisations:*

- *New development should be concentrated within larger settlements and prioritise brownfield sites*
- *Concern at impact of high second home ownership and desire to see holiday homes used more often*
- *Design of forthcoming development should be well insulated and use materials which are durable in the Princetown climate*
- *New housing development should be affordable to local people and meet local need*
- *Appropriate new uses for redundant historic agricultural buildings should be encouraged, including to accommodate future farming generations*
- *Affordable housing restrictions should include key workers*
- *Widening of roads should be considered to improve access*
- *There should be a specific policy to address the future of HMP Dartmoor ready for if/when the site is vacated*

## Infrastructure delivery

*We are aware of the following items of infrastructure which are needed and have a reasonable prospect of being funded in the next 20 years:*

- *Need identified for additional visitor parking (detailed assessment necessary)*
- *The need for additional bus services has been identified, but is unlikely to be met by public funding in the current economic climate*

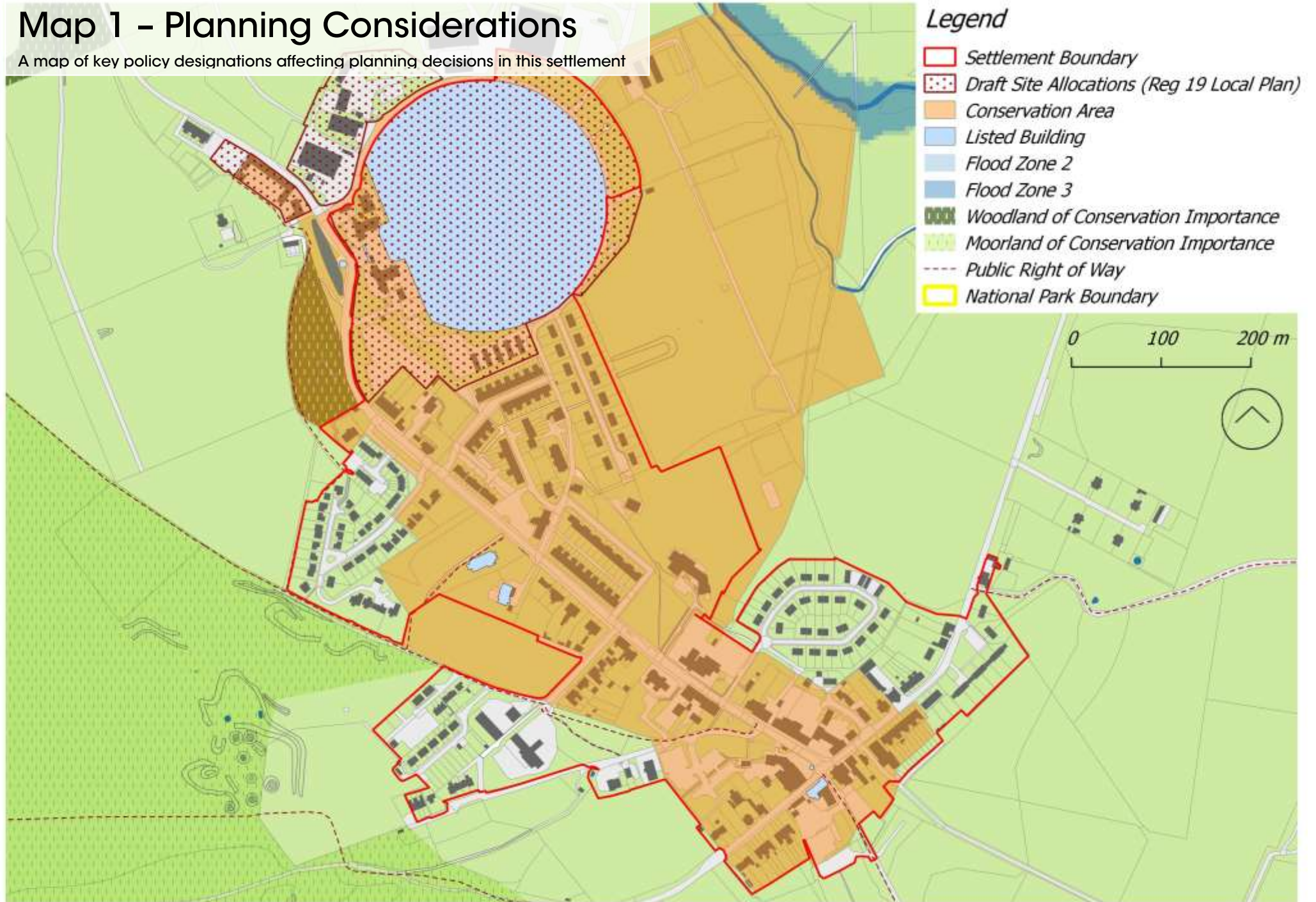
## Open Space, Sport and Recreation

*There are currently no identified issues with provision of open space, sport and recreation facilities. Contributions to improve existing facilities should only be sought where there is a clear and identified need for improvement works at the time.*



# Map 1 – Planning Considerations

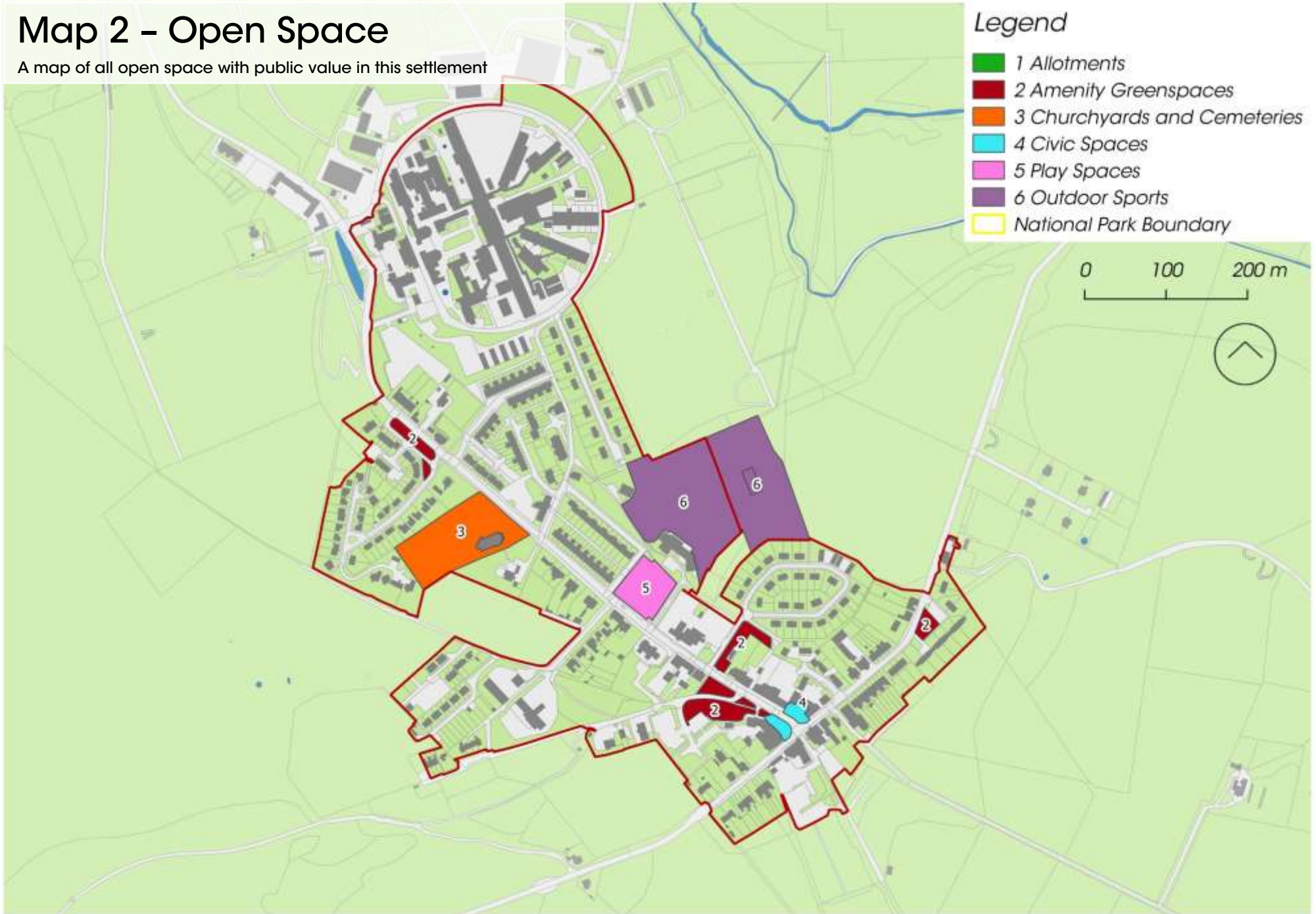
A map of key policy designations affecting planning decisions in this settlement





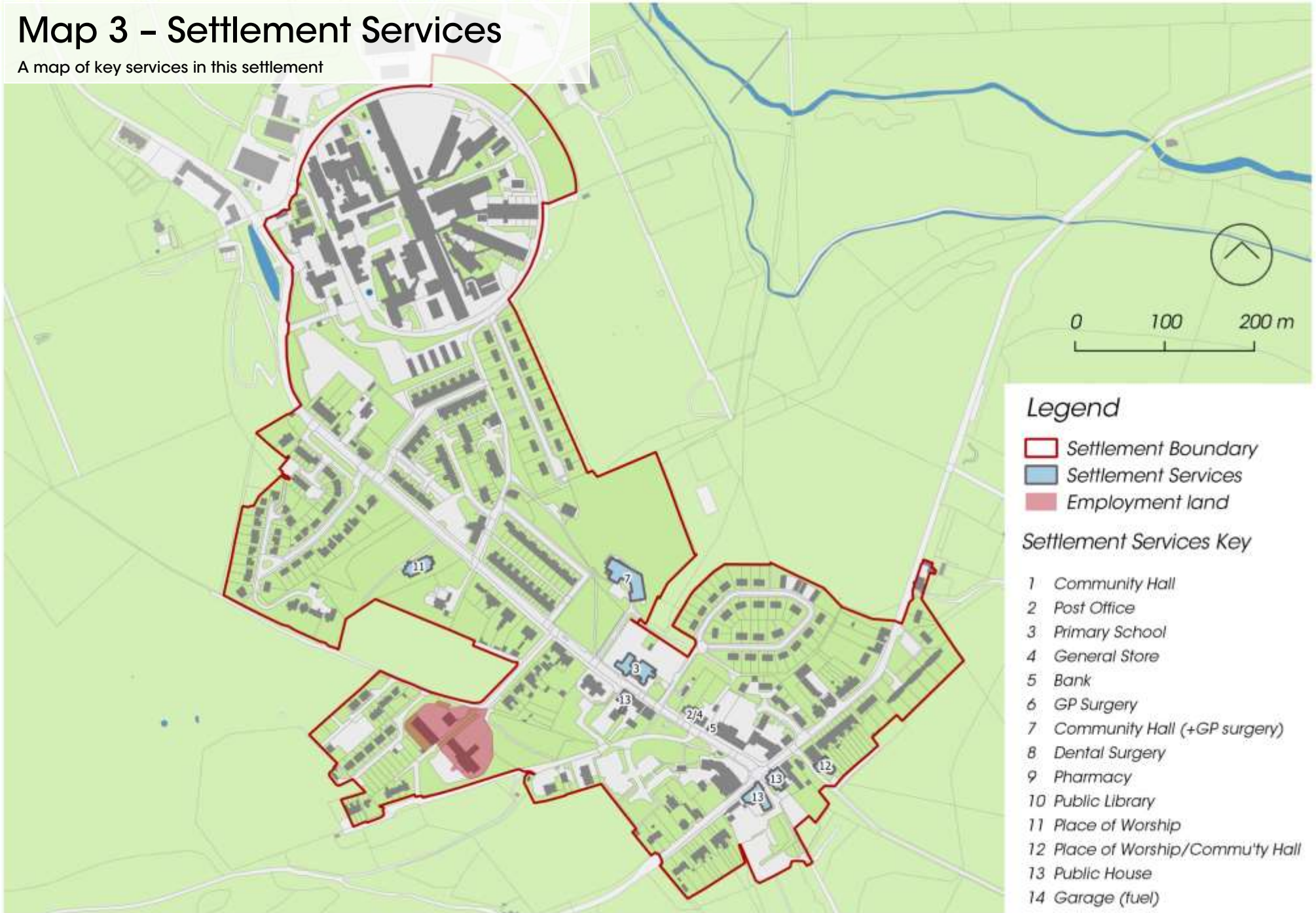
# Map 2 – Open Space

A map of all open space with public value in this settlement



# Map 3 – Settlement Services

A map of key services in this settlement





## Outgoing Bus Services\*

\* Indicative only, times should not be relied upon and will be subject to change

No.	Route	Days	Times	Frequency
98	Princetown – Yelverton Via Postbridge	Mon - Sat	1308, 1608 & 1808	3
	Princetown – Tavistock	Mon - Sat	1006	1
113	Princetown – Liverton Via Ashburton	Weds	1004	1
	Princetown – Tavistock Via Yelverton	Weds	1451	1

## Method of Travelling to work (Census 2011)

