Service Villages What is happening near you?
Have your say on North Somerset’s Sites and Policies Plan

Consultation leaflet February 2013

This leaflet highlights a series of changes to local planning policies that could affect land and property in Backwell, Banwell, Churchill, Congresbury, Easton-in-Gordano/Pill, Long Ashton, Wincombe, Wrington and Yatton. It is one of a series of leaflets which cover different parts of North Somerset. It provides a brief summary of some of the main planning policies and sites being proposed and information on how you can find out more and get involved...
Introduction
The council is seeking your views on an important planning document it is preparing. This plan sets out how it is intended to manage new development within the district up to 2026 and identifies new sites for development. When this document, known as the Sites and Policies Plan is completed it will, together with the adopted Core Strategy, form the statutory development plan against which all proposals for development in North Somerset will be judged.

This consultation is the start of the process. The council is putting forward its ideas for development, what it considers to be the best approach and most appropriate sites to develop as well as providing policies to guide future consideration of planning applications. Many policies which have worked well in the past have been rolled forward or just slightly adjusted. Others are new and reflect changed circumstances and a new approach.

This document is currently in draft and will be shaped and changed by what you tell us - so please get involved and have your say!

So what is being proposed for the Service Villages

Service Villages
The North Somerset Core Strategy identified the nine Service Villages. These are areas with established settlement boundaries where small scale development appropriate to the size and character of the village will be supported. Development should respect the character of the village and support or enhance the village’s role as a local hub for community facilities and services.

New mixed use sites which include housing are proposed at Woodborough Farm Winscombe, the former Elliot Medway site Congresbury, Moor Lane Backwell and near the railway station at Yatton.

Local centres are proposed at all Service Villages and new designations for Local Green Spaces are proposed for the most valued green areas in some of the villages. These and other allocations and proposals are shown on the following maps.

Neighbourhood Plans
Backwell and Long Ashton Parish Councils are currently preparing Neighbourhood Development Plans. North Somerset is working with both these councils to ensure that the Sites and Policies Plan and the Neighbourhood Development Plans achieve a coordinated approach to development in these areas.
For housing, employment and possible community uses.

Wincombe

Congresbury

To see the full range of policies visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sitesandpolicies
Consultation…

You need to respond before 19 April 2013
It’s easy to get involved, just visit:
www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sitesandpolicies

Here you can view all of the consultation documents, look up sites and places you are interested in on our interactive proposals map and respond online.

Leaflets covering the other major towns and villages in North Somerset and the full Sites and Policies plan are also available at North Somerset libraries.

A number of exhibitions will be held across the district during the consultation period, so why not visit us at one of the locations listed?

- Monday 11 March – Wednesday 13 March
  Weston Library
- Thursday 14 March (9am to 5pm) and Friday 15 March (12.30pm to 7pm)
  Community Centre, Winscombe
- Tuesday 19 March and Saturday 23 March (1.30pm to 4pm)
  Nailsea Library
- Wednesday 20 March and Thursday 21 March
  Portishead Library
- Tuesday 26 March and Wednesday 27 March
  For All Healthy Living Centre, Bournville, Weston-super-Mare
- Thursday 4 April and Friday 5 April (10am to 5pm)
  Clevedon Town Council Offices, 44 Old Street Clevedon
- Tuesday 9 April and Thursday 11 April
  Yatton Library

Council documents can be made available in large print, audio, easy read and other formats.

Documents on our website can also be emailed to you as plain text files.

Help is also available for people who require council information in languages other than English.

For more information contact:
01934 426 603 or planning.policy@n-somerset.gov.uk

You can also drop-in to the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on any Monday or at Castlewood, Clevedon on Fridays between Monday 11 March and Friday 19 April to talk to us about the proposals - no appointment is needed - just ask at reception.

The easiest way to respond is online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sitesandpolicies

Alternatively, you can send any comments you have to:

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