

Dear Consultee

Local Plan Partial Update

The Council is contacting you as you have previously commented on planning policy documents or expressed an interest in being kept informed of planning policy consultations. Following the Council's Cabinet meeting on the 10th December, the Council is moving towards the next stage of the partial update to its Local Plan in the form of an Options Consultation which is due to launch in early January 2021.

The partial update is not a new Local Plan, it is an update of the Core Strategy & Placemaking Plan (together comprising the adopted Local Plan for B&NES). The update will not change the plan period, the spatial strategy or the overall housing requirement of the adopted Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan.

The purpose of this Options consultation is to facilitate discussion and generate comment on the options or potential approaches for addressing some of the critical issues facing Bath and North East Somerset and we would like you to be involved in this process. The Options document will be available for comment for a period of 6 weeks, from **7th January to 18th February 2021**.

In summary the key proposed elements or scope of the partial update are set out below:

1. The need to update particular policies to help better address the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency and an Ecological Emergency
2. Update and replenish housing supply in order to ensure the Core Strategy requirement can be met
3. Review and update specific policies to address a number of other issues in the short term
4. Ensure policies reflect changes to national policy and legislation since the Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan were adopted

Webinar

We will be holding a webinar on the 21st of December 2020. The webinar, chaired by Cllr Dine Romero, Leader of the Council, will outline the context and the programme for the Local Plan partial update and how you can input and help shape the update of local planning policy.

As the consultation hasn't yet begun, this session will not be discussing the details of specific policies but will focus on how residents can contribute at various stages of the process.

The discussion will be recorded and available afterwards on the council's [YouTube channel](#)

Sign up in advance for the webinar

here https://bathnes.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oUj9bsWPTQSGxVKLk0_6jg

We will be in contact again to advise when the consultation opens and to provide links to the consultation documents.

Regards

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