

Imagine Bath in 2026...

together we need to make some tough decisions

The Council is reviewing its planning policies. To stimulate discussion about how our District should develop over the next 20 years, the Council has published a document that identifies the major issues it thinks we are facing.

Take a look at the 'Core Strategy Launch Document' and let us know what you think. Details of how to do this and where you can find the document are included in this leaflet.

The Core Strategy

Work to put together a new generation of planning policies which will set out the broad locations for new housing, jobs and community facilities is being launched by the Council. Some of these new policies will be set out in a document called the Core Strategy.

The Core Strategy will set out the long term planning framework for the District looking ahead to 2026.

It will take on board the findings of studies, other Council strategies and consultations, including the Sustainable Community Strategy and the 'Future for Bath and North East Somerset Visions'.



THE FUTURE
FOR BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

Working together in



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What is the major spatial issue facing Bath and North East Somerset?

The District will need to deliver unprecedented levels of growth in housing and other areas over the next 20 years while also addressing the challenge of climate change. We need to find land for up to 16,000 new homes.

This is not the only issue facing the District. We recognise that there are different issues facing Bath, Keynsham, Midsomer Norton and Radstock, and the rural areas.

We want you to tell us:

- **Has the Launch Document correctly identified the main issues for each area?**
- **What do you think are the best options for tackling the issues?**



What about Bath?

We think achieving the delivery of economic and housing growth whilst protecting and enhancing Bath's environment is the key strategic issue for the City. Optimum use of opportunities within the City will help to minimise the amount of development on greenfield land outside the existing built up area. The Regional Spatial Strategy proposes that housing that cannot be accommodated within Bath should be met through an 'urban extension' to the City. The 'most sustainable' area is considered to be to the south and west of Bath. The 'Future for Bath and North East Somerset Visions' suggest various options for addressing some of the economic issues facing Bath.

We suggest other major issues for Bath include:

- protecting and enhancing Bath's unique character
- accommodating economic growth and sufficient affordable housing to help meet future need
- meeting shopping needs
- the City as an important visitor destination
- impact of the expansion of the Universities and student population

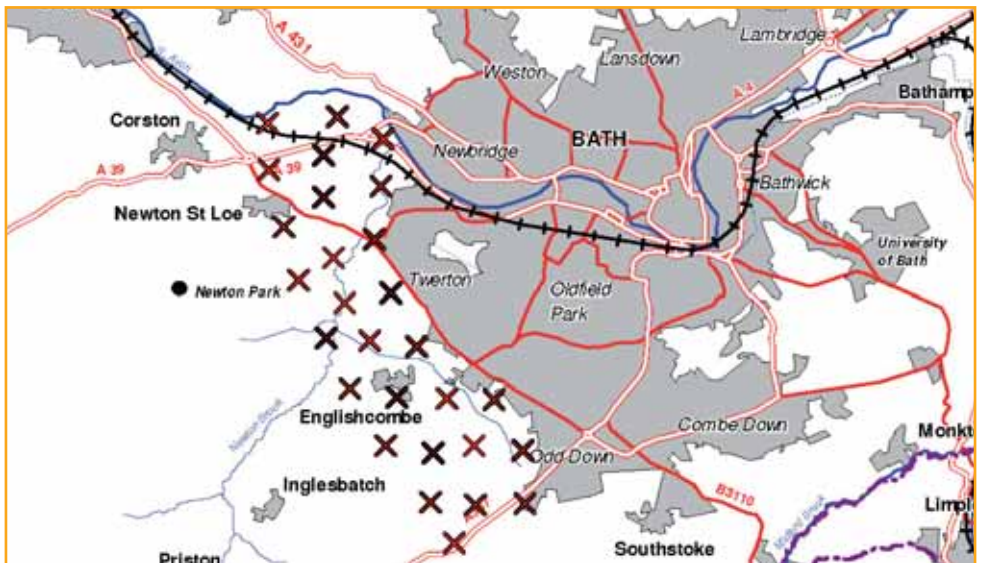


Illustration of the Regional Spatial Strategy 'Area of Search' for the Bath Urban Extension

Have your say!

Core Strategy Launch Consultation **25th September to 17th December 2007...**

Come and see a display

at the Bath Central library, 22nd – 28th October

and at Weston library 13th, 15th and 17th November

You can also see all display material on our website

Come and talk to Planning Officers

at a drop-in session at Trimbridge House, Trim Street, Bath

3rd October 2pm – 4.30pm

4th October 10am – 12.30pm

5th October 10am – 12.30pm

There will be a display at Trimbridge House Reception during these times.

Comment online

www.bathnes.gov.uk/corestrategy or contact us for a Comment Form

For full details of the consultation activities see our online consultation calendar or contact us directly.

Copies of the Core Strategy Launch document and leaflets for other areas can be found at:

www.bathnes.gov.uk/corestrategy

all public libraries in the District

Council Offices including Trimbridge House, Bath

For further information you can contact the Planning Policy Team on 01225 477548 or e-mail planning_policy@bathnes.gov.uk