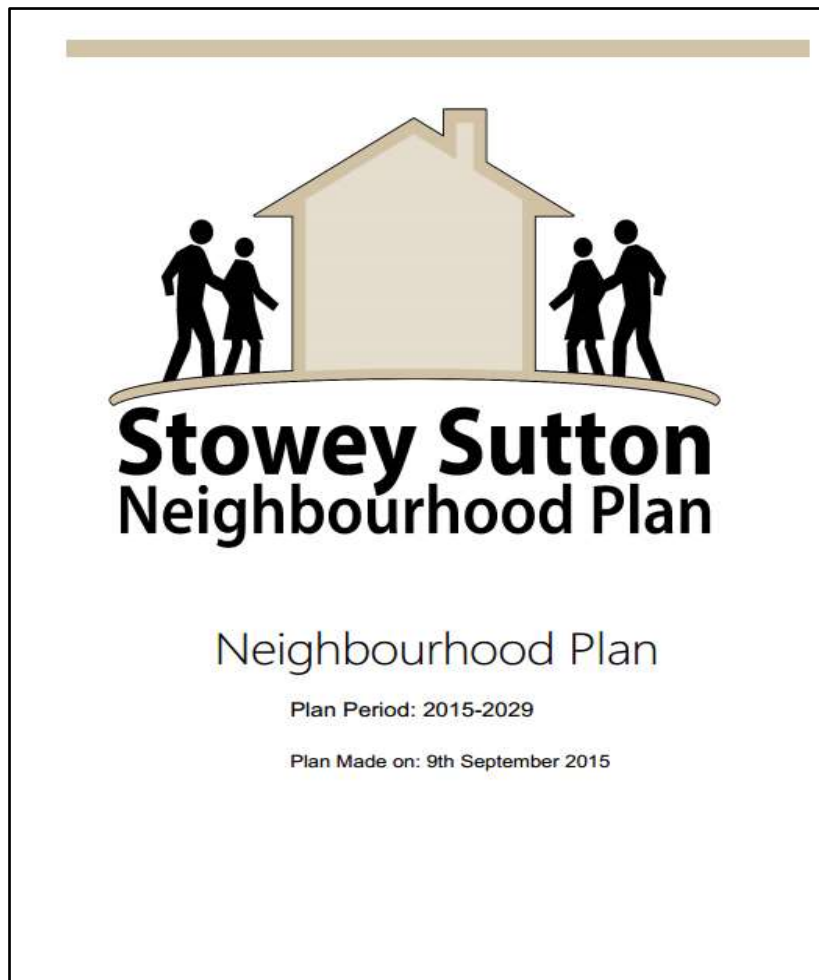




Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Development Plan



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Neighbourhood Planning in B&NES

Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011. Communities can shape development in their areas through the production of Neighbourhood Development Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders.

Neighbourhood Development Plans become part of the Local Plan and the policies contained within them are then used in the determination of planning applications. Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders allow communities to grant planning permission either in full or in outline for the types of development they want to see in their areas.

The local parish or town council will lead on neighbourhood planning in their areas. Where one does not exist then a community group known as a neighbourhood forum needs to be established to lead. The Localism Act recognises that not all communities are residential in nature and as such in areas that are predominantly commercial then a business led neighbourhood forum can be established.

The Local Planning Authority is involved and will make decisions at key stages of the process, such as approving the neighbourhood area within which the Neighbourhood Development Plan will have effect. It will also organise the independent examination of the plan and the community referendum that is held at the end of the process.

The referendum is an important part of the process allowing those that live in the neighbourhood area to decide whether or not the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Neighbourhood Development Order or Community Right to Build Order comes into effect or not. This is direct democracy and outlines the importance of working with the wider community and securing their support at an early stage in the process.

Progress of the Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan

The Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been ‘made’ by B&NES and is now a part of the Council’s development plan which is in accordance with section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Reasons for making this decision:

- 95% of those voting in the Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan referendum on Friday 7th August 2015 have voted in favour of the Plan.
- [Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement](#)

The Plan was made on 9th September 2015.

Copies of the Stowey Sutton NDP Decision Statement will be displayed in the Council’s One Stop Shop during normal opening hours and copies will be available on request.

Key dates of each stage:

Date designated	13 th December 2013
Regulation 14 Consultation	1 st November-12 th December 2014
Regulation 16 Consultation	29 th January-12 th March 2015
Date of Examination	13 th May 2015
Date of referendum	7 th August 2015
Date Plan ‘made’	9 th September 2015

Stowey Sutton Area Designation

In late 2013 Stowey Sutton Parish Council decided to develop a Neighbourhood Plan under the terms of the Localism Act 2011, to provide a legal basis for residents to determine the future for their community.

Stowey Sutton Parish applied to become a neighbourhood planning area. For the Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan 'application pack' which contains all the designation documents and the Decision statement, please see: [Stowey Sutton Application Pack](#)

The Stowey Sutton neighbourhood planning area was designated on 13th December 2013.

Regulation 14 Consultation

Before submitting a Neighbourhood Plan to B&NES, a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group must publicise in an appropriate manner in the neighbourhood area:

- details of the proposals in a neighbourhood development plan
- details of where and when proposals for the neighbourhood development plan can be seen
- details of how to make representations
- the deadline for receipt of representations (minimum 6 week period)

This is a formal requirement under Regulation 14 of the neighbourhood planning regulations.

Stowey Sutton Regulation 14 consultation

The Regulation 14 consultation documents is a summary of the comments made during the Regulation 14 consultation on the Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan, which took place between 1st November-12th December 2014.

Regulation 16 Consultation

The Regulation 16 document is a summary, written by Officers at Bath and North East Somerset Council, of the comments made during the Regulation 16 consultation on the Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan, which took place between 29th January-12th March 2015.

The summary was written to provide assistance to the Examiner and to allow anyone who wished to see some of the issues raised. It does not contain every point a consultee has made. The Examiner read the comments of each consultee in full.

This is a formal requirement under regulation 16 of the neighbourhood planning regulations: [Stowey Sutton's Regulation 16 Consultation Responses](#)

Examination

Janet L Cheesley was appointed to examine the Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Development Plan Proposal (or Neighbourhood Plan).

- [Report on the examination of the Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan Report on the examination of the Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan, 13th May 2015](#)

Following receipt of the examiner's report Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan was updated as requested by the Planning Examiner (as described in the Decision Statement below).

Referendum

Following receipt of the examiner's report Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan was updated as requested by the Planning Examiner (as described in the Decision Statement below) and a referendum on the making of the Neighbourhood Plan was held on Friday 7th August 2015:

- [Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement](#)
- [Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan – Referendum Version, May 2015 \(6.2 MB\)](#)

95% of those who voted made a yes vote (36% turnout) in response to the following question:

- "Do you want Bath & North East Somerset Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Stowey Sutton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"
- [Official Notice of the Referendum Result](#)

The Made Plan

The Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Development Plan has been 'made' by B&NES on 9th September 2015 and is now a part of the Council's development plan which is in accordance with section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Reasons for making this decision:

74% of those voting in the Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan referendum on Friday 7th August 2015 have voted in favour of the Plan.