

Bath & North East Somerset Placemaking Plan

COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO ID/3: MATTER 21 – MIDSOMER NORTON

Issue: Whether the policies are consistent with the neighbourhood plan

Q1. What is the current status of the Midsomer Norton Neighbourhood Plan?

1. The Midsomer Norton Neighbourhood Plan is currently being drafted. Midsomer Norton Town Council has informed the Council that the draft Plan is due to be submitted to the Council by mid-October prior to public consultation. It will then progress towards Examination.

Q2. Do policies in the Placemaking Plan align with the Midsomer Norton NP?

2. Para 184 of the NPPF states that NPs must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. Therefore the Midsomer Norton Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in general conformity with the policies of the B&NES Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan once adopted.
3. In accordance with the statutory duty and as set out in 'My Neighbourhood: Neighbourhood Planning Protocol' (Statement of Community Involvement) the Council has been working closely with the Midsomer Norton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (MSNNPG) to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan facilitates the regeneration of MSN in accordance with strategic planning framework established by the adopted Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan.
4. The draft Plan is not submitted to the Council yet, but the MSNNPG has confirmed that to the best of their knowledge everything in the Midsomer Norton Neighbourhood Plan is consistent with the Placemaking Plan in terms of its objectives and policies. In addition to liaising with the MSNNPG during draft plan preparation the Council will also assess the Draft Plan once it is submitted for public consultation and make any formal comments necessary to the Town Council for their consideration prior to submitting the plan for Examination. This process will ensure general conformity of the Neighbourhood Plan with the Core Strategy & Placemaking Plan.