

Bath & North East Somerset Placemaking Plan

Keynsham (Part 3)

COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO ID/3: MATTER 18 – INFRASTRUCTURE AND DELIVERY

Issue: Whether the timely delivery of the infrastructure necessary to support the Keynsham Spatial Strategy is realistic and feasible.

Q1. Does the Infrastructure Delivery Plan demonstrate that the infrastructure required to achieve the proposed development can be achieved without compromising the timely delivery of development?

1. The Council is of the view that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan demonstrates that the infrastructure required to achieve the proposed development can be achieved without compromising the timely delivery of development. The overall response to the delivery of infrastructure is discussed in Matter 8 – Infrastructure.
2. The key infrastructure items identified at the time of the Core Strategy examination are shown in Table 1 / Page 45 of the Keynsham chapter (Part 3) of the Placemaking Plan. Of these the following comments are made:
 - The flood protection measures, enhancement of the Hams, secondary road access to Somerdale, and new early years facility and primary school are currently being delivered by the Somerdale redevelopment as part of the planning permission granted for 13/01780/EOUT and subsequent permissions.
 - Improvements to sewerage capacity have been delivered as part of the K2 housing schemes by Wessex Water. An upgrade of Keynsham sewage treatment works will be required during the next Business Planning Process undertaken every 5 years by Wessex Water, but the preferred option has not yet been confirmed by the company. There is enough land around the works to accommodate this development as and when Wessex deem it is necessary to implement. It will be funded by Wessex Water.
 - Improvements to Keynsham train station have been implemented in terms of improved access to the platforms. Further improvements will be made through S106 funding from the Somerdale development. Enhanced service frequency will occur once the mainline is electrified in 2017, and MetroWest phase 1 is implemented with a new hourly service between Bath Spa and Severn Beach via Keynsham.
 - Additional education capacity is planned to be delivered as part of the K2 developments, the Core Strategy allocations (with a new primary school on KE3) and an extension to St Keyna primary school (which is safeguarded for education purposes).

3. Additional infrastructure requirements are discussed in the Placemaking Plan (e.g. transport measures in para 49-50) and the IDP. These will be funded in a variety of ways as described in paras 2.25-2.43 of the IDP.