West of England Joint Spatial Strategy (Nov 2015) The West of England Joint Spatial Plan is a direct response to the real and growing need for new and affordable homes to be built and supported with infrastructure. Estimates indicate that to maintain its current prosperity, the area needs 85,000 new homes by 2036, nearly 30,000 more than the number already planned. The area's four local authorities – Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bath & North East Somerset – have come together to tackle this challenge in a joined-up, strategic way that will deliver the necessary housing and employment alongside improved transport and other infrastructure.	The issues and options paper is currently subject to public consultation. It discusses the types of development, potential locations and spatial scenarios. https://www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk/consult.ti/JSPIO2015/consultationHome	At this early stage of the development of the JSP there is a lack of certainty over quantum and location of development therefore it is not appropriate for the B&NES Placemaking Plan to put forward mitigation for this uncertain effect.
West of England Joint Transport Study The West of England's four local authorities have launched a public consultation as part of the Joint Transport Study, which will inform high level strategy and the delivery of major transport schemes throughout the area until 2036.	13 concepts have been drawn up for discussion and consultation –These are made up of packages of schemes which aim to help achieve the draft objectives and tackle the issues of the West of England.	This will inform the preparation of the JSP and cumulative effects will be considered as the Plan develops. No mitigation is required at this stage.