

## Placemaking Plan



## Timeline and History

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## 1. Introduction

The Placemaking Plan forms part of Bath & north East Somerset Council's Local Plan, the other being the [Adopted Core Strategy](#).

Whilst the Council's [Adopted Core Strategy](#) sets out the broad and strategic approach to the level and location of new development throughout Bath and North East Somerset, the Council's Placemaking Plan focuses more on the specifics, including detailed design principles and development aspirations and updating the planning policies used in determining planning applications. The [Core Strategy](#) and the Placemaking Plan are complementary planning policy documents, and should be read as one. To help with this, the [Draft Placemaking Plan](#) included the Core Strategy text within it.

The Placemaking Plan will:

- allocate sites for development for housing, employment and other uses to help meet development needs identified in the Core Strategy;
- Review and update the development management policies used in the determination of planning applications
- facilitate the delivery of key development sites;
- safeguard and enhance the quality and diversity of places in B&NES including the protection of valued assets and identifying opportunities for change; and
- provide the opportunity to work together with local communities to review Housing Development Boundaries.

The project was launched in September 2013 and a number of stages took place to ensure that the Draft Plan is the best possible plan that can be achieved; one that reflects the aspirations and ambitions of a very broad range of interests.

This document details the various stages, consultations and evidence relating to the Placemaking Plan from its launch to its submission to the Planning Inspectorate in 2016, all of which can be accessed via the hyperlinks within it. It will be updated as the process continues through to the Placemaking Plan's adoption.

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## 2. The Programme and timings

The Council has consulted on the various stages of the document, each consultation informing the next version of the document through assessment of the comments received during the consultations and through continuing dialogue with local residents, stakeholder organisations, developers and landowners. This dialogue aims to resolve tensions and to ensure that the Draft Plan is the best possible plan that can be achieved; one that reflects the aspirations and ambitions of a very broad range of interests. Inevitably it is extremely unlikely that we will be able to produce the ‘perfect plan’ and there will still be parties who feel aggrieved at some of the content of the Draft Plan.

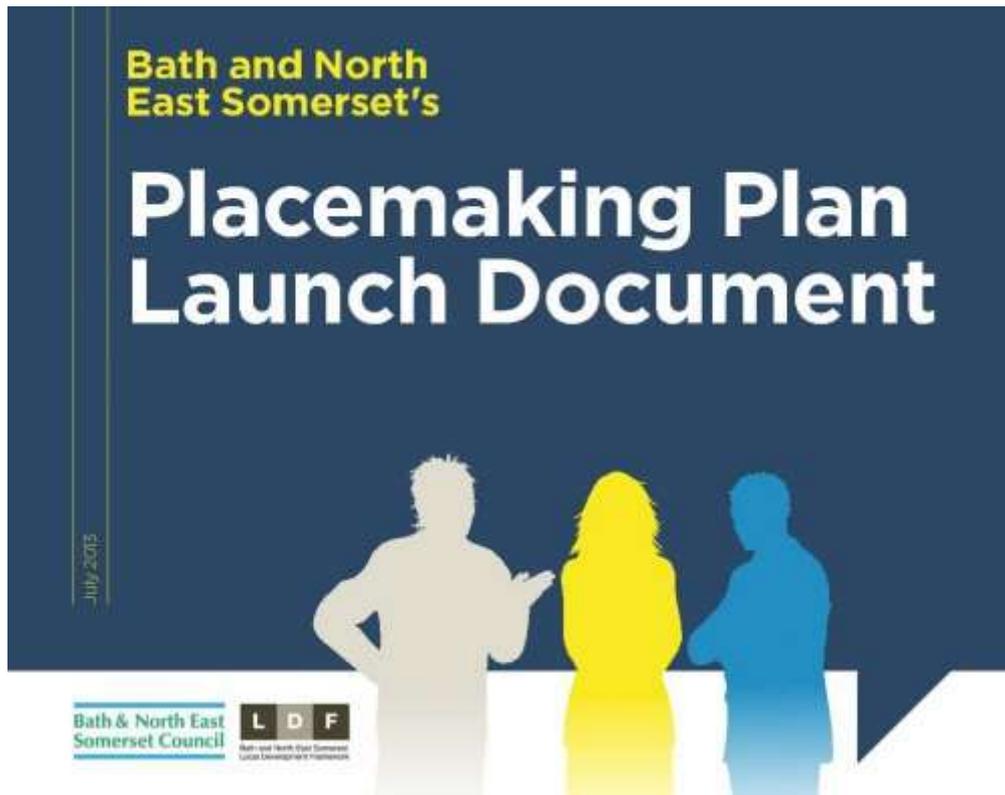
The current programme for the preparation of the Placemaking Plan is as follows:

Stage	When?
Launch Document consultation	September 2013
Options consultation	27th November 2014 to 5pm, 30th January 2015
Draft Plan consultation	16th December 2015 to 5pm, 3rd February 2016
Submission to Secretary of State	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Examination Hearings	Summer 2016
Receipt of Inspector’s Report	Autumn 2016
Adoption	Winter 2016

The above timings reflect the reviewed and revised preparation programme which will be confirmed through the Council’s Local Development Scheme which is due to be considered by full Council at its meeting in November 2015.

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### 3. The Launch Document



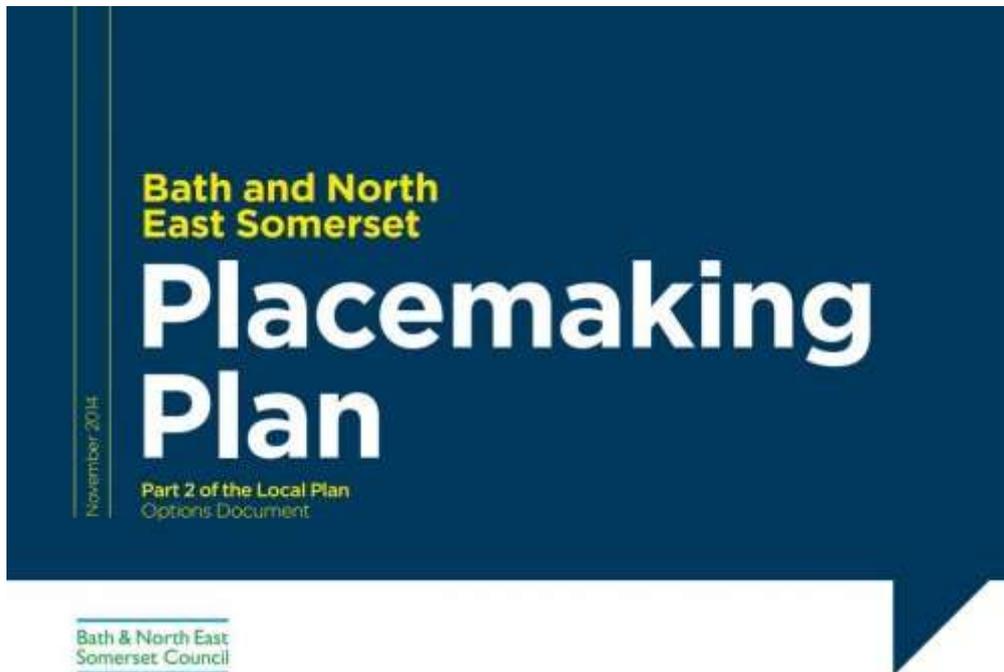
The Council produced the [Placemaking Plan Launch Document](#) in 2013. The primary purpose of this document is to spark debate and discussion about the detailed planning issues that need to be resolved. This initial stage in the preparation of the Placemaking Plan provides the catalyst to work with local communities and others involved in the development process.

The [Placemaking Plan Launch Document](#) was published for consultation between 25<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013. The consultation gave the opportunity to comment on the issues and opportunities for key development sites and the suggested planning policy framework for the district.

[The responses to the consultation on the Placemaking Plan Launch Document are available via this link.](#)

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## 4. The Placemaking Plan Options Document



The Options Consultations ran from Thursday 27th November 2014 until 5pm on Friday 30th January 2015, and was an important exploratory stage in the preparation of planning policy. It also allows the Council to consult thoroughly on a range of potential options or scenarios, or in planning speak, ‘reasonable alternative options’. Following consideration of all the comments received during the consultation process ([available to view them via this link](#)), and following ongoing dialogue and an assessment of the available evidence, the Council will then decide which option it considers to be the most appropriate for each issue. This will then be subject to further consultation when the Council produces the Draft Placemaking Plan.

The Placemaking Plan Options document is informed by a variety of studies and other information, [A document listing and linking to supporting documents and background evidence for the Placemaking Plan Options document is available via this link.](#)

## The Consultation

The Council held a series of drop-in events where officers were available to discuss the Placemaking Plan. The events took place at various locations across Bath & North East Somerset and the display material from them can be viewed below:

- [The Consultation Process \(0.3 MB\)](#)
- [Development Management Policies \(0.4 MB\)](#)
- [Bath \(6.1 MB\)](#)
- [Bathampton \(2.7 MB\)](#)
- [Batheaston \(2.7 MB\)](#)
- [Compton Martin \(2.5 MB\)](#)
- [East Harptree \(1.2 MB\)](#)
- [Hallatrow \(1.6 MB\)](#)
- [Hinton Blewett \(0.4 MB\)](#)
- [Keynsham \(1.6 MB\)](#)
- [Midsomer Norton \(1.5 MB\)](#)
- [Paulton \(0.6 MB\)](#)
- [Radstock \(1.3 MB\)](#)
- [Temple Cloud \(1.6 MB\)](#) or [Temple Cloud \(2.5 MB\)](#)
- [Timsbury \(4.6 MB\)](#)
- [Westfield \(0.6 MB\)](#)
- [West Harptree \(1.2 MB\)](#)

The map within the [Placemaking Plan Options document](#) showing a number of Green Spaces in Bath ([Appendix 2](#)) is duplicated below in higher resolutions than possible within the document:

- [Appendix 2 - Green Spaces in Bath at 1:20,000 \(6.3 MB\)](#)
- [Appendix 2 - Green Spaces in Bath, North-west section at 1:10,000 \(6 MB\)](#)
- [Appendix 2 - Green Spaces in Bath, North-east section at 1:10,000 \(5.8 MB\)](#)
- [Appendix 2 - Green Spaces in Bath, South-west section at 1:10,000 \(6.3 MB\)](#)
- [Appendix 2 - Green Spaces in Bath, South-east section at 1:10,000 \(4.9 MB\)](#)

The comments submitted during the consultation have been categorised and grouped by plan reference. The Schedule of Comments begins with some explanatory text and a contents table which sets out which parts of the Placemaking Plan were comments on, and on which page those comments can be found. You can download the [Schedule of Comments here](#).

## The Sustainability Appraisal

The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report for the Bath & North East Somerset Placemaking Plan is published below. The Scoping Report represents the first stage of the

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SA process and has been prepared following consultation on the scope and level of detail that should be included in the SA of the Placemaking Plan DPD. In accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, the Council consulted with English Heritage, Natural England and the Environment Agency for a five week period between 5<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and again between 8<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Changes to the SA Scoping Report were made following the first period of consultation in 2013. The most recent round of consultation related to changes to the Scoping Report (SA Framework and relevant baseline information) proposed as a result of integrating Health Impact Assessment into the SA process and amendments to ensure climate change issues are adequately reflected within the SA objectives. The final version of the Scoping Report also reflects comments received from statutory consultees.

The final SA Scoping Report and Annexes can be viewed via the links below together with the Schedules of Consultation Responses from 2013 and 2014 for reference:

- [The Placemaking Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report](#)
- [Annex A: Policy Plan and Programme Review](#)
- [Annex B: Baseline Data](#)
- [Schedule of Consultation Responses 2013](#)
- [Schedule of Consultation Responses 2014](#)

A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Placemaking Plan Options document was also undertaken as part of the process of testing and explaining the likely sustainability effects of reasonable alternatives in preparing the Plan and will be used to inform preparation of the Draft Plan. The interim SA Report and Appraisal Matrices (Annex A) are published below for comment. Comments on the SA should be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The purpose of this consultation is to provide the statutory environmental bodies and other interested parties the opportunity to express their opinion on the interim SA report. Publishing the SA also enables all interested parties to use the information within the SA report to guide their deliberations and comments on the options document.

- [Placemaking Plan Options Sustainability Report](#)
- [Placemaking Plan Options Sustainability Report, Annex A - Part 1](#)
- [Placemaking Plan Options Sustainability Report, Annex A - Part 2](#)

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Additionally a [Habitat Regulations Assessment \(HRA\) scoping of Placemaking Plan Options document](#) was also been undertaken, along with an [Equality Impact Assessment / Equality Analysis](#) of the Options document.

## 5. Further Stages

Following the Options stage a series of consultations concerning Keynsham, and with links to the Placemaking Plan, took place; [links to these are currently available on the Council's website](#). The Draft Placemaking Plan was then produced, and was consulted on between 16th December 2015 and 3rd February 2016. The comments and supporting information received were sent to the Planning Inspector when the plan was submitted on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016. [Information on this stage can be found via this link to the Planning Policy's Placemaking Plan website](#).

The document is currently under [Examination](#) and the associated [website](#) will be regularly updated.

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