

Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Date: Monday, 21st May, 2018

Time: 4.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

Councillors: John Bull (Chair), Brian Simmons (Vice-Chair), Neil Butters, Alan Hale, Richard Samuel, Peter Turner, Patrick Anketell-Jones, Ian Gilchrist and Michael Evans

Councillor Mark Shelford (Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways), Councillor Bob Goodman (Bath and North East Somerset Council) and Councillor Karen Warrington (Bath and North East Somerset Council) Chief Executive and other appropriate officers Press and Public

Panel members - there will be a pre-meeting in the Chamber at 4pm.

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at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

AGENDA

- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
- 2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 6.

- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting declarations of interest are received from Members in any of the agenda items under consideration at the meeting. Members are asked to indicate:

- (a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.
- (b) The nature of their interest.
- (c) Whether their interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest <u>or</u> an other interest, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests)

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- TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN
- 6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING

At the time of publication no notifications had been received.

7. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 12)

8. BANES ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP - VISION STATEMENT (Pages 13 - 18)

A report is attached on the Bath and North East Somerset Environmental Sustainability Partnership – Vision Statement.

9. AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS - A37 (Pages 19 - 32)

There will be a presentation on this item at the meeting. Slides are attached.

10. NATIONAL AIR QUALITY PLAN - STRATEGIC OUTLINE CASE (Pages 33 - 42)

There will be a presentation on this item at the meeting. Slides are attached.

11. CABINET MEMBER(S) UPDATE

The Cabinet Member(s) will update the Panel on any relevant issues. Panel members may ask questions on the update provided.

12. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 43 - 46)

This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel. Any suggestions for further items or amendments to the current programme will be logged and scheduled in consultation with the Panel's Chair and supporting senior officers.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Michaela Gay who can be contacted on 01225 394411.

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

MINUTES OF COMMUNITIES, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING

Monday, 12th March, 2018

Present:- **Councillors** John Bull, Brian Simmons, Neil Butters, Richard Samuel, Peter Turner, Patrick Anketell-Jones, Ian Gilchrist and Michael Evans

Apologies for absence: Councillors:

69 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

70 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

71 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Councillor Alan Hale gave his apologies and was substituted by Councillor Colin Barrett

72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

73 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There was none.

74 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING

The following people made statements to the Panel:

<u>Adam Reynolds</u> made a statement on 'City of Bath Community Congestion Charge and Workplace Parking Levy Proposal'. *A copy of this statement is attached to these minutes.*

Councillor Turner queried the statement regarding deaths from pollution, Mr Reynolds confirmed that this referred pollution *related* deaths. Councillor Evans queried whether Nottingham was a good comparison with Bath, Mr Reynolds explained that it was about creating modal shift. Councillor Bull thanked Mr Reynolds and explained that the Panel were intrigued by his proposals but that there was no

money to carry out a feasibility study at present. Mr Reynolds explained that he had contacted DEFRA.

Rosemary Naish made a statement regarding the Parish Charter, she explained that the parishes were happy with the review and wished to recognise the work of Councillor Myers and senior officers.

<u>Nicolette Boater</u> made a statement regarding Bath governance and the Parish Charter. *A copy of this statement is attached to these minutes.*

In response to a question from Councillor Barrett regarding the cost of a governance review, Ms Boater explained that she did not have figures for this. Councillor Butters mentioned that Swindon had gone through a similar exercise which appears successful.

The Panel noted a question from Mr Hal Macfie and the answer circulated. A copy of this document is attached to these minutes.

Statements

75 MINUTES

The Panel confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

Note: Councillor Samuel raised the issue of the Air Quality Action Plan and the fact that the Scrutiny Panel would not get to see the outline business case before the 31st March 2018 deadline. He wished to register his disappointment at this. The Chairman suggested that the Panel be briefed on the issue before the end of March and asked the Democratic Services Officer to ask the relevant officers to set this up.

76 CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

<u>The Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment Councillor Mark Shelford</u> updated the Panel on the following:

- Public Transport work continues with WECA including the development of a bus strategy.
- Parking Services The Parking Strategy has been approved by Cabinet, comments are welcome.
- The ANPR Camera upgrade is being worked on for bus lane enforcement.
 Discussions are underway with Central Government via the Traffic Penalty
 Tribunal as currently private car parks can use ANPR for enforcement but not
 public car parks. This does not make sense and needs to be challenged.
- Oddown Coach park work will commence over the next period.
- Passenger Transport there is an update on the agenda
- Highways/Traffic during the severe weather the team worked incredibly well, we were well prepared and covered 3, 500 miles with 530 tonnes of grit. The Parks and cleansing team shovelled snow, the emergency contingency plans worked well. Some lessons were learned but a huge thanks to all.

- Somerdale, Keynsham work on a new junction had started which would finish at the end of May.
- The Highways maintenance contract expires at the end of March 2019 and the energy supply contract expires in September 2018 – both contracts would go through the re tendering process.

The Panel asked the following questions and made the following points:

The Chairman Councillor Bull asked that the Panel's thanks also be sent to the teams who worked hard during the severe weather period.

Councillor Gilchrist explained that there were some issues in his ward during the severe weather period and some residents could not get to the RUH. He also asked about an update on the subway in his ward. Councillor Shelford said he would report back on this.

Councillor Evans asked for an update on the snow warden scheme. Councillor Shelford explained that he was waiting for a response on the scheme and was always looking for volunteers.

Councillor Anketell Jones asked about Park and Ride prices in relation to daily parking charges, Chris Major (Group Manager Transport and Planning) explained that a Park and Ride daily ticket was £3.40 per person and city centre parking charges for the day was £12.50 in Avon Street and £8.50 in Charlotte Street. He explained that there were options to increase daily parking charges to £15 in the parking strategy.

Councillor Butters asked about 20mph zones and pointed to the differing views on the benefits of this. He explained that a past report to this Panel had outlined some dis benefits but the recent report from Bristol was positive. Councillor Shelford explained that the government report was delayed and agreed there were differing views.

Councillor Barrett explained that some Weston residents were isolated for 4 days during the severe weather period and there were no snow ploughs in the area, he expressed concern especially regarding elderly people being isolated. Councillor Shelford explained that all 'A' roads were gritted and ploughed and 'B' roads were also treated by the end of the Friday night. He asked Councillor Barrett to email him the details of his concerns which he would look at.

Councillor Samuel raised his concern over the fact that the Scrutiny Panel will not see the business plan on Air Quality. Councillor Shelford explained that the officers are working very hard, he explained that Bristol were higher up the list and that is why they approved their plan before this authority.

The Cabinet Member for Development and Neighbourhoods Councillor Karen Warrington updated the Panel on the following:

 Bath Library – the first round of engagement was complete and there would be two more rounds.

- Branch Libraries Saltford Community Association have agreed to take on Saltford Library from April and also open a Post Officer facility in the Library. Meetings regarding Weston were positive and Paulton Parish Council were moving towards consultation with residents. She added that in Radstock there was likely to be a small provision in the new healthy living centre and in Moorland Road there was engagement with volunteers. She explained that there were also potentially 4 new libraries in Bishop Sutton, Timsbury, Chew Valley School and Peasedown St John.
- Mobile Library the service had been restricted by an aging vehicle and the fact that there is only 1 qualified member of staff – options are being considered on this and users will be consulted.

The Panel asked the following questions and made the following points:

Councillor Samuel asked how many days in this financial year had the mobile library been unavailable. Councillor Warrington agreed to send this information to the Panel members.

Councillor Bull asked if Saltford Library was being given financial help and professional advice. Councillor Warrington explained that they would receive help with their business plan; professional advice and book rotation. Saltford would also get assistance with rent as it was early to take this on.

Councillor Bull asked if the others would get this support. Councillor Warrington explained that they would get professional advice, services and book rotation. She explained that rent assistance was dependent on how early the groups take over.

The Panel noted the written update from the Cabinet Member for Development and Neighbourhoods, Councillor Bob Goodman. *A copy of this update is attached to these minutes.*

77 GETTING FROM A TO B PROJECT

Chris Major, Group Manager Transport and Planning, introduced the item to the Panel and gave a presentation on 'Getting from A to B – Strategic Transport Review' which covered the following:

- Purpose
- Approach
- Outcomes
- Barriers
- Supported bus funding
- Review Home to School Transport
- HTST Hazardous routes review
- SEND Personal budgets
- Fleet utilisation and back office
- Still to do's...
- Next Steps

Panel members made the following points and asked the following questions:

Councillor Butters asked how much SEN provision was provided when pupils came from other authorities. The officer stated that he would ask for a response from the Education Department. Councillor Butters asked if drivers had DBS checks for school buses, the officer explained that they did on contracted services but not on public buses.

Councillor Gilchrist explained that a Scrutiny Panel had done a lot of work on home to school transport and hazardous routes 5 years ago which recommended that more children be encouraged to walk to school – he asked if this review is the first time this has been actioned. The officer explained that this review represented the second stage and added that there is now more online information for parents.

Councillor Anketell Jones asked if prioritising digital ways to gain information was the best way to save money, the officer explained that it was really important to get information and work with software providers is being done to help with costs.

Councillor Bull asked how it had been to work with WECA. The officer explained that there were a number of opportunities and challenges but work was being done with WECA to ensure the best outcomes.

The Chair thanked the officer for the update and asked that this issue be reported back to the Panel in 6 months.

78 PARISH CHARTER REVIEW

The Cabinet Member for Economic and Community Regeneration – Councillor Paul Myers, Parish Councillor Rosemary Naish and Andy Thomas, Strategic Manager Communities gave a presentation to the Panel which covered the following:

- Overview
- Revised Draft Parish Charter
- Consultation Summary
- Common Issues Raised
- Implementation
- Decision making process
- Web page

Panel members made the following points and asked the following questions:

Councillor Butters expressed his thanks for all the work that had been done. He asked about the Parish Sweeper Scheme, Councillor Myers explained that he would ask Councillor Goodman to give specific advice to the Panel on this but that he hoped to invoke the spirit of the Parish Charter. He explained that the working group will present to the Parish Liaison Committee.

Councillor Butters asked about issues that cross parish borders. Councillor Myers explained that his role was to liaise with other bodies such as towns and parishes on

the borders. Rosemary Naish explained that this issue could be raised at the next review meeting.

Councillor Butters asked if officers had regard for Parish Council views and asked if some education was needed for staff on this issue. Councillor Myers explained that this was about mutual respect and understanding on both sides. The officer explained that staff will be involved which will help as sometimes there can be a lack of knowledge on both sides.

Councillor Gilchrist asked about the role of the Council Chairman chairing the Parish Liaison Committee. Councillor Myers suggested that it might be an idea to consider rotating the Chair but also acknowledged that it was good to have a Chair who was neutral. Rosemary Naish added that the layout of the Parish Liaison meeting has now been changed so that groups sit together.

Councillor Anketell Jones stated that employment in rural areas has grown 5 times faster than predicted in the core strategy which was making Parish Council's more important.

Councillor Bull stated that there was a need to monitor the Parish Charter especially with regard to devolved services such as libraries.

Councillor Simmons asked about the roles of the Parish Council and Community Forums. Rosemary Naish explained that some groups such as Julian House come along to Community Forums but may not attend Parish Liaison meetings as the meetings had a very different flavour.

The Chairman thanked members of the working group for updating the Panel and answering questions.

79 PANEL WORKPLAN

The Panel noted the workplan with the following suggested updates (subject to confirmation):

21st May meeting:

- Air Quality in relation to the A37
- Waste Collection Review
- ESP (Environment Sustainability Panel) Joint Vision Statement

16th July 2018 meeting:

- Anti-social behaviour policy (Police representative to be invited)
- Bathscape Project Update on Progress

17th September 2018 meeting:

Transport Strategy – Getting from A to B (Update)

Prepared by Democratic Services
Date Confirmed and Signed
Chair(person)
The meeting ended at 6.15 pm



Bath & North East Somerset Council			
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Community, Transport & Environment Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel		
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	21 May 2018	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E 9999	
B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership (ESP) – Vision Statement (and Motion to Council in July 2018)			
WARD:	All [or list specific wards]		
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM			
List of attachments to this report: Appendix : Draft ESP Vision Statement (Motion)			

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 Consideration of a new B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership (ESP) Vision Statement prior to this statement being taken as a Motion to full Council in July by the lead Cabinet Member, Cllr Mark Shelford, in his role as Chair of the ESP Board, and seconded by Cllr Paul Crossley of the Board, with cross-party support from the other Councillors on the ESP Board. The purpose of the new Vision Statement is to re-affirm the Council's position on, and commitment to, sustainability and to recognise the importance of sustainability to everything the Council does.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the draft B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership Vision Statement (which will be taken as Motion to full Council in July 2018);
- 2.2 Provide comments and feedback on the content.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

3.1 None. The Vision Statement and Motion is a high level statement of intent in order to reaffirm the Council's position on and commitment to sustainability and to recognise its importance to everything the Council does. The actions that will enable the Council to deliver on this commitment in partnership with others are contained in range of enabling partnerships, strategies and action plans listed in the Appendix.

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4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

4.1 The B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership's Vision Statement is, in part, a statement of the Council's intent in response to the Climate Change Act 2008 (and subsequent international climate change agreements to which the UK is a signatory, such as the Paris Climate Agreement 2015), which places legally binding carbon reduction targets on the government, with local government being key players for delivery. It also encapsulates the Council's position in relation to the role of the environment in health and well-being (see B&NES Health and Well-Being Strategy). And it is also relates to the government's recently published UK Clean Growth Strategy (part of the UK Industrial Strategy), which places the pursuit of a low carbon economy at the centre of UK industrial strategy and future economic growth, and the government's 25 Year Environment Plan, also published in late 2017, covering a range of environmental issues from air pollution to waste management and much else besides.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership was formed in 2010 to provide strategic community leadership to help lead Bath and North East Somerset to an environmentally sustainable, low carbon future. The ESP is convened by the Council and consists of a Board with representatives from a range of organisations, expert advisors and Councillors representing each political party.
- 5.2 The ESP Board has overseen the development of the B&NES Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change Strategy, the first from 2012 to 2015 and the current Strategy, which runs from 2016 to 2020.
- 5.3 The ESP's Strategic approach to leading and supporting action follows three principles:
 - (1) Partnership Working: Bringing together the right people to make things happen.
 - (2) Community Enablement: Enabling residents and community groups to achieve their sustainability aims.
 - (3) Leading by Example: Bold action from the Council and our partners.
- 5.4 Good progress has been made in terms of delivery. Highlights include:
 - (1) An increase in community owned renewable energy in B&NES by 154% between 2011 and 2015;
 - (2) More energy efficiency public buildings, such as new developments at the two universities achieving BREEAM Excellent and the Council's new Keynsham Civic Centre winning the RIBA SW Sustainability Award 2015;
 - (3) Dispersed £800k grant from government for home energy efficiency works, improving the comfort and reducing the bills of 300 local homes;
 - (4) Gained the Bronze Sustainable Food City award for our Local Food Partnership and strategy;
 - (5) Seen the rapid introduction of electric vehicles in public sector fleets and the beginning of electric vehicle public charging infrastructure;

- (6) Were the first local authority to switch main highway street-lighting to LED, saving £200k pa:
- (7) Made it easier for local people to reduce waste and recycle more;
- (8) Improved links between the natural environment, tackling climate change and improving health & well-being through work on the river and energy, the Water Space Strategy and other projects;
- (9) Improved the planning framework to facilitate low carbon in the Place Making Plan, Informal Guidance on Renewable Energy in the Green Belt, for example.
- 5.5 However, in the light of increasing urgency to achieve a step change in tackling climate change, following the historic global agreement in Paris in 2015, combined with new government strategies, the Clean Growth Strategy (putting the low carbon economy at the heart of UK industrial strategy) and the 25 Year Environment Plan and greater awareness and alarm over issues like air quality and plastic pollution, the Board felt it was time to articulate a more up to date Vision to encourage greater action by all partners, led by the Council.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 The new updated B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership Vision Statement is designed to re-affirm the Council's position on, and commitment to, sustainability and to recognise the importance of sustainability to everything the Council does, in order to fulfil its leadership role, along with its partners across all sectors of the community, to lead B&NES to an environmentally sustainable, healthy, low carbon future.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The members of the B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership Board and officers from across the following change of services: Corporate & Community Sustainability; Environment & Design (Planning); Planning Policy; Public Health; Public Protection and Health Improvement (Air Quality); Transport and Highways; Waste Management.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	
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DRAFT Motion on Environmental Sustainability

To be moved by Cllr Mark Shelford, (Chair of the B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership Board), seconded by Cllr Paul Crossley (B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership Board member

This Council:

- Notes that, since last summer the Environmental Sustainability Partnership Board has been working on a new Sustainability vision statement to bring to Full Council as a motion to reaffirm the Council's position on, and commitment to, sustainability.
- Therefore resolves to adopt the following as its Environmental Sustainability Vision Statement, in recognition of the importance of sustainability to everything the Council does:

B&NES Environmental Sustainability Vision Statement 2018:

Environmental sustainability is about our ability to survive and thrive into the future. Everything else that we seek to achieve – such as improved health and well-being and economic prosperity - is dependent on a clean environment and stable climate. In Bath & North East Somerset, our ambition is to provide the leadership to enable the whole community to benefit from an environmentally sustainable, healthy, low carbon future that is resilient to changes in our climate. We seek to be a leading place for innovation and achievement in pursuit of these goals.

Approach:

The Environmental Sustainability Partnership's strategic approach to leading and supporting action utilises three principles:

- Partnership Working: Bringing together the right people to make things happen
- **Community Enablement**: Enabling residents and community groups to achieve their sustainability aims
- Leading by Example: Bold action from the Council and our partners.

Key Objectives:

- Cleaner, greener and more affordable energy with more of it produced and owned locally
- Warmer and cheaper to run homes and businesses
- Less traffic and congestion, cleaner air & streets where people can walk and cycle easily
- Healthier and more sustainable local food supply

- New jobs from increased local food and energy production, increased home energy retrofitting, growth in the local circular economy
- Reduction in waste production, increase in recycling rates and energy from food waste
- Improved local stewardship of local water resources and better flood resilience
- Enhanced beauty of the local natural environment and increased public engagement
- Increased ability to withstand changes to the climate through greater local food and energy security

Enabling Partnerships, Strategies & Action Plans:

 There are a range of relevant partnerships, strategies and action plans that enable action on sustainability, locally and within the West of England. See below:

List of Enabling Partnerships, Strategies & Action Plans

- B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership:
 - Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change Strategy
 - Local Food Strategy
 - Community Energy Strategy
 - o Bath & West Community Energy Co-operation Agreement
 - Keynsham Community Energy Co-operation Agreement
- Other B&NES Partnership Strategies
 - Health & Well-being Strategy and Healthy & Sustainable Places Group
 - Green Infrastructure Strategy
 - Fit for Life Strategy
- Council Service Delivery Strategies & Plans:
 - Transport Strategies
 - Air Quality Action Plans
 - Waste Strategy
- Planning Framework:
 - Core Strategy & Place Making Plan
 - Local Plan
- Beyond B&NES Partnerships & Plans:
 - West of England Nature Partnership
 - Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership
 - West of England Energy Strategy (in development)
 - West of England Green Infrastructure Strategy (in development)
 - West of England Joint Strategic Plans and Joint Transport Plans

Agenda Item 9

A37 Air Quality Update



Legal Obligation

The Council is legally required to review and assess air quality in the district under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995.

Monitoring data is compared to National Air Quality Objectives, for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) these are:

Objective	Concentration measured as
200 μg/m³ (not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year)	1-hour mean
40 μg/m ³	Annual mean



Monitoring in Temple Cloud

- 8 sites were monitored throughout 2017
- Due to exceedances of the objectives, an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) must be declared.

Monitoring in Temple Cloud

Site	Data for the roadside locations (2017)	Corrected data at the nearest house façade (2017)
1	<u>67</u>	<u>67</u>
2	50	34
3	45	38
4	<u>69</u>	49
5	52	52
6	11	11
7	14	12
8	21	16

Note: Exceedances of the NO_2 annual mean objective of 40 µg/m³ are shown in **bold**. NO_2 annual means exceeding 60 µg/m³ indicating potential exceedances of the NO_2 1-hour mean objective are shown in **bold and underlined**.

Proposed AQMA in Temple Cloud

Author:N Courthold Date:16/11/17



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Temple Cloud AQMA Boundary Consultation

Along the A37

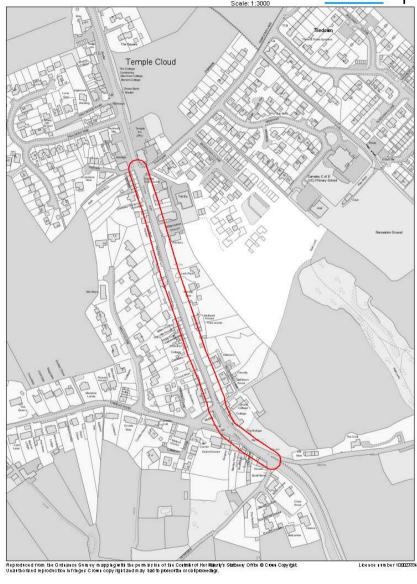
Exceedances of the annual and 1-hour average objectives.

Consultation ran from:

Wednesday 14th February, 9:00

to

Friday 23rd March, 17:00



Consultation Details

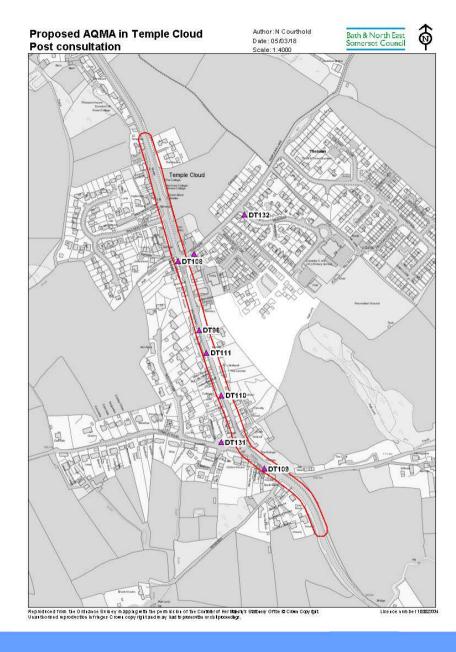
- Presentation at the Temple Cloud with Cameley Parish Council meeting on 14th February – launch day
- ❖ Email notifications to statutory consultees, as listed in Defra guidance
- ❖ Drop in event at Temple Cloud Village Hall on 15th March, 14 attendees
- **❖** Article in the **Temple Cloud and Cameley newsletter**
- ❖ Approximately 100 leaflets delivered in the village
- Online survey, received 50 responses

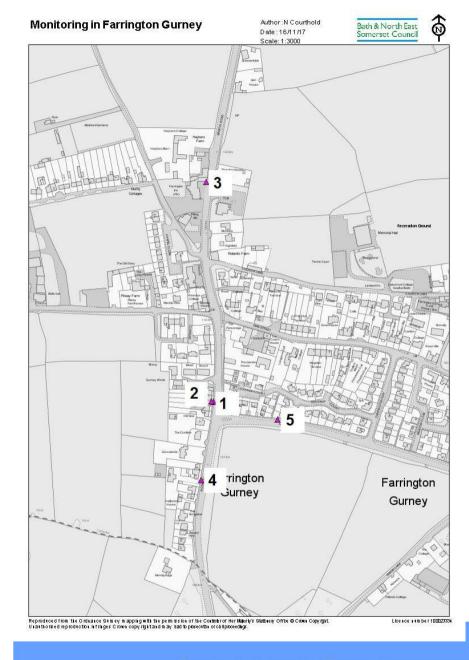
Responses

The Online survey:
68% agreement with the proposed boundary

10 comments suggested that the AQMA boundary be elongated further north and south to cover the whole stretch of A37 through the village. This was reviewed and implemented post consultation.

From the known addresses, 83% were residents of Temple Cloud





Monitoring in Farrington Gurney

- 5 sites were monitored throughout 2017
- Due to exceedances of the objectives, an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) must be declared.

Monitoring in Farrington Gurney

Site	Data for the roadside locations (2017)	Corrected data at the nearest house façade (2017)
1	54	40
2	52	52
3	42	42
4	28	22
5	39	32

Note: Exceedances of the NO_2 annual mean objective of 40 $\mu g/m^3$ are shown in **bold**.

Proposed AQMA in Farrington Gurney

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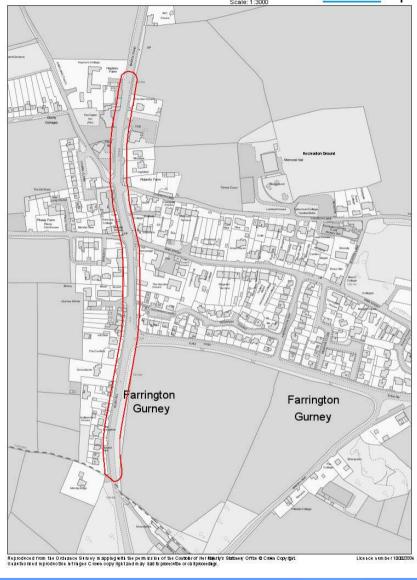
Farrington Gurney AQMA Boundary Consultation

Along the A37

Exceedances of the annual average objective.

Consultation ran from:

Monday 19th February, 9:00
to
Friday 23rd March, 17:00



Consultation Details

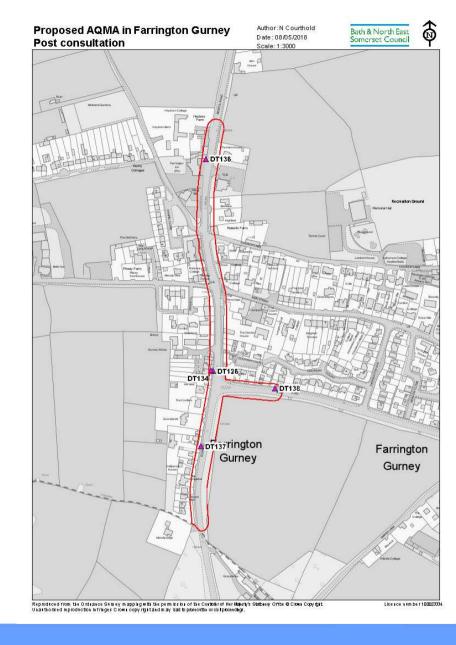
- ❖ Presentation at the Farrington Gurney Parish Council meeting on 19th February launch day
- ❖ Email notifications to statutory consultees, as listed in Defra guidance
- Drop in event at Farrington's Farm Shop Café on 14th March, 9 attendees
- Article in the Farrington Gurney journal
- ❖ Approximately 100 leaflets delivered in the village
- Online survey, received 29 responses

Responses

The Online survey: 79% agreement with the proposed boundary

5 comments requested that the AQMA boundary, should also incorporate the A362 road. This was reviewed and implemented post consultation.

From the known addresses, 71% were residents of Farrington Gurney



Next Steps

The AQMA declarations will be a **Single Member Decision**.

The project then moves on to drafting the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP).

An initial **Air Quality Action Group** (internal officer group) meeting reviewed potential actions and measures for the draft AQAP, including those that were raised by members of the public during this consultation.

Once the draft AQAP has been signed off, a **second public consultation** will be carried out later in the year.

Thank you for listening.

Any questions?

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Progress so far

- Publication of the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) providing a detailed assessment of our three shortlisted options
- The SOBC was issued in line with the Government's directive - at the end of March
- B&NES is now considered one of three authorities in a leading group working towards compliance, despite receiving funding to undertake a feasibility study 18 months after the first five mandated authorities

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The project team

- Environmental Protection
- Public Health
- Highways
- Parking
- Communications and Marketing
- Corporate Sustainability
- Legal
- Finance
- Democratic Services







Engagement

- 16 engagement events have already been held during March and April with more planned
- Over 150 members of the public have attended the two drop in sessions held so far
- We have held 2 public surgeries to enable individual, face to face conversations with the public
- We have held a range of stakeholder briefing events as well as attending regular stakeholder meetings







Web presence

- Visit our website at <u>www.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-breathes-2021</u> which provides information on the work done so far, FAQs, upcoming events and how to get involved. Positively, web analytics is telling us:
- Very low 'bounce rate', i.e. users are not going to the pages by accident and are actively looking for the webpage
- High rate of returning users, particularly on the FAQ page, indicating a high level of interest







Key stakeholders

- Public Health England
- Highways England
- West of England Combined Authority
- Wiltshire, Bristol and South Gloucestershire Councils
- Local political groups
- Residents' associations
- Local campaign groups
- Bus, taxi, HGV and other transport operators







Key questions

- "Will air quality be improved outside the zone?"
- "Is there going to be an increase in 'rat running'?"
- "What will the charge be?"
- "Will there be support for alternative travel choices?"
- "Are you linking in with other transport improvements that are planned for Bath?"
- "When will we be sure that compliance has been achieved?"







Current work

Development of the Outline Business Case, including:

- A statistical survey to determine the impacts of different charging levels on driver behaviour
- Scenario and sensitivity testing
- Non-charging measures assessment
- Assessment of the possible discounts, exemptions and 'sunset periods' for particular groups
- Economic and public health assessments

As well as ongoing public engagement throughout







Next steps

- Publication of the Outline Business Case (OBC)
 providing a detailed assessment of our preferred option
- The OBC should be published in September, in line our original plan
- As well as ongoing public engagement, there will be a six-week formal consultation period to coincide with the publication of the OBC
- A Cabinet decision on the OBC is then expected in the Autumn
- The decision to introduce a CAZ will need support from WECA

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Get involved

- Sign up for our regular newsletter
- Follow us on Twitter and Facebook
- Look out for information about the project in the media

Please encourage your constituents to get involved and think about what they can do to help Bath Breathe!





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COMMUNITIES, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT PDS FORWARD PANEL

This Forward Plan lists all the items coming to the Panel over the next few months.

Inevitably, some of the published information may change; Government guidance recognises that the plan is a best cassessment, at the time of publication, of anticipated decision making. The online Forward Plan is updated regularly and can be seen on the Council's website at:

http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1

The Forward Plan demonstrates the Council's commitment to openness and participation in decision making. It assists the Panel in planning their input to policy formulation and development, and in reviewing the work of the Cabinet.

Should you wish to make representations, please contact the report author or Micheala Gay, Democratic Services (01225 394411). A formal agenda will be issued 5 clear working days before the meeting.

Agenda papers can be inspected on the Council's website and at the Guildhall (Bath), Hollies (Midsomer Norton), Civic Centre (Keynsham) and at Bath Central, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton public libraries.

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21ST MAY 2018				
21 May 2018	CTE PDS	BANES Environmental Sustainability Partnership - Vision Statement	Jane Wildblood Tel: 01225 477685	Strategic Director - Resources
21 May 2018	CTE PDS	National Air Quality Plan - Strategic Outline Case	Cathryn Brown Tel: 01225 477645	Strategic Director - Place
21 May 2018 Page 4	CTE PDS	Air Quality Management Areas - A37	Cathryn Brown Tel: 01225 477645	Strategic Director - Place
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16 Jul 2018	CTE PDS	Waste Collection Review	Martin Shields	Strategic Director - Place
16 Jul 2018	CTE PDS	Anti-social Behaviour Policy	Samantha Jones Tel: 01225 396364	Strategic Director - Resources
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16 Jul 2018	CTE PDS	Review of Taxi Policy and Conditions	Cathryn Brown Tel: 01225 477645	Strategic Director - Place
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17 Sep 2018	CTE PDS	Transport Strategy - Getting from A to B	Chris Major Tel: 01225 39 4231	Strategic Director - Place
17 Sep 2018	CTE PDS	Review of Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005	Cathryn Brown Tel: 01225 477645	Strategic Director - Place
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ITEMS TO BE SCH	EDULED			
45	CTE PDS	Bus Services Bill	Andy Strong Tel: 01225 394201	Strategic Director - Place
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