

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

PARISH LIAISON MEETING

Wednesday, 23rd March, 2022

Councillors: Councillor Shaun Stephenson-McGall (in place of Lisa O'Brien), Councillor Dine Romero (Cabinet Member), Councillor Sarah Warren (Cabinet Member), Councillor Tim Ball (Cabinet Member), Councillor David Wood (Cabinet Member), Councillor Neil Butters, Councillor Sally Davis, Councillor Duncan Hounsell, Councillor Eleanor Jackson, Councillor Hal MacFie, Councillor Vic Pritchard and Councillor Karen Warrington

Parish / Town Representatives: Kathy Thomas (Chair of ALCA) and representatives of Camerton PC, Cluton PC, Compton Dando PC, Compton Martin PC, Dunkerton PC, Farmborough PC, Freshford PC, Monkton Combe PC, Peasedown St John PC, Publow with Pensford PC, Radstock TC, Saltford PC, Tunley PC and Westfield PC

Also in attendance: Will Godfrey (Chief Executive), Mandy Bishop (Chief Operating Officer), David Trethewey (Director of Partnerships and Corporate Services), Dave Dixon (Community Engagement Manager), Sara Dixon (Locality Manager), Mark Hayward (Community Engagement Officer), Alison Wells (Community Engagement Officer), Martin Laker (Team Leader - Systems & GIS Transport Developments) and Micaela Basford (Corporate Sustainability Officer)

22 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Lisa O'Brien, Chairman of the Council (B&NES)
Councillor Alison Born (B&NES)
Jan Burdge (West Harptree Parish Council)
Dawn Drury (Keynsham Town Council)

24 URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

Councillor Dine Romero, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Communities and Culture addressed the meeting. A copy of her statement will be attached as an online appendix to these minutes, a summary is set out below.

Homes for Ukraine:

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Once there is a "match", this has to be followed by a visa application process and other checks. Subject to these checks, the displaced people can travel to the UK and take up the accommodation. They will have rights to work and benefits.

More information on the scheme can be found on the government's website <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/> . The scheme is still open.

Locally, we are expecting to welcome our first guests under the Homes to Ukraine scheme into our area very shortly. They will join those who have recently arrived under the Ukraine Family Visa Scheme.

We are working with our partners including Julian House and Bath Welcomes Refugees, along with local public services, to ensure the school places, health and other support are all available as new arrivals settle into our communities. We are also contacting all schools to keep them updated.

I would like to thank all local people who are offering accommodation and help to those in such need of our support.

There are other ways we can support too, particularly contributing to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal, UNICEF and the British Red Cross. More information can be found on the council's own dedicated Support Ukraine web page (<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/support-ukraine>).

25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 13TH OCTOBER 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

26 WECA - ROLE, FUNCTION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Director of External Affairs addressed the meeting a copy of his presentation is attached as an online appendix to these minutes, a summary is set out below.

WECA Committees & Boards

A Joint Committee and a WECA Committee are in place and are supported by the respective Mayors, Leaders and CEOs.

Four Advisory Boards are also in operation – Skills Board / Business Board / Transport Board / Housing & Planning Board. A representative from B&NES Cabinet sits on each of the Advisory Boards.

The WECA Committee is chaired by the Regional Mayor, Dan Norris, and is made up of the leaders and Mayor from the three councils in the region – Bath & North

East Somerset (Cllr Kevin Guy), Bristol City Council (Mayor Marvin Rees) and South Gloucestershire Council (Leader, Cllr Toby Savage).

The Chair of the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), Richard Bonner, also attends committee meetings.

West of England Combined Authority objectives

Contribute to providing strong collective leadership and strategic direction to realise the full economic potential of the West of England.

Support the development and delivery of key strategies to improve the economic conditions across the West of England area.

Ensuring arrangements are in place to report the proposals and activities of the Combined Authority to the constituent councils.

Provide a formal and accountable forum for decision making relating to all relevant West of England Combined Authority functions.

WECA Core Strategic Functions

- Transport
- Planning and Housing
- Skills
- Employment
- Finance

Transport Functions

The West of England Mayoral functions:

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 - Strategic infrastructure delivery plan
 - Bus strategy; including all quality partnership arrangements and Bus Services Bill Powers, for example franchising
 - Key Route Network (management and maintenance principles)

The West of England Combined Authority functions:

- Power to deliver Grants to the UAs for the exercise of highway functions.
- Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) powers:
 - Concessionary fares
 - Provision of local bus information
 - Community Transport

West of England Combined Authority and Unitary Authority Joint functions:

- Subsidised services -Socially necessary bus services

City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) Programme

Transport Corridors

- Bristol to Bath (A4)
- SomerValley to Bristol and Bath (A37 and A367)
- Bath City Centre bus priority, walking and cycling

Walking and Cycling

- Lots of community connections along the corridors
- Plus priority schemes from the Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan

Planning & Housing Functions

The West of England Mayoral functions:

- Combined Authority (Mayoral) Spatial Plan (from May 2018)

The West of England Combined Authority functions:

- Promote the establishment of a Joint Assets Board for the West of England

WECA Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall have the power to:

- Review or scrutinise decisions made, or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Combined Authority or the Joint Committee;
- Provide advice and challenge on policy and programme delivery to help ensure the region meets its climate commitments, including monitoring the delivery of the authority's Climate Emergency Action Plan.
- Make reports or recommendations to the Combined Authority or the Joint Committee (as appropriate) on matters that affect the Combined Authority area or the inhabitants of the area;

The Chair commented that he had recently attended meetings relating to the A4, A37 and A367 Transport Corridors.

The Saltford Parish Council Clerk said that community engagement with WECA must get better and asked why do they not respond to questions or concerns raised by the Parishes. She added that very little time was given to the recent Bus Transport consultations, to the extent that they had formed the view that it could be unlawful.

The Director of External Affairs replied that he would follow this up with WECA to check their understanding of the role of the Parishes and how they work. He added that he would support where possible the need to strengthen community engagement.

Councillor Duncan Hounsell said that he felt the ownership should be on WECA to make these connections. He added that WECA needs to engage proactively with Parish/Town Councils and asked if Parish Councils could have a list of contact details for key WECA officers.

He said that it was not good enough to only allow around 10 minutes for a discussion on Zoom relating to the A4 Transport Corridor.

The Chair said that the comments made would be fed back via officers and that he hoped improvements would be made in the near future regarding consultation, engagement and meetings.

27 PARISH ON-LINE / MAPPING CLIMATE RELATED DATA

Tristram Cary - Chairman of Geosphere addressed the meeting, a copy of his presentation is attached as an online appendix to these minutes, a summary is set out below.

He said that he felt that most of the Parishes were familiar with the service that Parish Online can provide, but that maybe advice or training in certain aspects was required.

Climate Plans in Parish Online

Over 70% of Districts have declared a Climate Emergency, but Parish and Town Councils are finding it hard to follow up with geography-specific climate plans due to:

- Lack of expertise
 - Lack of data
 - Lack of tools
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- Proposal - Use Parish Online

Role of Parish Online for Climate Plans

- a) Provide data layers
 - General (Mastermap, Address Base, Ancient Woodland etc) Impact Report)
 - B&NES layers (EV charging points, Housing Condition Survey)
 - Commissioned data (solar potential, Community GSHP schemes etc)
- b) Build Action Plans
 - As for Neighbourhood Plans (Layers for energy, transport, biodiversity etc)
- c) Communicate Action Plan via Public Maps
- d) Plot and report progress
- e) Share layers between all interested parties (community groups, UI, national

Climate Layers

- Energy
- Transport
- Trees and Biodiversity
- Sustainability

NB: Once defined these layers can be added to all B&NES POL accounts as shared collaborative layers.

Parish Online can provide the following information:

- CSE Impact Report
- EPC Score
- EPC Potential Score Improvement and C+ Potential
- Full EPC Reports
- Solar Potential (Energeo service)
- EV Charging Point Analysis (Energeo service)
- Ground Source Heat Pump Suitability ((Energeo service)

Ideas and Next Steps

- Chew Valley work as a team?
- Involve a University?
 - Provide expertise
 - Provide people
- Develop Templates to guide other councils?
- Geosphere will help as required

Martin Laker, Team Manager – GIS said that if anyone needs more help with their mapping, do email him (martin_laker@bathnes.gov.uk).He added that he would also be happy to come out and visit Parish offices.

Councillor Dave Wood, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services asked if all B&NES Councillors had or could have access to Parish Online.

Tristram Cary replied that the same degree of information was available to all Councillors via District Online which they could be given access to and to contact Martin Laker. He added that other organisations, such as a Climate / Planning Forum, could also be given access.

John Adler, Freshford Parish Council asked if he was aware of other local forums as well as the one highlighted in the Chew Valley and asked how they could work together as a team.

Tristram Cary thanked him for that information. He explained that he mentioned the Chew Valley Area Forum because he had been invited to give them a presentation. He added that he hoped that as many Parishes as possible would take part in this work as all have a licence to do so.

John Adler said that he would liaise with Jackie Head, Chew Valley Area Forum at some point.

Sara Dixon, Locality Manager said that having presented to the Chew Valley Area Forum it was felt that inviting Tristram Cary to this meeting was the next step in the

process. She added that it was hoped that a Parish wide support group could be created to enable information about the layers to be shared.

John Adler said that he felt this was a fantastic opportunity, but that in some, if not many areas IT literacy and understanding could be an issue. He added that by working together he hoped that all areas could get the most out of the service.

Tristram Cary offered to arrange a workshop if that would help to attempt to start to define what data could be collected and by who.

The Chair asked if there was an issue in terms of local grid capacity supplied by Western Power in relation to EV Charging Points.

Councillor Sarah Warren, Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel replied that the Council was in dialogue with Western Power, but there does appear to be limitations to the capacity of the grid which does make it hard to put in place rapid charging points quickly.

She asked for confirmation that all Parishes have access to the service now.

Tristram Cary replied that they do as a group licence is in place.

The Chair invited Jackie Head and Cllr Nick Baker from the Chew Valley Area Forum Climate and Nature Emergency Working Group to address the meeting.

Jackie Head said that the Working Group had been formed around 18 months ago to bring Parishes together to attempt to reduce the carbon footprint of the Chew Valley.

She explained that 12 Parishes were part of the Working Group and although they had not been using Parish Online a great deal yet they have been doing their own mapping work with regard to potential EV Charging Points in the region.

She said that Parish Clerks were consulted via questionnaire to try to identify potential new charging points across the area. She added that in the main the response was to have them in place at community buildings that were already in use, such as Village Halls.

She stated that following the consultation a report had been submitted to B&NES Council to share their findings. She added she would welcome a cross B&NES Working Group so that information could be shared more widely.

John Adler asked if it were possible to have open access to information from all B&NES Parishes.

Tristram Cary replied that this was possible and that they would also be able to share layers if they worked within a particular Forum. He said that his hope was that in time national layers could be created as well as the local ones.

He added that he would be willing to use the maps shown by Jackie Head and embed them within Parish Online.

The Chair thanked Tristram Cary for his presentation and comments.

28 PARISH SHOWCASE

Councillor Kathy Thomas addressed the meeting and gave an update on some recent work undertaken in her Parish of Peasedown St John. A copy of her presentation is attached as an online appendix to these minutes, a summary is set out below.

Peasedown St John - a civil parish

- Peasedown St John became a civil parish in 1955
- The parish was formed from parts of the parishes of Camerton, Dunkerton and Wellow.

Improving access to our open spaces

- The village has grown from 30 homes in 1800 to 3,000 homes in 2022.
- Peasedown St John Parish Council has strived to improve the facilities so that residents benefit from the outdoor spaces owned and managed by the parish council

Open Spaces of Peasedown St John

Over the decades the parish has developed:

- The Miners Welfare Recreation Ground
 - Recent project to lay a tarmac path around the entire site
 - The facilities are well used, including by the Miners Football Team.
- Ashgrove Cemetery – owned by the parish
 - During the last decade a memorial garden and cremated remains plots have been added
 - A pergola with seating is a recent addition
- Beacon Field – long lease from Bath and North East Somerset
 - Secure dog exercise area
 - Children's Play Area and Multi User Games Area MUGA)
- EcewicheGreen – owned by the parish
 - Equality Gates were added to 5 entrances, along with bench seating
 - Paths were laid and 1,000 trees planted
- The "Tump" in Carlingcott – owned by the parish
 - The Parish Council seat in Carlingcott a useful place to rest before climbing back up to Peasedown St John
 - The "Telephone box" has been refurbished by the parish council and is a book store for the residents

- Allotments at Braysdown – rented from a local farmer
 - Environmentally friendly soil toilet installed
 - The parish council has also built raised beds at the allotments

Sources of funding

- Precept
- Community Empowerment Fund B&NES Council
- Donations
- Quartet Community Foundation

Peasedown St John Parish Council

- From small beginnings the Parish Council now in its 67th year has served the parish well
- None of these achievements could have been realised without determination and hard work by staff and councillors

The Chair thanked Councillor Thomas for her informative presentation and said he was in awe of the activity that Parishes do for their community. He said that the meeting would welcome other parishes sharing information and good practice at Parish Liaison going forward.

Anyone interested in making a presentation on behalf of their parish should contact officers via connecting_communities@bathnes.gov.uk or contact any member of the Community Engagement Team.

29 REVIEW OF LOCAL COMMUNITY FUNDING / CIL MAP

Dave Dixon, Community Engagement Manager and Mark Hayward, Community Engagement Officer addressed the meeting.

Mark Hayward explained that there is an online map (see link below) that has been created to demonstrate where the Neighbourhood Portion of the Bath Community Infrastructure Levy and Ward Councillors funds have been spent.

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He added that the map shows the status of a project, whether it has been approved or completed. He said that they would now like to offer the Parishes the chance to show details of their projects.

He explained that information relating to projects in receipt of this type of funding can be submitted via an online form.

Dave Dixon said that they were willing to be contacted if any help was required and to email mark_hayward@bathnes.gov.uk .

30 PARISH CHARTER REVIEW UPDATE)

Dave Dixon, Community Engagement Manager addressed the meeting. He said that a report had been circulated in advance of the meeting regarding the Parish Charter which was due to be reviewed during 2022.

He highlighted some further points from the report.

Since the adoption of the Parish Charter, we have continued to improve the way we work together and whilst we recognise that further improvements need to be made, particularly around communication and consultation, we have set new priorities as well as introducing a series of initiatives and tools to assist with our partnership working. This has included:-

- Implementation of Fix My Street, a digital tool to report issues associated with roads, pavements and parks. More information about Fix My Street [here](#).
- A review of the Connecting Communities Forums for Bath City, Bathavon North and Bathavon South. This resulted in the creation of a single Forum to represent the parishes of the Bathavon area and a new Forum for the Bath Area. Five area Forums have now been established for the whole district. More information about the Connecting Communities Forums [here](#).
- The declaration of Climate Emergency by the Council in 2019, with many parishes across the district also declaring this and setting new priorities.

He said that they are seeking additional parish representation to sit on the Working Group to assist with the Charter Review. If you are interested or need further information, please email: Alison Wells, Alison_Wells@bathnes.gov.uk

31 GENERAL UPDATES

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Councillor Dine Romero said that she hoped many people across B&NES would be attending events to celebrate the Jubilee.

She explained that the deadline for applications for those wanting to hold a street party was April 22nd.

She said that further information and a Jubilee Toolkit could be found here: <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/working-partnership/working-parish-councils>

She added that there was also support on offer to them from the Events Team.

32 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 13 July
Wednesday 12 October

All meetings will start at 6.30pm and will last for an hour and a half. They will be by Zoom unless members would like a physical meeting in the summer.

If anyone has any feedback on the proposed dates or, on whether meetings should take place via Zoom or physically, please let ALCA BANES or the Council's Community Engagement Team know.

The Chair wished to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Lisa O'Brien for her work this past year as Chairman of the Council and her involvement with the Parish Liaison meetings.

The meeting ended at 7.58 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

Prepared by Democratic Services

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Briefing on Homes for Ukraine: Parish Liaison, 23 March 2022

As you know, the government's Homes for Ukraine scheme went live last Friday.

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This system obviously presents challenges if sponsors don't have the relevant contacts with Ukrainian people. Information for those wishing to sponsor but needing help to make connections with those in need is set out below.

Once there is a "match", this has to be followed by a visa application process and other checks. Subject to these checks, the displaced people can travel to the UK and take up the accommodation. They will have rights to work and benefits.

More information on the scheme can be found on the government's website <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>. The scheme is still open.

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We are not sure how many people will arrive in total under this scheme. We have welcomed 74 people under the Syrian refugee resettlement programme as part of around 20,000 nationally. The expectation nationally is that this figure will be larger for Ukraine and so far around 100 people have been matched to hosts and properties across B&NES. There is also expected to be a "phase 2" of the scheme where organisations not just individuals can act as sponsors.

We are working with our partners including Julian House and Bath Welcomes Refugees, along with local public services, to ensure the school places, health and other support are all available as new arrivals settle into our communities. We are also contacting all schools to keep them updated.

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There are other ways we can support too, particularly contributing to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal, UNICEF and the British Red Cross. More information can be found on the council's own dedicated [Support Ukraine](#) web page.

Information for potential sponsors

Bath Welcomes Refugees are advising people who don't have any contacts with anyone in Ukraine, to get in touch with charities that are helping with the matching process:

- <https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/> - which is running online information events for hosts
- <https://www.refugeesathome.org/> - a charity that has experience connecting refugees and hosts online

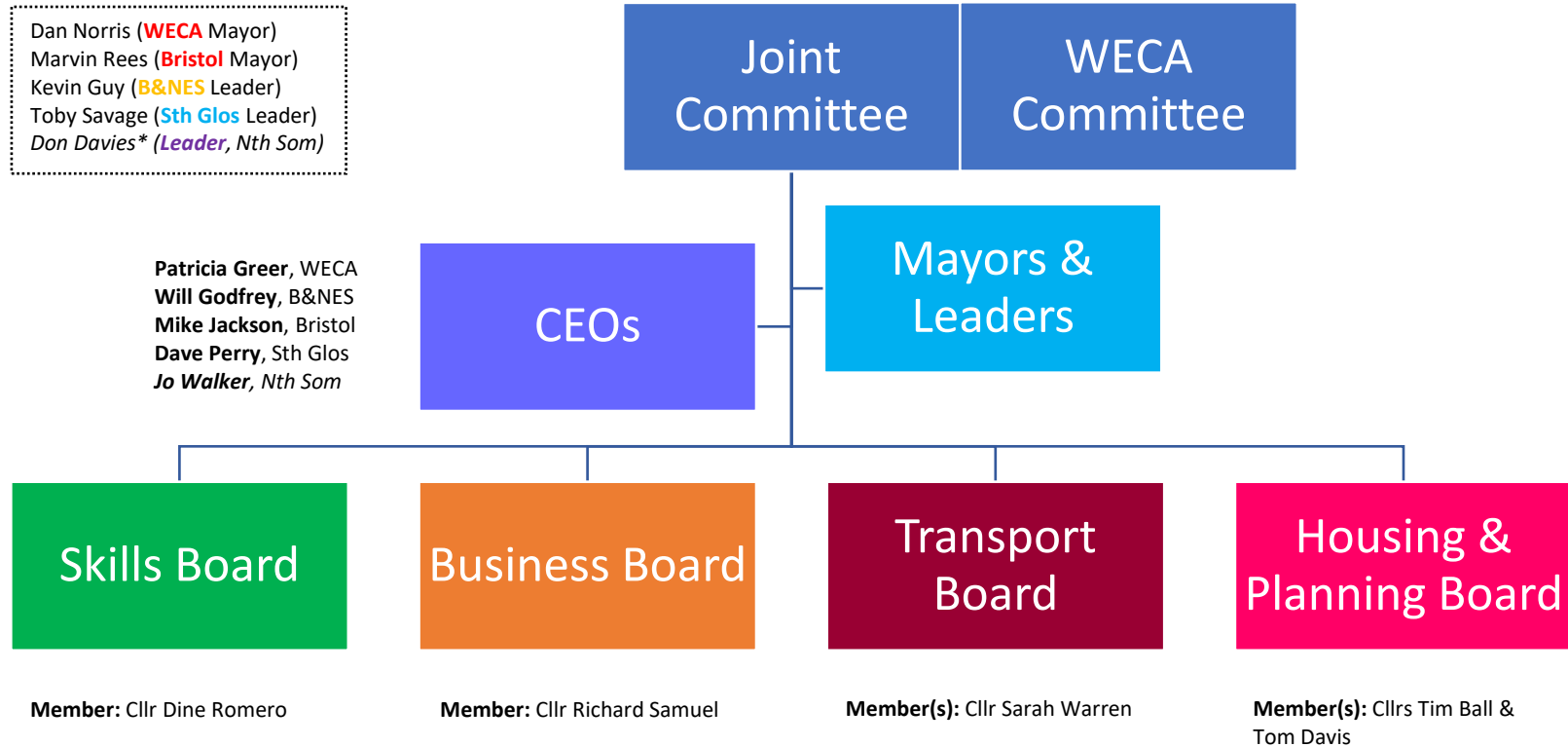
- <https://www.roomforrefugees.com/> - a charity that has experience connecting refugees and hosts online
- <https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/> - which also has a sponsorship scheme for refugees from other conflicts
- <https://www.worldjewishrelief.org/homes-for-refugees> - which runs a number of projects in Ukraine.

Bath & North East Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

Parish Liaison Discussion
Consultation and WECA

WECA Committees & Boards



WECA Committee

Mayor Dan Norris
West of England
Combined Authority



Cllr Kevin Guy
Leader, Bath & North East
Somerset Council



Cllr Toby Savage
Leader, South
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WECA & Joint Committee Meetings 21/22
15/10/21
28/01/22
08/04/22

WoE LEP Board Meetings 21/22
06/10/21
19/01/22
30/03/22

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- Contribute to providing strong collective leadership and strategic direction to realise the full economic potential of the West of England.
- Support the development and delivery of key strategies to improve the economic conditions across the West of England area.
- Contribute to the formulation and expression of joint views (of the West of England Mayor and the local authorities) to central government and other bodies and organisations in respect of legislation, proposed legislation and other matters of concern, interest or relevance to the West of England economy with a particular focus on removing barriers to growth and the delegation of additional powers and funding.
- Actively support the co-ordination of joint local authority activity across the West of England, including the activities of the Local Enterprise Partnership Business Board.
- Work with appropriate agencies and bodies both within and beyond the West of England in order to achieve any shared economic objectives.
- Ensuring arrangements are in place to report the proposals and activities of the Combined Authority to the constituent councils.
- Take any decisions required to deliver the West of England Devolution Deal(s) and the relevant Strategic Plans including additional funding, freedoms and flexibilities.
- Provide a formal and accountable forum for decision making relating to all relevant West of England Combined Authority functions.

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 - Provision of local bus information
 - Community Transport
- MoU with Highways England and Network Rail

The West of England Mayoral functions: (with consent from the constituent Authority)

- Designation of a non charging Clean Air Zone

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City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) Programme (1) – Transport Corridors

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CRSTS Programme (2)

- Walking and Cycling

Bath & North East
Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

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Plus priority schemes from the Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan:

- Bath Scholars Way
- Bath Lower Weston to Oldfield School
- Bath Fieldings Bridge
- Bristol to Bath Railway Path
- Midsomer Norton Silver Street/Fosseway

Planning & Housing Functions

The West of England Mayoral functions:

- Combined Authority (Mayoral) Spatial Plan (from May 2018)
- Strategic planning powers:
 - Power to 'call-in' cross boundary, linear infrastructure (as identified in the Combined Authority (Mayoral) Spatial Strategy) planning applications;
 - Compulsory purchase powers (CPO) (with consent from the constituent Authority)
 - Power to create Mayoral Development Corporations (with consent from the constituent Authority).

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4. Make reports or recommendations to the Combined Authority or the Joint Committee (as appropriate) with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Combined Authority or the Joint Committee;
5. In so far as the business of the Local Enterprise Partnership Business Board (LEP) relates to the discharge of functions of the Combined Authority or the Joint Committee, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall have the power to scrutinise the LEP as set out in 1.– 3. above.



Climate Plans in Parish Online

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Tristram Cary

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- But Parish and Town Councils are finding it hard to follow up with geography-specific climate plans
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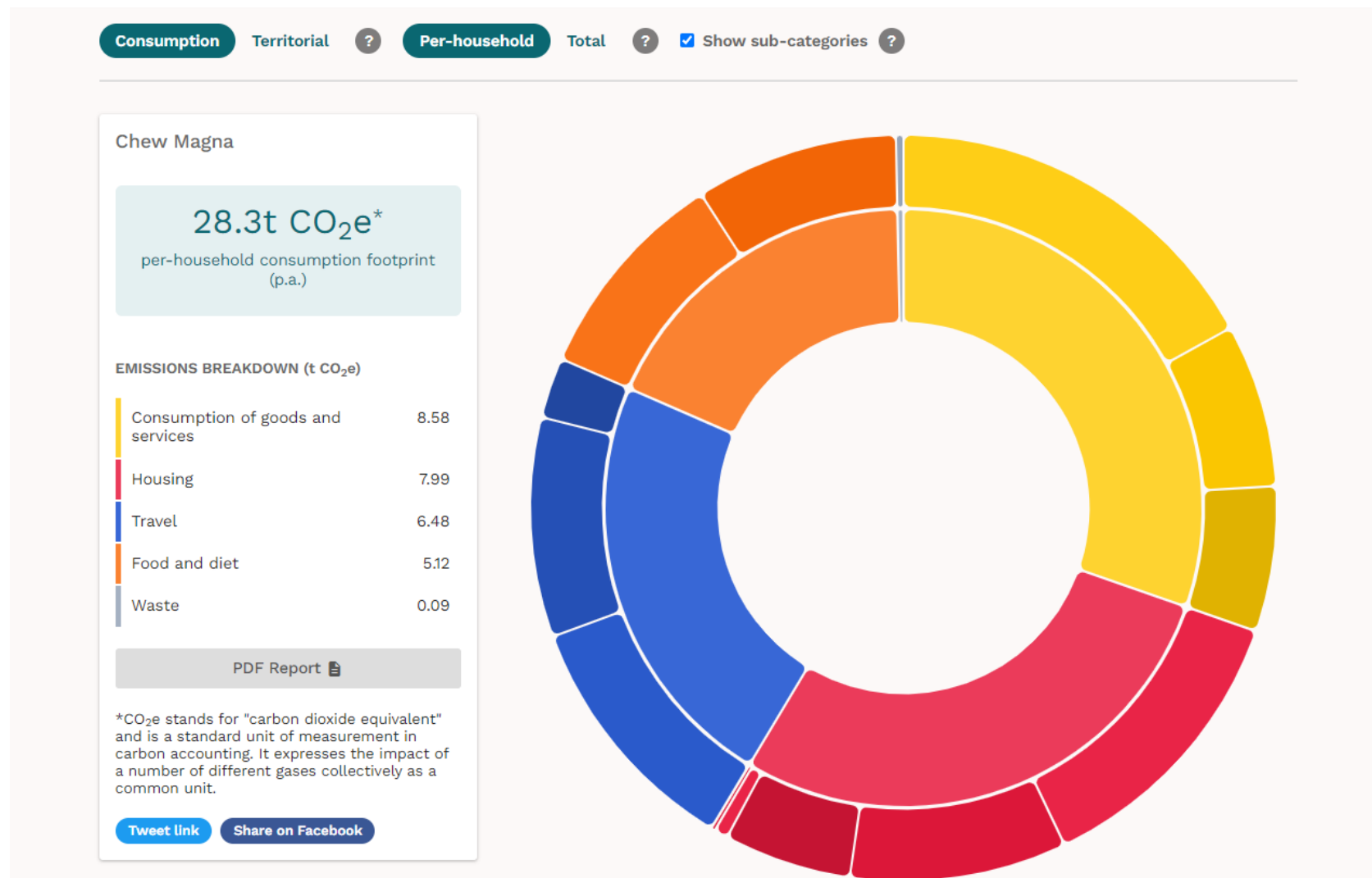
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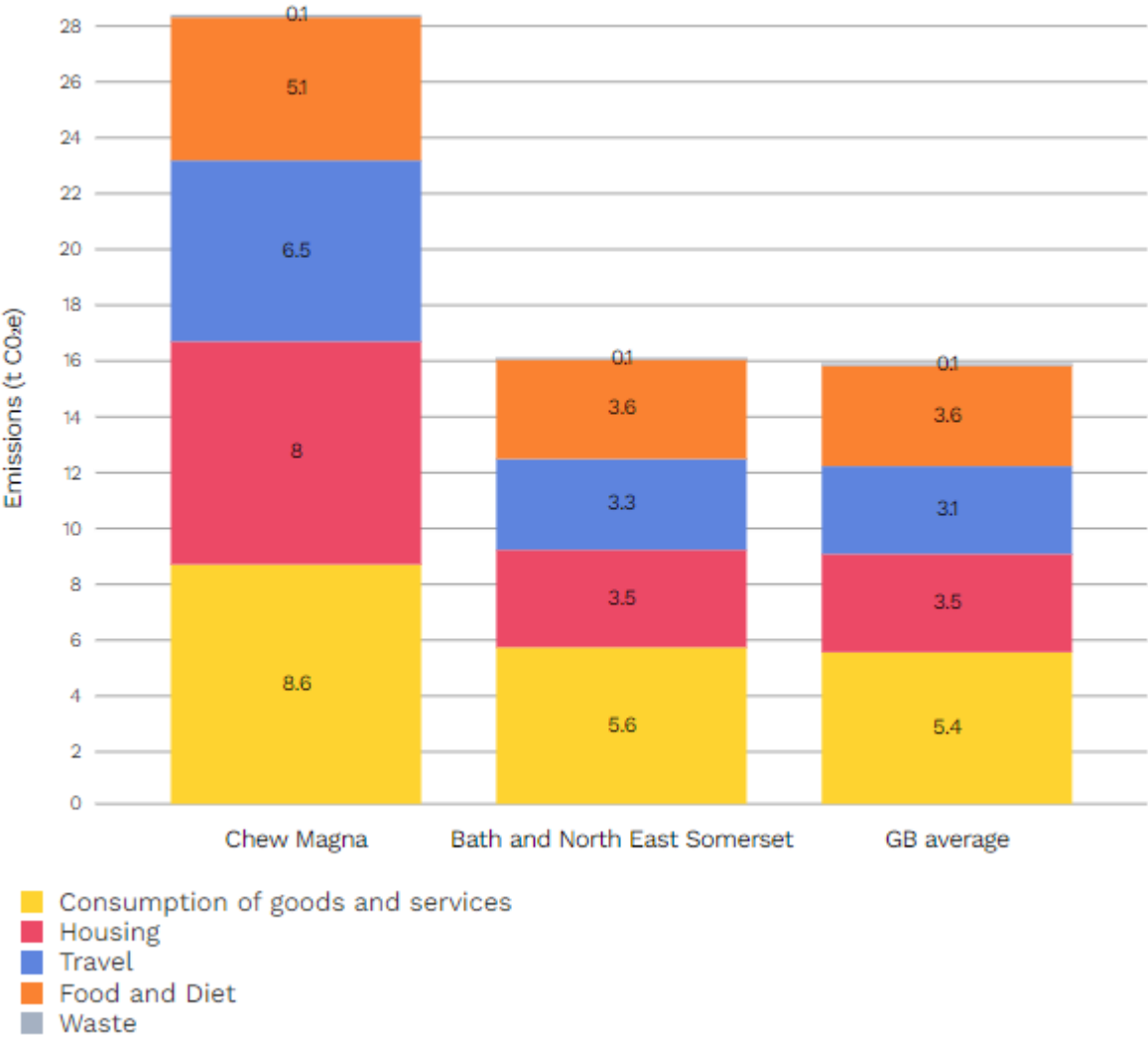
Climate Layers

- **Energy**
 - EPC Scores/Estimates/Potential
 - Insulation Priority Areas
 - Solar (residential and community)
 - Wind (residential and community)
- **Transport**
 - Park and Ride
 - Car sharing
 - Cycle networks and Quiet Lanes
 - Last Mile Delivery
- **Trees and Biodiversity**
 - Tree Planting
 - Access to Woodland
 - Green corridors
- **Sustainability**
 - Recycling
 - Resource sharing
 - Minimising waste

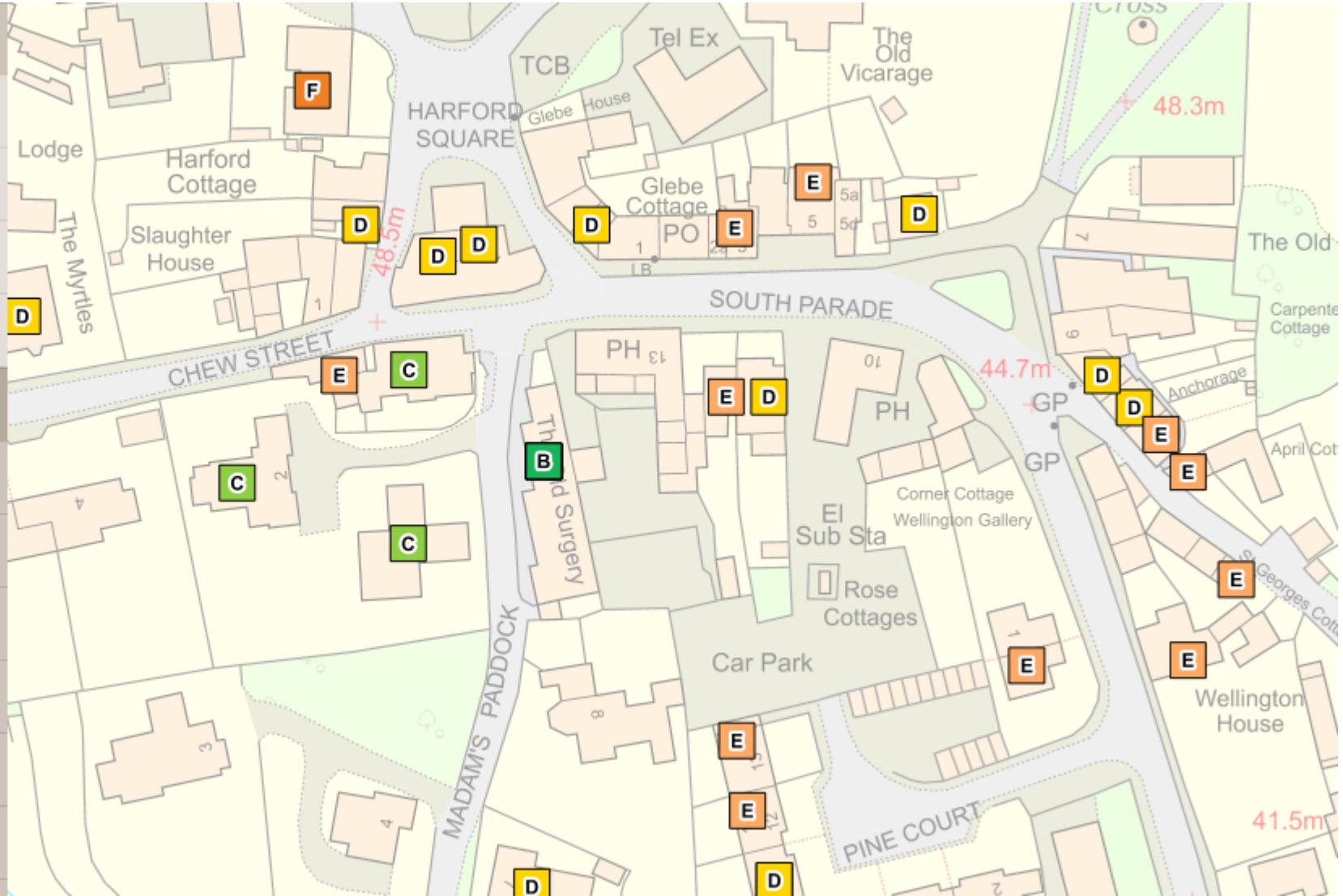
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CSE Impact Report (overview)

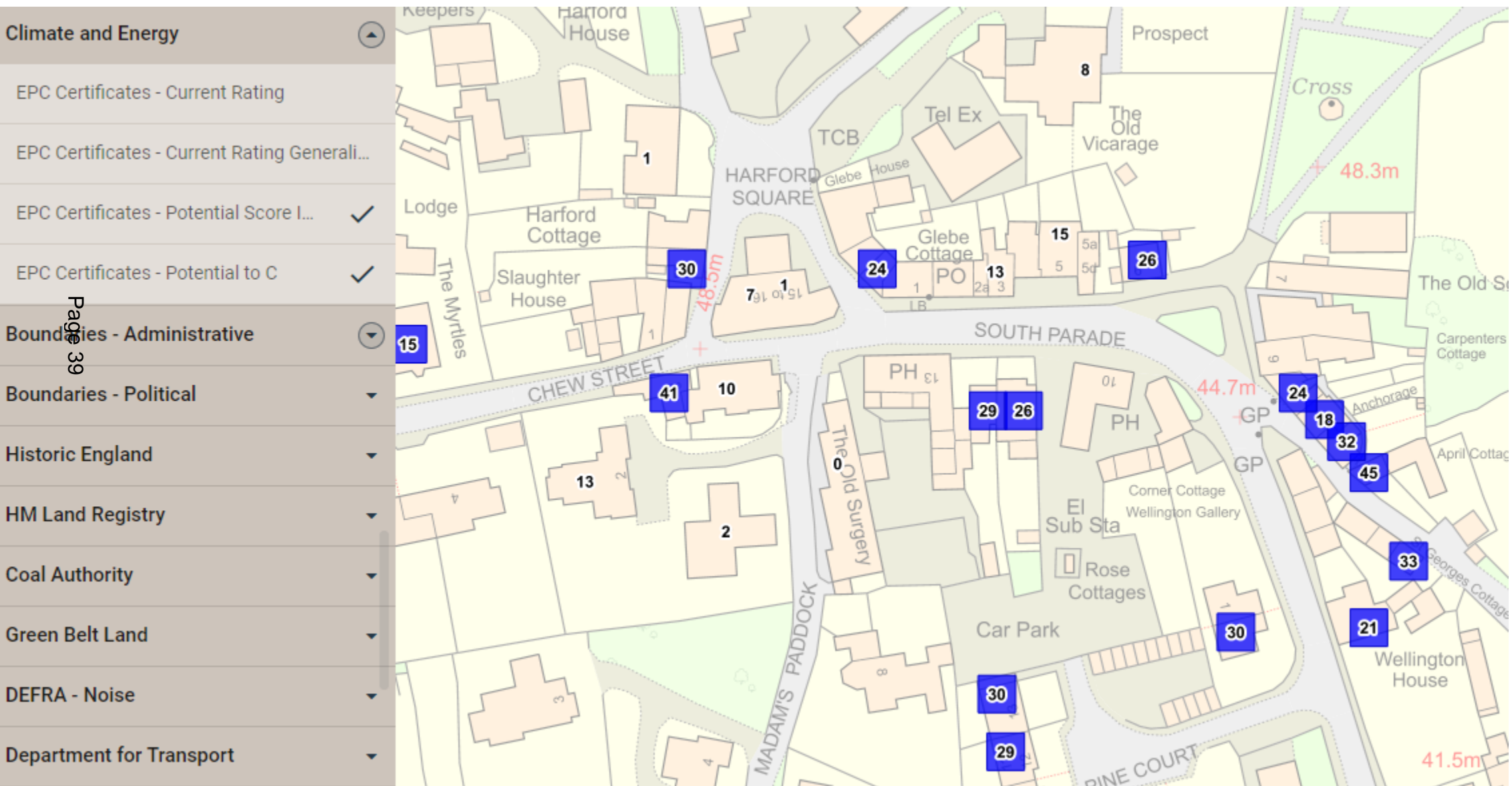




EPC Score



EPC Potential Score Improvement and C+ Potential



Full EPC Reports

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2106

multi_glaze_proportion
100

glazed_type
double glazing installed during or after 2002

glazed_area
Normal

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number_habitable_rooms
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number_heated_rooms
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low_energy_lighting
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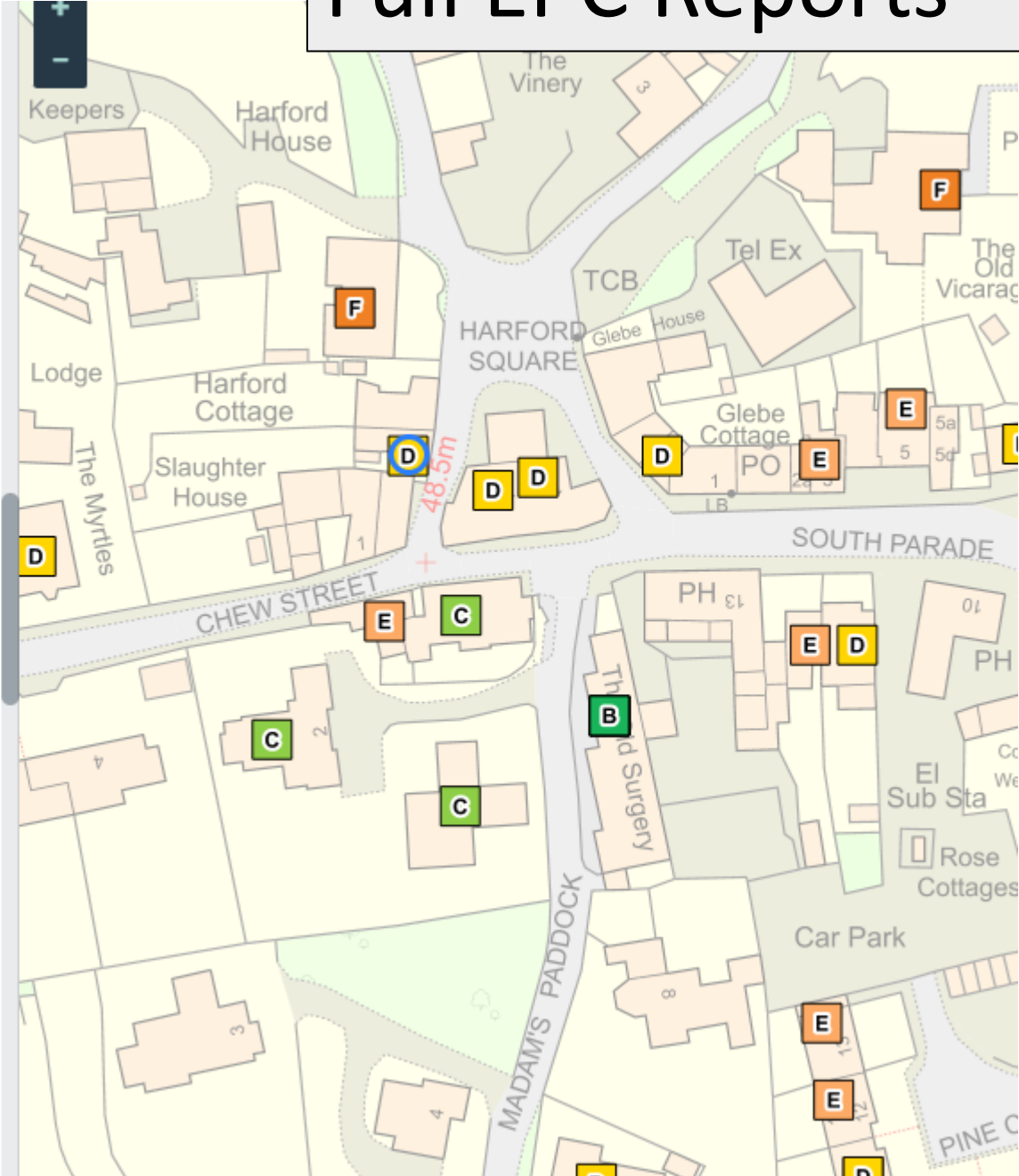
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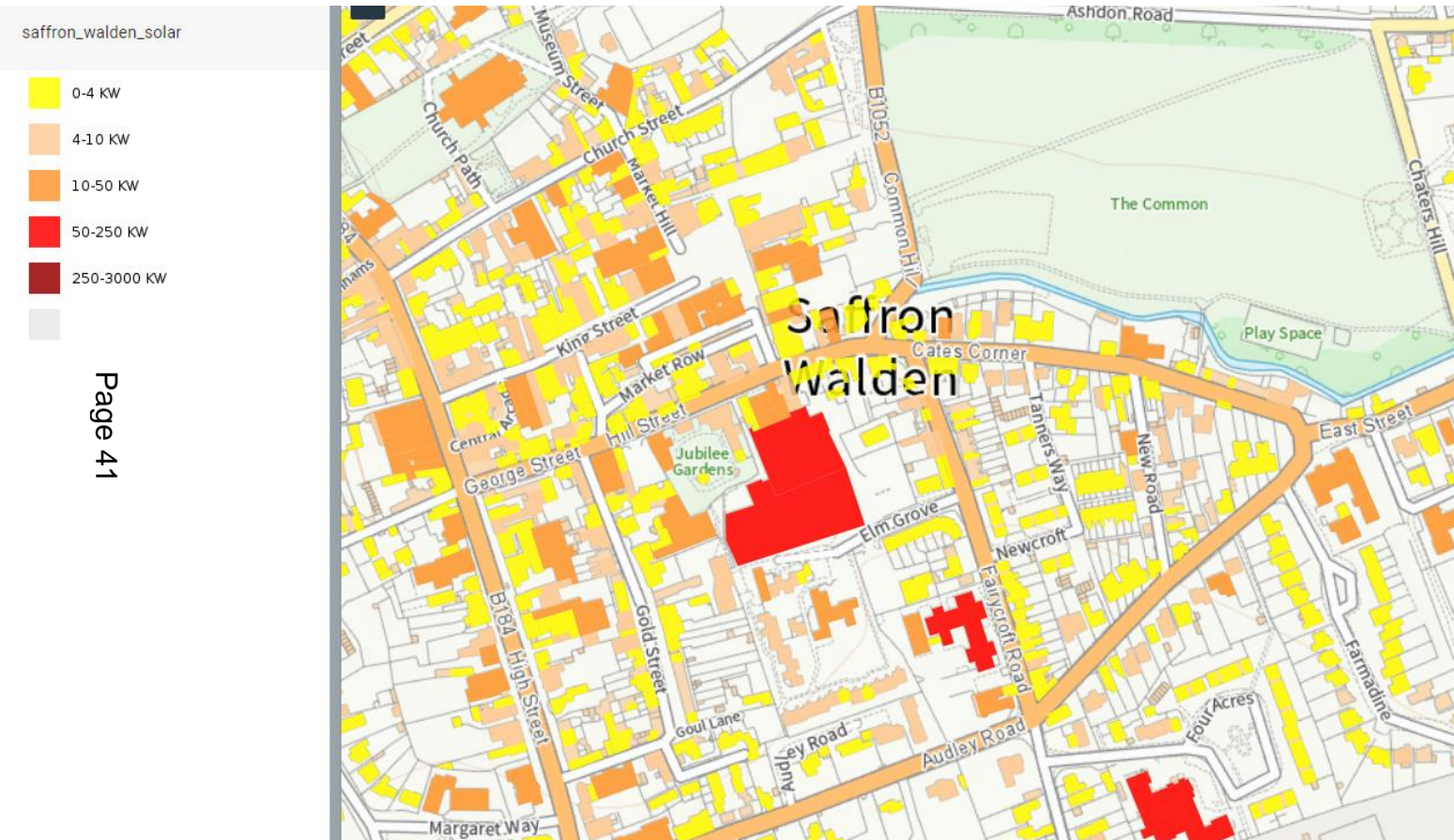
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floor_description
Solid, no insulation (assumed)



Solar Potential (Energeo service)



Roof Size, Slope and Orientation

- Solar potential
- Environmental and financial benefits calculated

Create Targeted Plan (Grants and Discounts)

- Create layer showing priority areas

Guide Price

- £200 per sq km

Solar Potential: Map installations to date



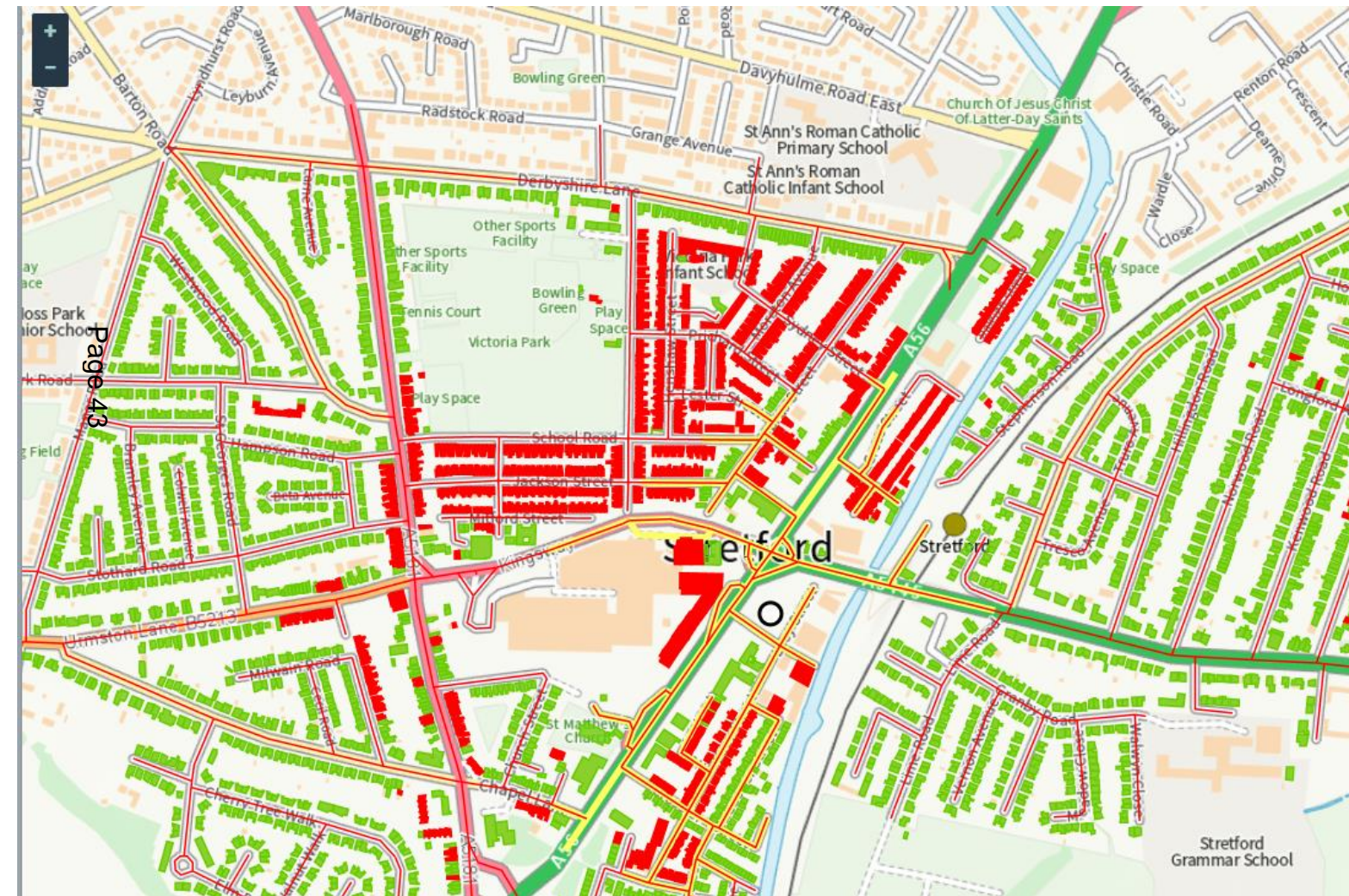
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Benefits

- AI based detection
- Identify clusters of activity
- Assess potential grid constraints
- Determine potential to co-locate technologies

Guide Price

EV Charging Point Analysis (Energeo Service)



Map houses with (green) and without (red) driveways

- EV charging points only needed for red houses

Locate suitable car parks

- This can serve people within 5 minutes walking distance (in yellow)

Analyse width of pavements

- Install charging points on wide pavements to serve those out of reach of car park

Guide Price

- £90 per sq km

Ground Source Heat Pump Suitability (Energeo Service)



Green = Garden Suitable
Red = Garden Unsuitable
Blue = House Suitable

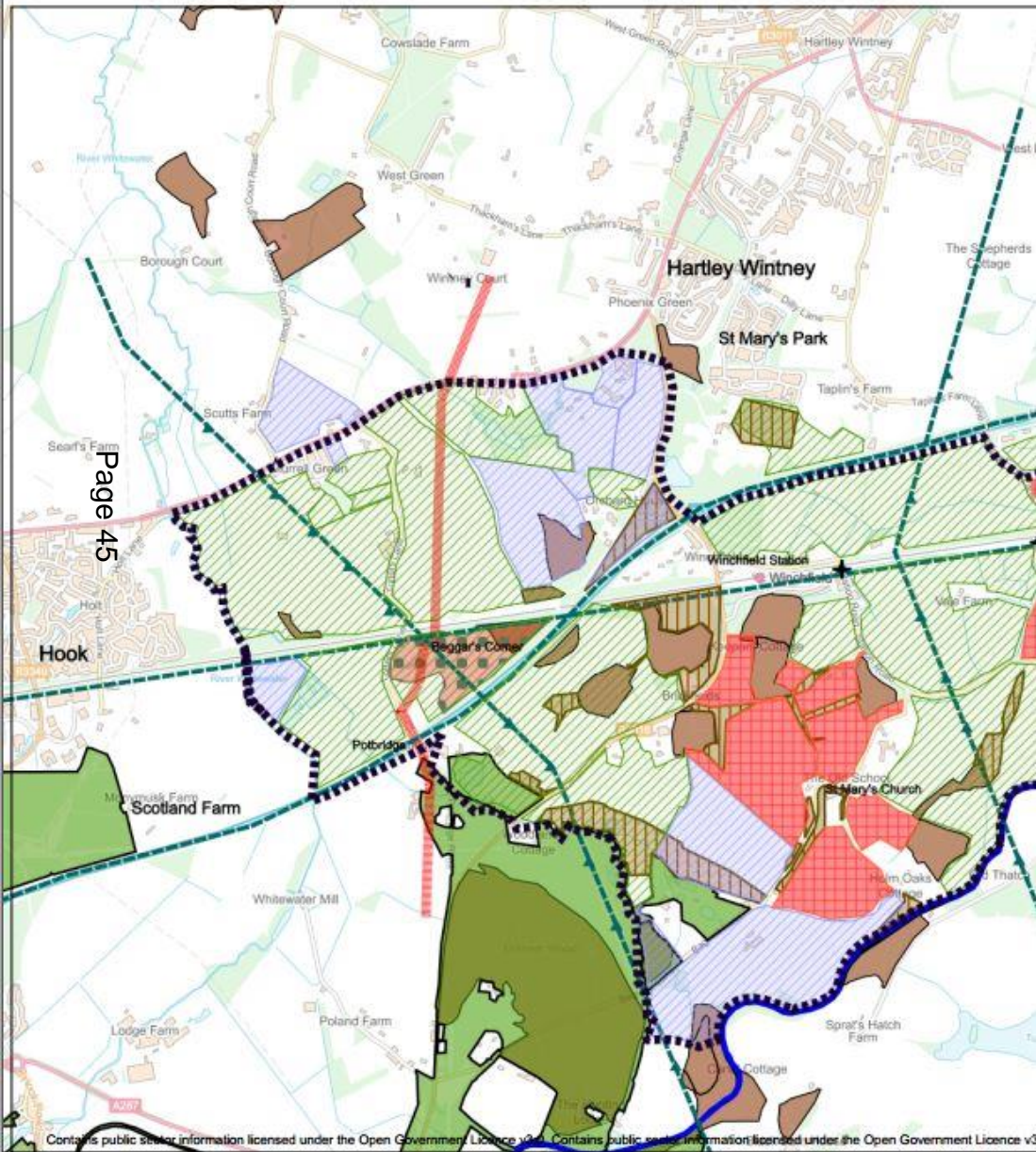
Individual Property Intelligence

- Capacity & install costs
- Environmental & financial benefits

Guide Price

- £200 per sq km

Geography-Specific Parish Climate Plans



Energy Layers

- EPC scores
- Community Heating
- Boiler upgrading
- Residential Solar capacity/roll out

Transport Layers

- Park and Ride
- Car sharing
- Cycle routes/Quiet Lanes
- Last-mile distribution

Trees and Biodiversity

- Tree planting
- Access to woodland
- Community Orchards
- Allotments

Sustainable Living

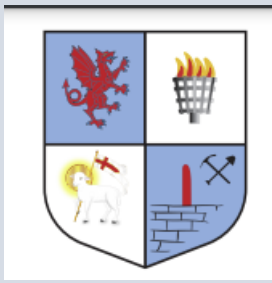
- Recycling
- Sharing Resources

Ideas and Next Steps

- Chew Valley work as a team?
- Involve a University?
 - Provide expertise
 - Provide people
- Develop Templates to guide other councils?
- Geosphere will help as required

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Peasedown St John



Improving access to our open spaces

- Peasedown St John Parish Council has strived to improve the facilities for the residents to benefit from the outdoor spaces owned and managed by the parish council

Improving access to our open spaces

From 30 homes in 1800

To 3000 homes in 2022

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How the parish developed over the intervening years and the parish's open areas



Peasedown, Stowborough and Knightstone

- From the diaries of Reverend John Skinner (1772 - 1839) this sketch shows several enclosures named Peasedown
- Peasedown as a place name did not appear on an official map until the mid 1800s

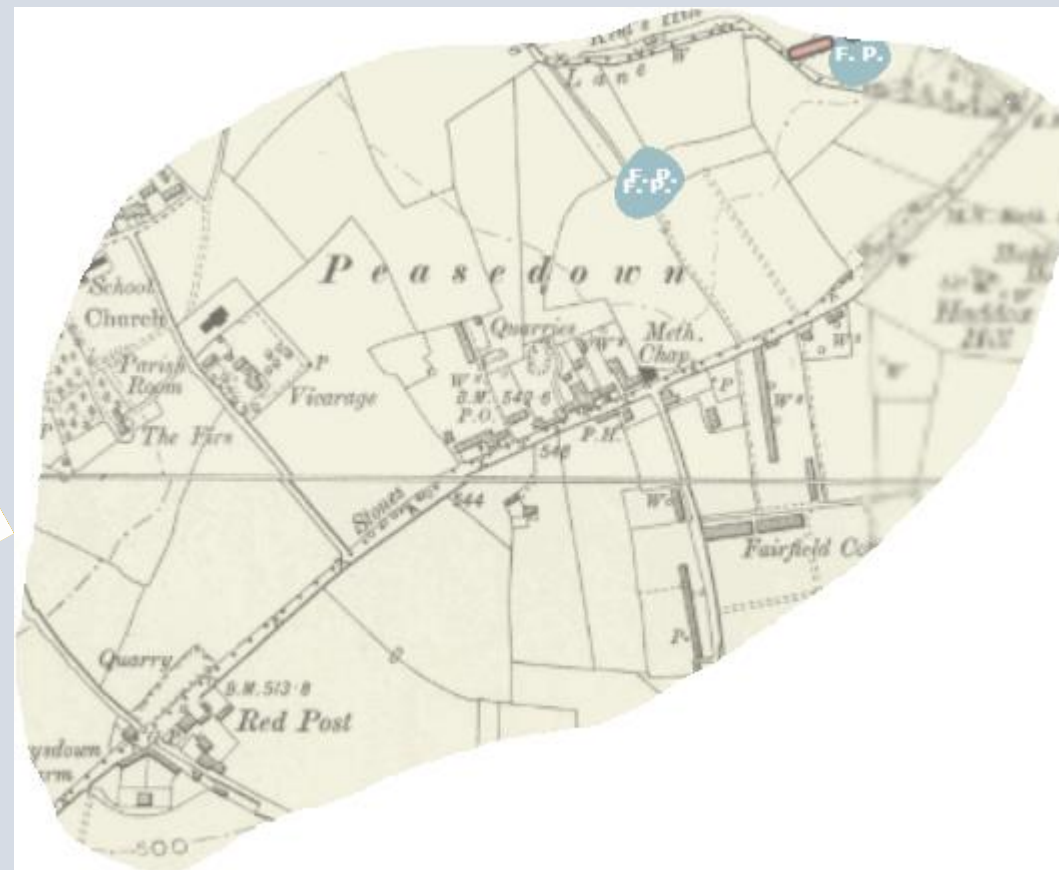
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Peasedown, Stowborough and Knightstone

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Red Post



OS inch map 1888 - 1913

At the turn of the century there were only a few houses alongside the Fosseway in the place called Peasedown as shown on this map

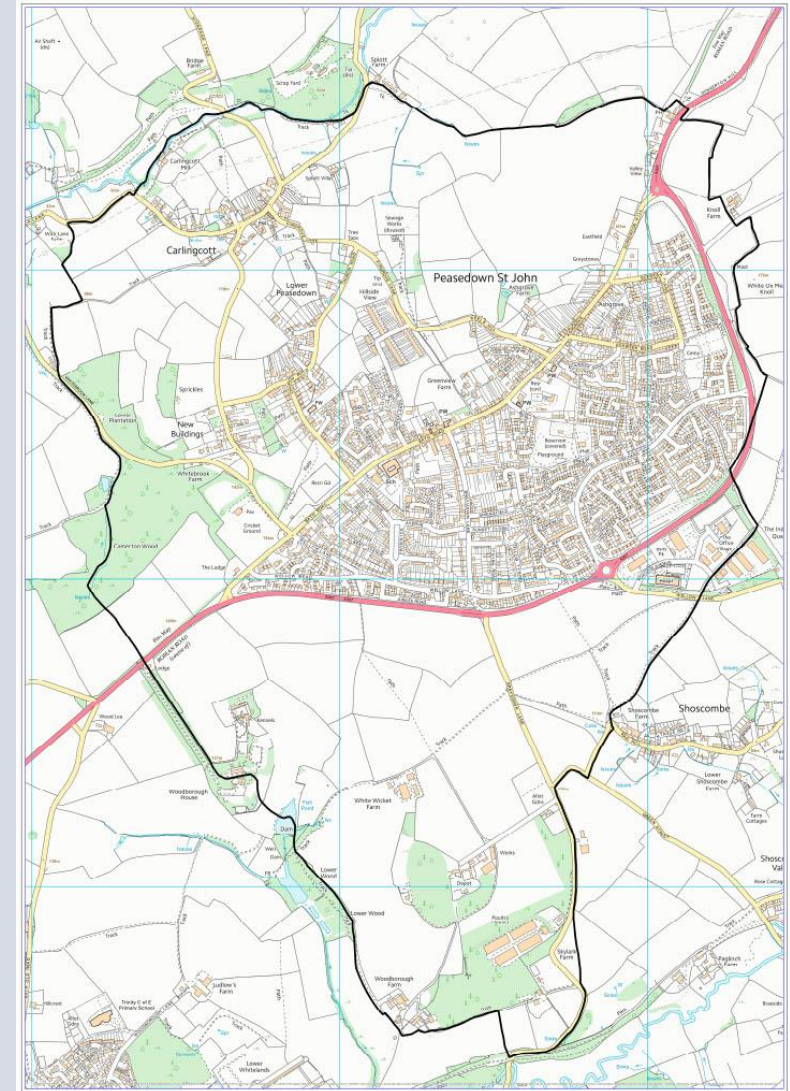
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- north of the Fosseway was the parish of Dunkerton
- south was the parish of Wellow
- to the West was the parish of Camerton



Peasedown St John a civil parish

- Peasedown St John became a civil parish in 1955
- The parish was formed from parts of the parishes of Camerton, Dunkerton and Wellow.



Open Spaces of Peasedown St John

Peasedown St John inherited the:

- Miners Welfare Recreation Ground from Camerton when the new parish was established

Over the decades the parish has developed other areas:

- Ashgrove Cemetery – owned by the parish
- Beacon Field – long lease from Bath and North East Somerset
- Ecewiche Green – owned by the parish
- The “Tump” in Carlingcott – owned by the parish
- Allotments at Braysdown – rented from a local farmer

Recreation Ground Charity

Miners' Welfare Recreation Ground
Land registry title document July 1923 at that time the
land was in Camerton Parish

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Miners' Welfare

The mining industry had a statutory obligation to
provide money for the social welfare of its employees

Recreation Ground Charity

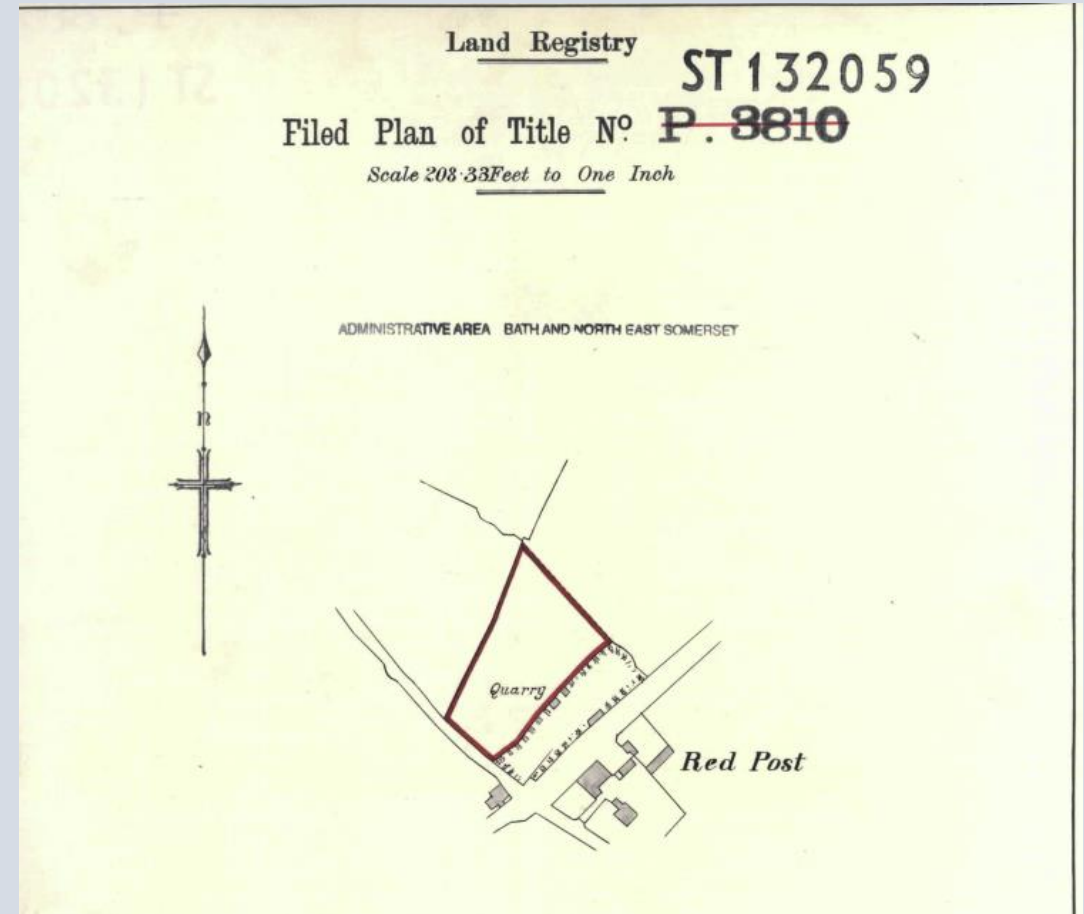
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land in 1996, which is sub-divided into two charities,
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Children's Playground Charity

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Land registry title document 1923

Miners Welfare Recreation Ground



Recent project to lay a tarmac path around the entire site

The parish council decided on tarmac paths around the site to make it more accessible to all the residents, equality gates had previously been installed



Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

Work in Progress laying paths
at the Recreation Ground

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Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

Progress in the laying of paths
on the Recreation Ground
with a new entrance onto
Bath Road



Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

Miners Football Team

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Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

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The new path from the
Whitebrook Lane entrance
that joins up with Church
Road

Skate Park in the
background



Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

Shelter used by all



Ashgrove Cemetery

1955

- the parochial church council of St John the Baptist alerted the new council that there were few spaces remaining in the church yard
- They requested that the new parish council make alternative arrangements
- Land was purchased with a loan from Somerset County Council of £7000 for a period of 40 years.

Ashgrove Cemetery

- In the late 1980s a land exchange between the parish council and Westbury Homes and a financial consideration facilitated the building of the bypass
- Many improvements to Ashgrove Cemetery have followed.

Ashgrove Cemetery

The first burial was in 1958

During the last decade a
memorial garden and
cremated remains plots
have been added



Ashgrove Cemetery



Ashgrove Cemetery

Pergola with seating is
a recent addition



Improving access to our open spaces

- Beacon Field and Ecewiche Green were gained as part of the housing development

Beacon Field

- Councillors enjoying an evening stroll and considering the site for the secure dog exercise area



Beacon Field

- Secure dog exercise area



Beacon Field

- Children's play area



- Multi User Games Area (MUGA) in the background

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Ecewiche Green

Equality Gates at
5 entrances to
Ecewiche Green



Ecewiche Green

- Paths were laid
- 1000 trees planted
- The land was developed as agreed by the parish council with the developers of the large housing development in exchange for £1



Ecewiche Green



The “Tump” Carlingcott

- A useful place to sit on the parish council seat for a rest before climbing back up to the centre of the village

The “Telephone box” has been refurbished by the parish council and is a book store for the residents



Parish Council Allotments at Braysdown

Environmentally friendly
soil toilet being installed

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The parish council has
build raised beds at the
allotments



Improving access to our open spaces

Sources of Funding

- Precept
- Community Empowerment Fund B&NES Council
- Donations
- Quartet

Improving access to our open spaces

Funding

- Most of the funding is from the Precept
- Using earmarked reserves, the cost can be spread over several years

Improving access to our open spaces

- Community Empowerment Fund B&NES Council
- In 2018 the parish council was successful in their bid for funds to purchase and install equality compliant gates receiving £3,230
- The parish council matched this with £3,627.23 of CIL money

Improving access to our open spaces

Funding

- Quartet awarded a donation towards the cost of the Jubilee Garden

Improving access to our open spaces

Donations

- A resident made generous donations to the parish council towards development of a memorial garden at Ashgrove Cemetery
- Some of the seats in Ashgrove Cemetery and Recreation Ground have been donated by past and present residents in memory of loved ones

Improving access to our open spaces

The parish council has:

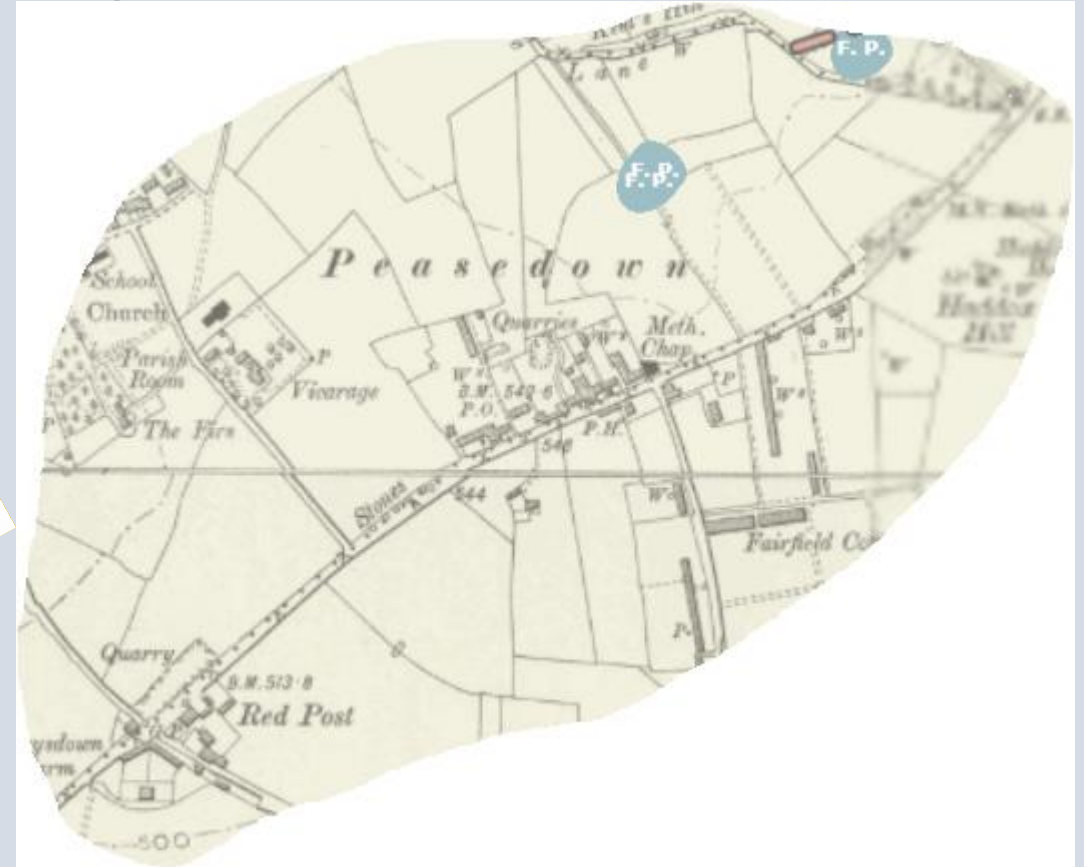
- Installed seats around the village
- Installed Equality Compliant Gates at the entrances to open spaces
- New path network on the recreation ground
- Provided a Dog safe area on Beacon Field
- building "A Jubilee Garden" on Beacon Field

Improving access to our open spaces

- Developed Ecewiche Green
- Improved play equipment
- Built a skate park
- Installed a MUGA
- Developed a Memorial Garden and enhanced the parish cemetery
- Built raised beds and a soil toilet at the allotments

From small beginnings

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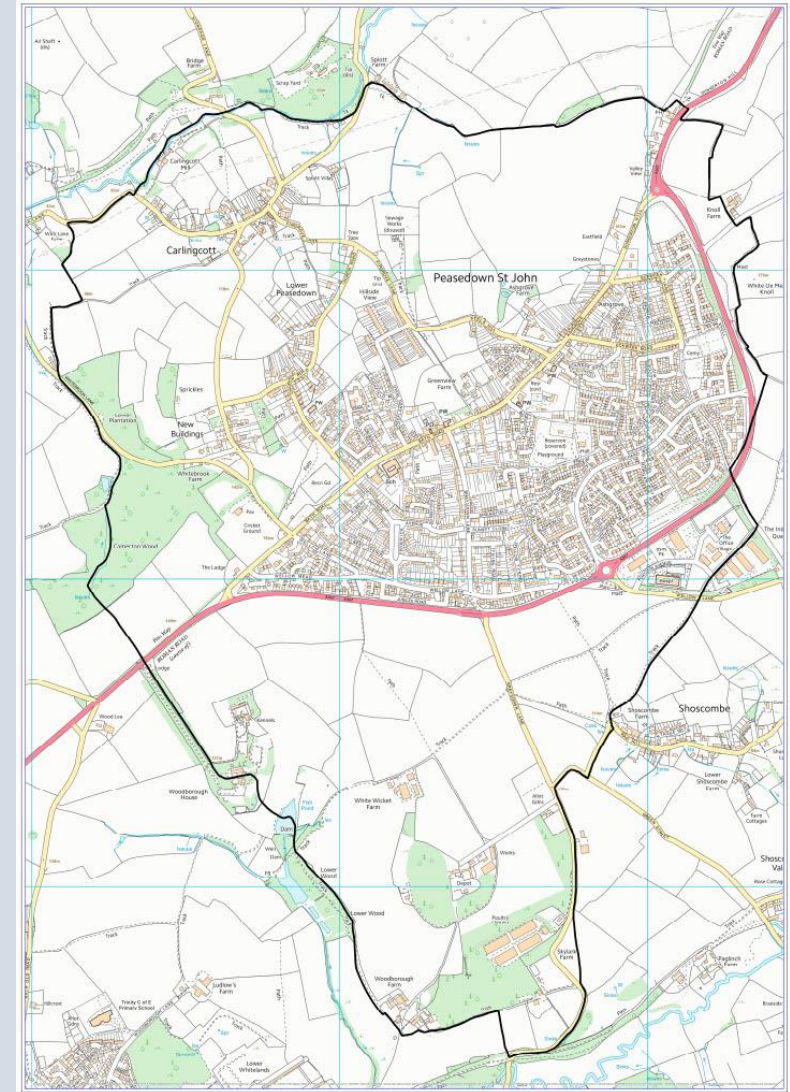


Peasedown St John Parish Council

- From small beginnings the parish council now in its 67th year has served the parish well
- None of these achievements could have been realised without determination and hard work by staff and councillors

Peasedown St John a civil parish

Peasedown St John a thriving parish



Peasedown St John Parish Council

Parish councils:

- are the first layer of local government
- can raise funds from the precept
- currently are not subject to restrictions when setting the precept

Peasedown St John Parish Council

Vibrant Parish councils

- Parish councils can deliver change and benefits for their residents
- Parish councils can set a precept collected by the unitary authority

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Parish Liaison Meeting

Parish Charter Review – briefing 23rd March 2022

Background

The principles of the Parish Charter were first adopted in 1999 and by 2006, developed into a framework to support how the Council and parishes within the district work together.

A full and collaborative review of the Charter was undertaken in 2016, involving a Working Group of parish representatives. All parishes were consulted as part of the process. The revised Parish Charter reflects the strong working relationship between the Council and parishes and recognises the financial challenges facing the public sector. It was formally adopted in 2018.

A Working Group of parish representatives continues to meet quarterly with the Council to discuss any Charter issues and to set the agendas for the Parish Liaison Meetings.

Progress

Since the adoption of the Parish Charter, we have continued to improve the way we work together and whilst we recognise that further improvements need to be made, particularly around communication and consultation, we have set new priorities as well as introducing a series of initiatives and tools to assist with our partnership working. This has included:-

- Implementation of Fix My Street, a digital tool to report issues associated with roads, pavements and parks. More information about Fix My Street [here](#).
- A parish 'Toolkit' designed to signpost parishes to essential information. The Toolkit can be found [here](#).
- Improved liaison between Council and parishes to resolve issues through a Working Group or via direct contact with the Connecting Communities Team.
- The adoption of the Community Engagement Charter in 2020, which sets out the Council's commitment to improving engagement and consultation. More information about the Charter [here](#).
- A review of the Connecting Communities Forums for Bath City, Bathavon North and Bathavon South. This resulted in the creation of a single Forum to represent the parishes of the Bathavon area and a new Forum for the Bath Area. Five area Forums have now been established for the whole district. More information about the Connecting Communities Forums [here](#).
- The declaration of Climate Emergency by the Council in 2019, with many parishes across the district also declaring this and setting new priorities.

While face to face meetings were restricted during the past two years of the Covid-19 pandemic, new digital tools created opportunities to improve communication between the Council and parishes. Parish Liaison meetings continued as well as specific discussions on key topics, a recent example Jubilee event planning, see [here](#).

Review of the Charter

A review of the Parish Charter is required every four years and is due during 2022. The revised Charter will need to reflect:

- the new priorities set by the councils in tackling topics such as the climate and nature emergency
- new opportunities and ways of working as technology continues to develop
- the need for continued improvement with communication and consultation

Recommendations and next steps

The work on the Parish Charter will take place during 2022 for its adoption in 2023. It is proposed to bring the Parish Charter in line with the Council's Corporate Strategy, due to be reviewed in 2023, so that it becomes an appendix alongside the Community Engagement Charter.

The Parish Charter Working Group will focus on:

- a survey of all parishes to seek views about how effective the Charter has been since its implementation in 2018 and seek up to date information on resources, priorities and ways of working.
- consideration of a number of key aspects of the Charter, particularly consultation and communication which parishes have already highlighted as needing improvement.
- ensuring the Core Principles of the Charter align with the priorities of both the Council and parishes.

The Parish Charter Working group is currently made up of the following representatives:

- Chair of ALCA BANES - currently Cllr Kathy Thomas who is also a Councillor with Peasedown St John Parish Council.
- Vice Chair of ALCA BANES – currently Cllr Dawn Drury who is also Chair of Compton Dando Parish Council and Clerk to Keynsham Town Council
- Cllr Jannette Stephenson – Chair of Pensford Parish Council.
- Katherine Manchee - Clerk to Camerton Parish Council and Dunkerton & Tunley Parish Council.
- Sara Dixon, Locality Manager, Bath & North East Somerset Council.
- Alison Wells, Community Engagement Officer, Bath & North East Somerset Council.

Request: A request for additional parish representation to sit on the Working Group to assist with the Charter Review. If you are interested or need further information, please email: Alison Wells, Alison_Wells@bathnes.gov.uk

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