

From: The Clerk to COMBE HAY PARISH COUNCIL
To: B&NES Council
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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SUBMITTED CORE STRATEGY.

I am Peter Duppa-Miller – I am speaking this evening on behalf of Combe Hay Parish Council and also on behalf of Englishcombe Parish Council – I will be making seven points.

- 1. We thank the authors of the report and the many background papers both for their clarity and for the inclusion of a number of previously-proposed amendments, such as that referring to the provision of broadband in the rural areas.**
- 2. It is most important to recognise that, whilst it is the Core Strategy's intention is to identify strategic sites for development, the documents before you make it very, very, clear that it is the B&NES Place-Making Plan which is to provide the fine detail of such development.**
- 3. The B&NES Place-Making Plan will be prepared by B&NES Council in collaboration with the relevant Parish Councils in North East Somerset - Combe Hay and Englishcombe Parish Councils are both totally committed to this process, which has, as its objective, the adoption of the B&NES Place-Making Plan in 2015.**
- 4. It is emphasised that the Core Strategy document remains committed to a Plan/Monitor/Manage regime, which will ensure that the requirement for additional housing will be kept under constant review and will be adjusted throughout the Plan Period as may be found to be necessary.**
- 5. It is suggested, yet again, that there would be advantage in considering, for a number of those rural settlements, which are washed over by the Green Belt, the amendment of their Housing Development Boundaries to enable the development of a small number of additional homes in each such settlement.**
- 6. It is suggested that, during the ensuing consultation period, a set of the relevant documents be provided at the new Combe Hay Community Library, for the communities to the south of Bath to access.**
- 7. Finally, Combe Hay and Englishcombe Parish Councils most strongly recommend that the amended Submitted Core Strategy be approved for Development Management purposes, in order to preclude "predatory" applications for uncontrolled development.**