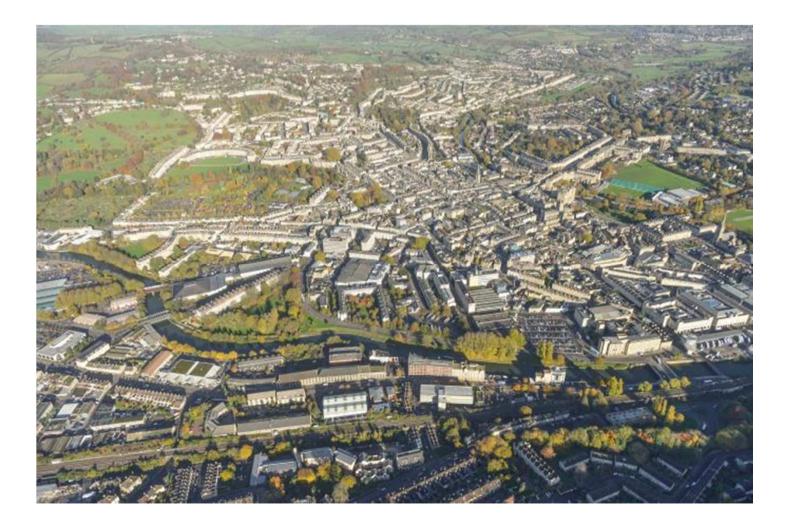
Placemaking Plan – Opportunities in Bath Bath City Forum - 13th October 2015



What is the Placemaking Plan?

- Allocates development sites & establishes design and development principles
- Protects important assets eg Local Green Space
- Provides district-wide planning policies used to determine planning applications
- Identifies infrastructure requirements

What is the Placemaking Plan?

- Statutory Plan (Plan-led system)
- Is complementary to the Council's Core Strategy
- Provides clarity to Communities, the Council, and Developers
- Provides a coherent planning strategy

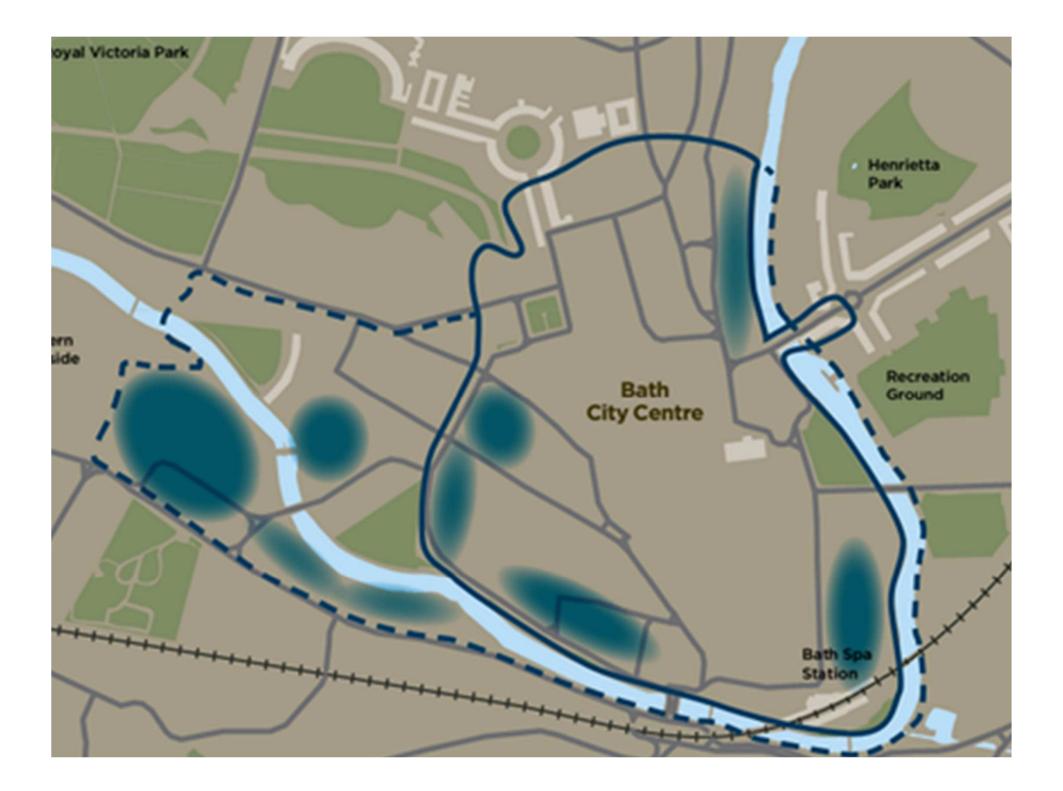




Appropriate for Bath

The World Heritage Site is not a constraint ...

It is an invitation to excel



Land use pressure in Bath

- Around **60,000 m² gross of new office** floorspace (equivalent to around 18 Lewis Houses)
- Approx. 30,000 m² of comparison retail up to 2029 (approx. the same floorspace as Southgate)
- 7,000 dwellings, inc. 3,300 dwellings are in the EA
- Between 931 and 1607 new hotel bedspaces by 2030 (broadly equivalent to 5 more Apex hotels)
- Demand for new student accommodation (equivalent to 11 new Green Park Houses or 1,300 new houses)

Next Steps

- To be reported to Cabinet in December 2015
- Formal consultation stage until late January
- Comments received will be considered by the Planning Inspector during the examination
- Examination Summer 2015
- Adoption of the Placemaking Plan late 2015

Local Green Spaces

- Local Green Space designation was introduced in national policy (NPPF, 2012 para 76-78).
- The policy enables local communities to identify, for special protection, green spaces of particular importance to the local community.
- Designating sites as "Local Green Space" will generally rule out development other than in "very special circumstances"
- Over 100 nominations were made in Bath, and most were accepted.





Local Green Spaces are an opportunity for communities to engage in the future management of their spaces.

- How could they be enhanced?
- How can they be better used?
- Can the community become more involved in managing change?

Could be an option for the City Forum to champion?

The Historic Environment

- To inform the Placemaking Plan, the Council has commissioned pilot character appraisals of different parts of Bath's Conservation Area.
- They will ultimately provide the basis for informed and integrated decision making that will preserve or enhance the conservation area as part of the ongoing regeneration of the city.

- The Character Appraisal are currently draft and need to go through a process of public engagement.
- There are opportunities for this group to champion public engagement with Bath's historic environment.

