

Parish Liaison meeting – Wednesday 15th June

Core Strategy update

The Council submitted its Core Strategy and associated documents to the Secretary of State on 3rd May 2011 for independent examination. The submission Core Strategy comprises the draft Core Strategy and the schedule of proposed changes that emerged through the Draft Core Strategy consultation (which closed on the 3rd February 2011). A hard copy of the main submission documents has been sent to all Parish Councils. These documents are also available to view at the deposit stations (main Council offices and all libraries). The submission and supporting documents are also available to view on the planning policy website:

www.bathnes.gov.uk/corestrategy

Simon Emerson BSc DipTP MRTPI is the Inspector appointed to conduct the examination to determine whether the Core Strategy is sound and it is anticipated that the hearings will take place in September 2011. Simon Emerson was the Inspector who conducted the Examination into the Bristol City Council Core Strategy. The Programme Officer, Chris Banks, will act as the contact point for any person who has made representations on the Draft Core Strategy, and as a liaison between the Inspector, the Council and examination participants. His contact details are as follows:

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Placemaking Plan

The Placemaking Plan is in the early stages of preparation and work will commence in earnest in the autumn following the examination of the Core Strategy. It is anticipated that formal public consultation (the 'issues and options' stage) will take place in the spring of 2012, although collaborative work with communities will take place up to this time.

The Placemaking Plan will provide more detail than the Core Strategy, including the allocation of sites for development and reviewing the detailed development management policies. It is designed to be responsive to the qualities and challenges of different places throughout the district, and has three core objectives:

- To safeguard and enhance the values and assets of places.
- To provide viable development opportunities to ensure the delivery of the Core Strategy
- To engage with communities through a collaborative approach

Local Development Scheme

Retrofitting & Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Work has now commenced on this SPD which will provide guidance to applicants and Development Management on the application of the Core Strategy climate change related policies on retrofitting and sustainable construction. It is currently anticipated that formal public consultation will take place in the autumn of this year and the SPD will be adopted in spring 2012.

World Heritage Site Setting SPD

Work has also commenced on this SPD which will supplement the Core Strategy policy to enable effective management and protection of the Bath World Heritage Site Setting. It will inform and provide a steer for Development Management, the public and implementation of local planning policy. It is currently anticipated that stakeholder and public consultation will take place in autumn 2011 with adoption in spring 2012.

Localism Bill

The Council is currently considering how best to respond to the provisions of the Localism Bill including the introduction of Neighbourhood Plans and will discuss the way forward with Town & Parish Councils.