

Parish Liaison Meeting Planning Policy Update

22nd October 2020

Local Plan Partial Update

Following JSP withdrawal, three main drivers;

- » Need to update **climate and ecological emergencies** and other key policies (HMOs)
- » replenish the District's **Housing Land supply**
- » provide a firm policy basis of sites allocations to secure **investment in sustainable transport**

NB Partial update vs New Local Plan

Scope

- Climate Emergency Policies
- Transport
- Students related development
- Housing supply and housing type
- Nature Emergency
- General policies
- Review of allocated sites

Plus Key SPDs

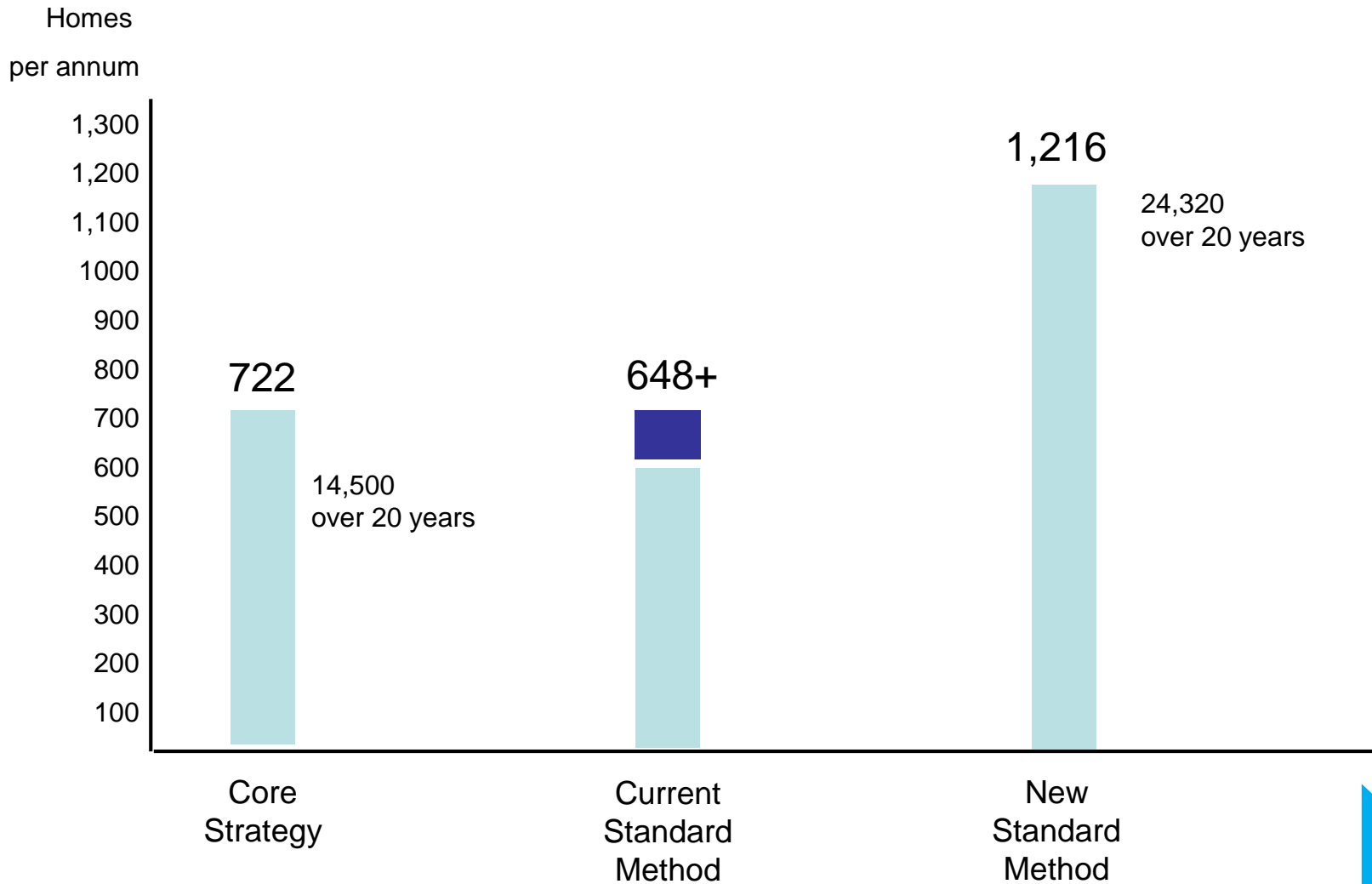


Planning Reform

- » Changes to the Use Classes Order
Sept 2020
- » Changes to the current Planning system (late 2020/early 2021??)
 - Housing need figure
 - Affordable Housing Threshold
- » More extensive reform - by 2024

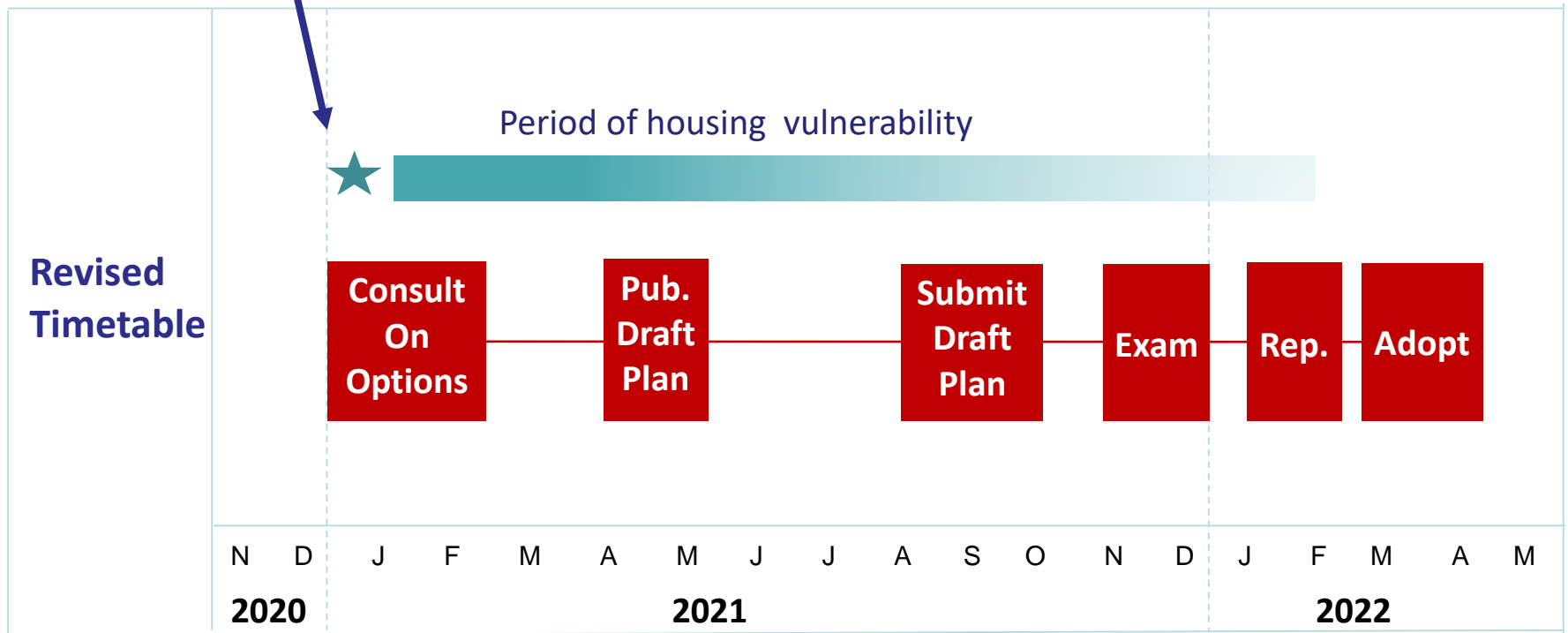
(NB Neighbourhood Planning supported)

Reform to calculation of Housing Need



Revised Local Plan timetable

New Standard Method published



Revised timetable risks

- » Independent examination outcome
- » Minimal timetable and resource contingency,
- » National planning reform timetable,
- » Work on the new Local Plan delayed
- » Ongoing pressure to expand the scope of the Partial Update

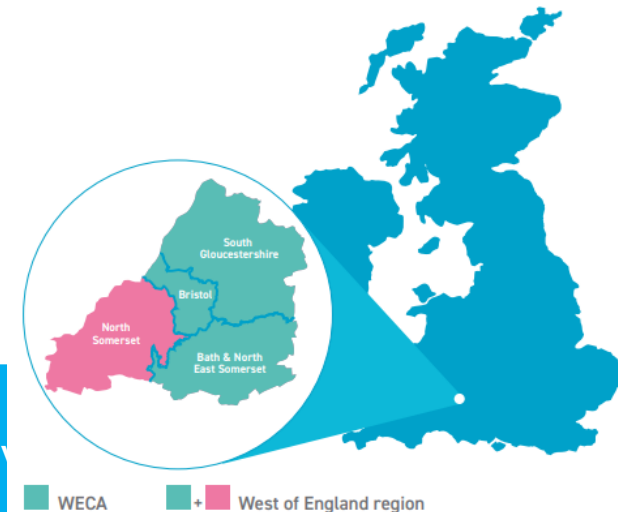
Parish/Town Council input

- » Address supply primarily through housing allocations – identify development requirements & co-ordinate infrastructure provision
- » Site selection based on Core Strategy approach
- » Sites assessed through HELAA, including useful parish work
- » Further discussions with parishes from late autumn through to spring

WECA

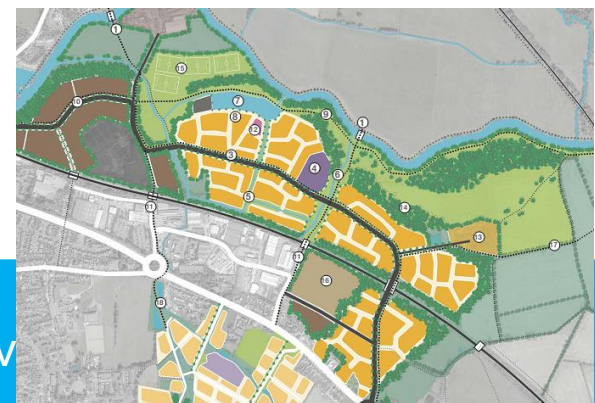
Sustainable Development Strategy

- » SDS is a statutory requirement on WECA
- » SDS sets the context for UA policies
- » The new B&NES Local Plan largely prepared in parallel
- » Take into account Planning Reform
- » SDS is a high level Plan but evidence base is detailed
- » Align with other sub-regional work eg MRT, JTLP5
- » Statements of Common Ground

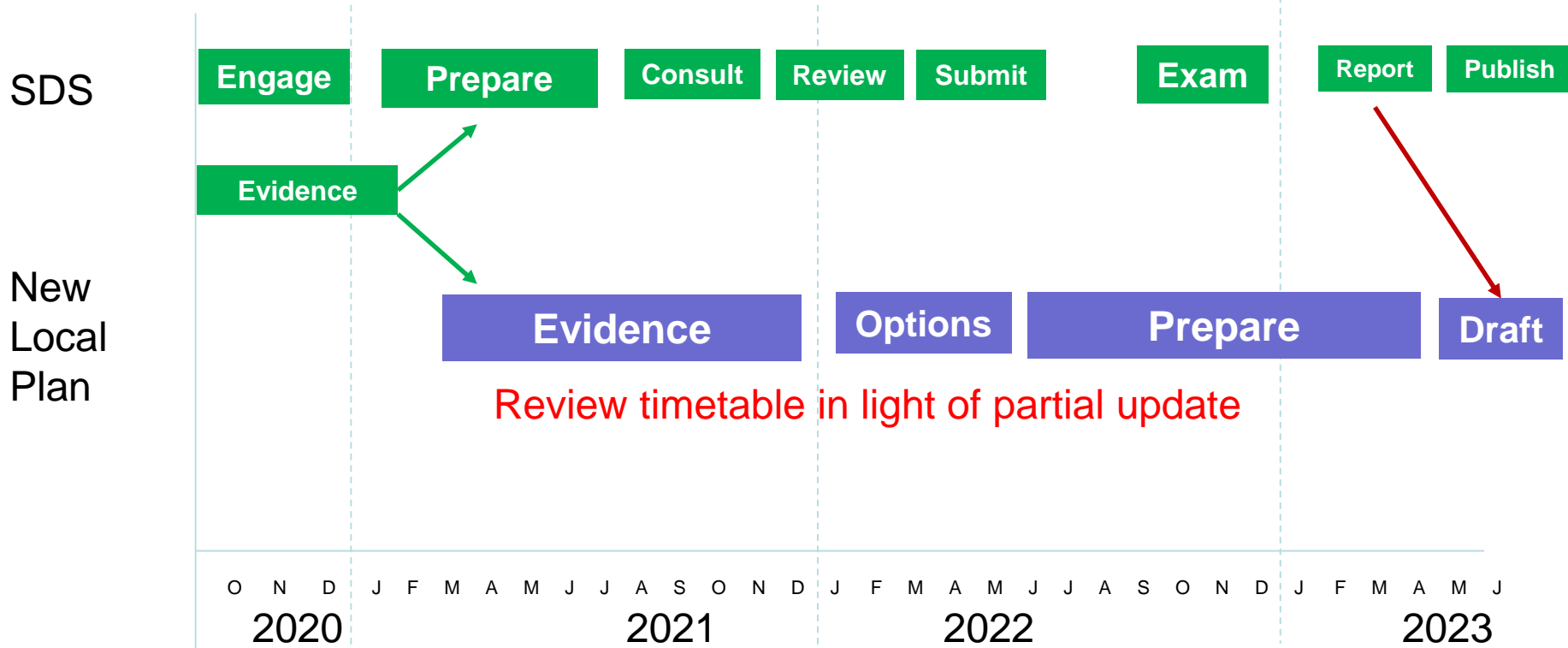


SDS Scope

- » Objectives & priorities
- » Key policies eg placemaking
- » High level Spatial Strategy with broad locations
- » Housing and employment space requirements



SDS Timetable



- » Overall Housing need, inc Affordable
- » Employment land need,
- » Transport Appraisal Framework,
- » Carbon Modelling & other Impact assessments
- » Habitats Regulations Assessment
- » Renewable Energy opportunities study
- » Housing site options (SHLAA)
- » Green Belt Assessment
- » Infrastructure Plans
- » GIS/Digital

