

**Parish Liaison Meeting**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**Core Strategy Examination**

- 1.1 The Council submitted the Core Strategy for Examination on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Since that time Inspector Simon Emerson has undertaken the preparatory stage of the Examination and sent to the Council his preliminary comments and questions - see documents referenced ID/1; ID/2; ID/3; ID4 and ID/4A which are available on the Council's website at:  
<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/planning/planningpolicy/localdevelopment/scheme/Pages/DraftCoreStrategyExamination.aspx>
- 1.2 The Council has now responded to the issues raised by the Inspector – principally via documents referenced BNES/1 and BNES2 which are also available on the Council's website at the address given above. Please note that the Council can supply hard copies of any of these documents if required – please contact Planning Policy on 01225 477548 or at [planning\\_policy@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:planning_policy@bathnes.gov.uk)
- 1.3 In responding to the issues raised by the Inspector the Council has proposed some changes to the Core Strategy which were approved by Council at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011. These changes, along with the significant changes agreed earlier in the year arising from comments made on the draft Core Strategy, are currently available for public comment. The schedule of these changes is also available on the Council's website (see address above) and a copy has been sent to all town and parish councils. Comments should be submitted during the consultation period, which ends on 21<sup>st</sup> October, and must relate to the proposed changes and not the draft Core Strategy. All comments received will be forwarded to the Inspector.
- 1.4 The Inspector has suspended the Examination until the end of October. He will then review the Council's response to his preliminary comments and questions, the changes proposed to the Core Strategy and the issues raised in comments received. The Inspector has now confirmed that a Pre-Hearing Meeting (PHM) will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 a.m. at The Guildhall, Bath. This meeting is open to the public and will mainly discuss procedural matters. The Programme Officer will soon write to all consultees to confirm that the PHM will take place and the agenda will also be sent out once it is received from the Inspector.
- 1.5 After the PHM the next steps in the Examination process will become clearer. Currently the Examination hearing sessions are programmed to commence during week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Following the Pre-Hearing Meeting and consideration of the issues raised the Inspector will, via the Programme Officer, distribute the programme for the Hearings which will outline the issues to be discussed and the organizations and individuals invited to participate.