

NOTIFICATION OF THE DESIGNATION OF BATHFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

UNDER SECTION 61G OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 AS AMENDED

INTRODUCTION:

Neighbourhood Planning empowers communities to shape the development and growth of their local areas. By creating a neighbourhood plan, residents can influence where new homes, shops, and offices are built, and have a say on what those new buildings should look like. This process fosters community engagement and ensures that growth is sustainable and beneficial to the local area. Neighbourhood Planning aims to guide development in a way that meets the needs and aspirations of the community, promoting balanced and considered growth. Importantly, this planning is conducted in line with the local plan and national policy to ensure coherence and compliance with broader strategic objectives.

Neighbourhood plans must meet certain requirements:

- **General Conformity with Local Policies:** Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the local development plan.
- **Regard to National Policy:** Neighbourhood plans must have regard to national planning policies and guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- **Sustainable Development:** The plans should contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, balancing economic, social, and environmental objectives.
- **Compatibility with EU Obligations:** Neighbourhood plans must comply with retained EU obligations, such as environmental regulations.
- **Basic Conditions:** Before proceeding to a referendum, neighbourhood plans must meet a set of basic conditions, which is tested through an independent examination.

APPLICANT:

- Bathford Parish Council

APPLICATION:

- Application for the Designation of Bathford Neighbourhood Area

An application has been received that includes:

- A map which identifies the area to which the application relates;
- A supporting statement explaining why the proposed neighbourhood area is considered appropriate; and
- A statement that the body making the application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G(2) of the 1990 Act.

DECISION:

The Designation of Bathford Neighbourhood Area is approved in accordance with section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning.

As the area specified in the application consists of the whole of the Parish Council's area it has been designated without consultation in accordance with Regulation 5A of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended in 2016.

Regulation 5A states amongst other things that where this regulation applies, regulations 6 and 6A of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended in 2016 do not apply.

A map of the designated neighbourhood area is provided on the following page.

Pursuant to the Bath and North East Somerset Council constitution and in particular Part 2.35 the Head of Planning and Building Control is authorised to designate neighbourhood areas.

I have no private interests to declare in respect of this matter which would prevent me from designating this neighbourhood area.

Signed:



Louise Morris
Head of Planning and Building Control
Bath and North East Somerset Council
Dated: 29th April 2025

Map of Bathford Neighbourhood Area

