**BRA Bulletin 21.11.17**

Dear Member

We are sorry to inflict yet another bulletin on you, but new information has come to light. We have become aware of North Somerset Council (NSC) ’s intention to start work on a new Local Plan, which can be viewed on

<http://bit.ly/2jKHhMC>

The NSC Local Plan covers all of North Somerset, and the above website includes a Backwell questionnaire asking for comments on the plan, though much of it at this stage is “indicative”, particularly new roads. We are concerned that the NSC Local Plan is designed to relate to the 700 houses at Grove Farm in the regional Joint Spatial Plan (JSP), but no mention is made of the Backwell Neighbourhood Plan, which proposed only modest developments, within the village boundary, up to 2026. Nothing was allocated to Grove Farm. **The new NSC Local Plan would mean the demise of the current NSC Core Strategy, and would render our Neighbourhood Plan obsolete.**

NSC has arranged four 'drop-in' events, the first at Churchill Primary School on Wednesday 22 Nov, 6 - 8.30 pm. This could be useful if you want to see more about the Local Plan and the JSP before attending the Backwell Resistance Meeting at our Parish Hall on Thursday 23rd Nov at 7pm.

As we have already mentioned, there will be a NSC “drop-in” event at our Parish Hall Thursday 30th Nov, 4-8pm. We understand there will be a static display of information with NSC planning officers on hand to answer questions. Additionally, our Parish Council has requested that NSC Highways staff be present.

In summary, the future dates for the NSC information events are:

**Churchill Primary School – Wednesday 22 November, 6 - 8.30pm**

**Backwell Parish Hall – Thursday 30 November, 4 - 8pm \*\* KEY EVENT\*\***

**Nailsea Tithe Barn – Thursday 7 December, 2 - 6.30pm**

The final date for our comments on the JSP and the NSC Local Plan is **Wednesday 10th Jan 2018.** BRA will give guidance on points you could make in early December. It is essential that as many residents as possible make their views known.

Best wishes

From your BRA Committee 21st November 2017

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