**North Somerset Local Plan 2038**

**and**

**“The Future of Backwell”**

Dear Member

In our bulletin of 23rd July, we drew your attention to the start of the process to create the North Somerset Local Plan 2038.

The North Somerset Council (NSC) Consultation document has 35 pages, but is written for general consumption without undue planning technicalities. The document may be viewed on:

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-07/Local%20Plan%202038%20-%20Challenges%20for%20the%20Future.pdf>

On page 34 of this document there is a link to “Respond on-line”.

This opens up a new document which has 13 questions within the text. After answering the questions as they arise, the whole set can be submitted to NSC directly. There is also the option to email a reply, or use post.

On this occasion, we have decided we should not advise our members on how they should respond, as this consultation is focused on seeking each person’s individual views.

Backwell Parish Council Working Party Survey “The Future of Backwell”

Residents will have received a hard copy of this survey delivered to Backwell households this week. The questions on this survey have some overlap with the NSC questions above, but there are others which the Working party thinks will assist them in formulating a response from Backwell which reflects the views of residents, for future stages of this important but lengthy process.

Access to the on line survey is available via :

[www.backwell-pc.gov.uk/survey/](http://www.backwell-pc.gov.uk/survey/)

This also provides a link to “Background Document”, which is a helpful note of what NSC needs to do to produce the Local Plan.

**The Working Party has asked for your returns as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 28th Aug**, to enable them to respond to NSC by Wednesday Sept 2nd, after analysing the survey responses.

We hope that as many BRA members, and their family and friends as possible will feel able to complete both surveys. The questions at this stage are concerned with broad concepts and “challenges”. Later consultations will address choices to be made against this background, but it is important our views and wishes are known to NSC from the start of this planning process.

**NSC Planning Map**

The link below takes one to a very useful planning map of our area

<http://map.n-somerset.gov.uk/DandE.html>

Members may be interested to see the above map, provided by NSC, which BRA committee members find to be hugely valuable.

It covers the whole of North Somerset, but by moving the + button one can zoom into the Backwell area. The magic of the map is revealed by introducing features from the map legend on the left-hand side, by ticking the appropriate box – then unticking and choosing another feature. The following features are ones that we find most useful:

**Green Belt** – this has relevance to the consultation above.

**Settlement and Town / Parish Boundaries.**

**Conservation Areas** – The 3 areas in Backwell are clearly shown.

**Tree Preservation Orders** – including dates when granted by clicking on a particular tree.

It is also very useful at a high resolution for finding houses with only names, e.g. in Chelvey Batch.

We hope that many of you will find it as useful as we do.

Best wishes

From your BRA Committee 14th August 2020

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