Dear Member

You will no doubt recall that officers from North Somerset Council recommended that the NSC councillors on the Planning & Regulatory Committee should approve the application by Taylor Wimpey for 65 houses off Rodney Road.

During the discussions at the P & R meeting this afternoon, key points made by objectors (400 residents, Backwell Parish Council and BRA) were highlighted. Bridget Petty, our NSC District Councillor, (who is not on the P & R committee) spoke against the application, as did Sarah Ould, Chair, Backwell Parish Council. BRA had submitted a final written objection earlier this week. The access to the site was considered in detail at the meeting, and some councillors felt this aspect required further analysis.

**However, this OUTLINE APPLICATION was APPROVED in a split vote** with the lack of an adequate NSC 5-year housing land supply being an overwhelming factor in favour of more housing. The concerns from objectors were deemed not to carry sufficient weight to overcome this.

Taylor Wimpey will now work on detailed aspects with NSC and bring forward a FULL APPLICATION for approval in due course.

This application can be viewed on the NSC website

[20/P/1847/OUT | Outline application for residential development of up to 65 dwellings with matters of access for approval and all other matters of appearance, scale, layout and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval | Land West Of Rodney Road Backwell (n-somerset.gov.uk)](https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=QELJ7RLPGK700&activeTab=summary)

The decision today was not unexpected, but is a great disappointment to everyone who worked so hard to point out the adverse impact of the proposal.