Dear Member

**North Somerset Local Plan**

On the evening of Tuesday March 22nd , a very large number of residents filled the Parish Hall for a Question & Answer session with three North Somerset Councillors and two Planning Officers.

There are 2 further, “Drop-in” sessions with Backwell Parish Councillors next week.

Thursday March 31 from 6pm to 9pm

Saturday April 2 from10am to 1pm both at the Parish Hall

These events will give you the opportunity to find out more, discuss and feedback your views to help shape BPC’s response to NSC’s Local Plan. Some BRA committee members will also be attending these sessions.

You can respond to the consultation until the closing date of Friday April 29th by pasting:

Tinyurl.com/yckyrnub

into your browser, and choosing “Preferred Options Consultation – March 2022”

**Farleigh Fields Appeal at Weston**

This 8-day Inquiry will have its final session on the morning of Tuesday March 29.

At least one member of the BRA committee attended each session to date. The question we have frequently been asked is “How did it go? “. The answer is that no one can tell until the Inspector, Dr Andrea Mageean, gives her report! It is exactly 5 years since the previous Inquiry. Much of the current Inquiry involved the Persimmon side saying how different things are now compared with 2017, and NSC suggesting they are still relevant!

The whole inquiry can be viewed on YouTube via

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/planning-building-control/planning-applications/land-farleigh-farm-backwell-planning-inquiry>

14 Backwell residents chose to make personal statements - we are grateful for the efforts they made.

The following gave their statements on Fri 18th March

Barbara Harland

Lorraine Hopkinson

Jane Kearney (statement read out  by Lorraine Hopkinson)

Mike Mogford

Chris Perry

Mike Rose

Bridget Petty

Martin Powell

These can be viewed by starting the video below at 21 minutes.

[YouTube live stream: Friday 18 March - afternoon](https://youtu.be/66MNHIrIu_I)

The following gave their statements on Tues 22 March

Kathryn Crawford

Peter Hoare

Jayne Kirkbride

Karim Malik (statement read out by Barbara Harland)

Mark Mallet

Geoff Wells

[YouTube live stream: Tuesday 22 March - afternoon](https://youtu.be/rdxX7593pZw)

They can be viewed via the above link, starting the video at 1hr 39 minutes.

The concluding statements are being given next Tuesday 29 starting at 9.30am.  The session will be VIRTUAL and will NOT be in person at Weston. It is estimated to be 30 mins for NSC and 2 hours for Persimmon. It can be viewed live on:

[YouTube live stream: Tuesday 29 March - morning](https://youtu.be/rqegPA4-Its)

The verdict of the Inquiry should be known in 6 - 8 weeks’ time