

Backwell is Growing, Backwell is changing!

Planning for our Future

Calling Residents of ALL ages to Have your Say

19th June 2pm to 7.30pm at Backwell Parish Hall.

Backwell Parish Council invites residents of ALL ages to an informal ‘drop-in’ Community Engagement Event to inform our next Neighbourhood Plan.

What is important to Backwell residents? What do we value? What do we need now and as Backwell grows? What are our priorities?

North Somerset is still formulating its Local Plan which determines locations for future housing. Whilst we are unsure of the final shape of this plan for Backwell, we do know that we will need to assimilate at least 40% growth within the next 15 years or so. 221 houses on Farleigh Fields, 60 houses on the land off Rodney Road, and 515 at Grove Farm. North Somerset Council is now preparing amendments to the Local Plan which will allocate further land for housing to meet the Government’s latest requirements.

This level of change will be demanding and at times difficult. Backwell Parish Council continues to resist additional housing allocations in Backwell for East Backwell and other sites, but we do need to start thinking ahead to a larger Backwell’s future to seek delivery of infrastructure and services which keep pace with this growth.

This context drives us to update our Neighbourhood Plan and start considering our future in collaboration with the local community to safeguard our village and future proof its infrastructure to meet the needs of an enlarged population.

Our current Neighbourhood Plan aimed to safeguard Backwell for the future as an attractive place to live with a sustainable village feel in proximity to the countryside. That plan delivered over 100 new homes and secured the T shaped fields on Farleigh Fields as Local Green Space which means they cannot be built upon. It has helped to address traffic mitigation and road safety features; it promotes the creation of cycling routes and walking routes. What next?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a powerful tool to shape community and control outcomes of development, please come and talk to us on 19th June, drop in any time between 2pm and 7.30pm, bring the family, encourage your children and teenagers to be heard. Please get involved.