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Local Plan (Core Strategy) 5 Year Review - Additional Consultation

Additional consultation relevant to a number of areas of the District will commence on 27th June 2016 for six weeks. This consultation is focused on the following topics:

- Gain further views on the options for residential development on land to the east of Bower Lane/Dunwear Lane in Bridgwater (Options C and D in the previous stage 1 consultation document), where additional land has been promoted and relatively few comments were received during initial consultation. Additional consultation will focus on an updated indicative Masterplan of what development in this area could look like. We will then consider all site options across Bridgwater, including the ones we consulted on last time, to decide which to include in the draft Local Plan.
- Refined options for the settlements currently identified within tier 1 (Burnham-on-Sea, Highbridge, Cheddar and North Petherton), where the Council is looking to allocate development sites to meet the District's growth requirements. These settlements will benefit from a location specific place-making policy to give more certainty of what development will come forward over the plan period (up to 2032). Whilst the previous stage 1 consultation document only included boundaries based on available land promoted to the Council, additional consultation will focus on indicative Masterplan options for the sites we consider most appropriate for development. We want to hear your views on these before moving forward with the draft Local Plan.

The additional consultation document does not replace or cover all the issues discussed during the original Stage 1 Consultation (October 2015 to January 2016). If you have previously responded to the Stage 1 Consultation document those comments still stand and will be taken into account, you don't need to re-submit your original responses.

In support of the additional consultation, further public drop in events have been organised:

- 27/06/2016 at the Princess Theatre, Burnham-on-Sea, 2pm-7pm
- 30/06/2016 at Cheddar Village Hall, St Andrews Church House, Cheddar, 2pm-7pm
- 04/07/2016 at St John and St Francis School, Bridgwater, 3.15pm-7pm
- 06/07/2016 at the Community Hall, Highbridge, 2pm-7pm
- 12/07/2016 at the Community Centre, North Petherton, 1.45pm-6.45pm

The additional consultation document and how to respond will be available on our website from 27th June 2016 www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/LocalPlan

ISLEPORT 2

The second phase of consultation on this Supplementary Planning Document concluded in May 2016, which included targeted discussions with local residents. The final document sets out a plan for the expansion of Isleport as a strategic employment land site adjacent to the existing Isleport Business Park. It will be published on the Council's website in July.

For further details please visit

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/isleport

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING NEWS

The Ashcott Neighbourhood Plan is the most progressed in the Sedgemoor area. The Plan recently underwent independent examination, and the report concluded that the Plan meets legislative requirements and should proceed to a referendum. The referendum will be held in Ashcott Parish on 4th August 2016. Additionally, two further communities within the district, the parishes of Nether Stowey and North Petherton, have recently decided to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning

PARRETT BARRIER

A tidal surge barrier has been identified as the long term strategic flood defence solution for Bridgwater to provide protection from tidal flooding. It also has a role in reducing flood risk to the wider Levels and Moors as part of the Flood Action Plan. Delivery of the barrier has been brought forward and it is now set to be operational by 2024. Work is currently underway to assess the preferred location and type of structure. An initial long list of 7 locations was subject to consultation in March 2016. Since that time, further assessments have taken place and a preferred location will be consulted on in July 2016. The project will include both the barrier and the associated bank raising and will support the on-going regeneration and growth of Bridgwater. Further information www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/bridgwaterbarrier

SELF-BUILD & CUSTOM HOUSE BUILDING

The Government wants to enable more people to build or commission their own home, and the Council now keep a register of those looking for plots. This will provide valuable information on demand for self-build plots. Go to <http://sedgemoor-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/self-build> to register your interest.

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