Mendip Local Plan Part II (Sites and Policies) Limited Update

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Notice of Regulation 18 Consultation

Notice is given in accordance with the above Regulations that Somerset Council is consulting on a Limited Update to the adopted Mendip Local Plan Part II (Sites and Policies) between **Wednesday 28th February and Friday 12th April 2024**.

Following a statutory review (Judicial Review) judgement upheld on 16th December 2022, Mendip Council was subject to a High Court Order to strike out and re-consider five housing sites in the Part II Plan totalling just over 505 dwellings. Following a district-wide review, comments are invited on proposed housing allocations in the former Mendip area which will provide 500 dwellings by 2029.

No other changes are proposed to the adopted Mendip Local Plan Part II.

Consultation Documents

Comments are invited on the following documents and supporting information:

- Proposed Site Allocations (consultation report) and summary of site options**
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and SA findings for towns** and villages**
- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
- Habitat Regulations Assessment Report (v4 January 2024)
- Site and settlement assessments for towns and groups of villages**

**published as separate documents

Where to find the Consultation Documents

Copies of the Consultation Report and links to associated documents are available to view on:

- The Somerset Council consultation portal Somerset Council Citizen Space
- The 'Adopted Local Plans' page of the Somerset Council website <u>Adopted Local</u> <u>Plans (somerset.gov.uk)</u> - select option for Mendip (East)
- At the Customer Service Point in the Council Offices (Shape Mendip), Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT (open Monday-Friday from 8.30am-5pm)
- At the Customer Access Points (please check the Council's website, or contact 0300 123 2224, for locations, opening times and directions).

A hard copy of the consultation material is available to view at the Customer Service Point in Shepton Mallet (and also on request). Documents can be viewed online, with assistance from staff, at the Customer Access Points in Frome, Glastonbury, Wells, Street and Shepton Mallet.

Responding to the Consultation

Responses should be made online using the response form on the Consultation Portal (<u>Somerset Council - Citizen Space</u>) or:

- By email to: planningpolicyeast@somerset.gov.uk
- By post to: Planning Policy, Council Offices, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT

The deadline for responses is 5pm on Friday 12th April 2024.

Further Information

For further information or advice, please email <u>planningpolicyeast@somerset.gov.uk</u> or call 0300 123 2224.

Next Steps

Responses will be considered by Somerset Council in preparing finalised proposals for Publication and Submission to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. This Limited Update is subject to timescales agreed by the High Court which require publication of final proposals (Regulation 19) for representations by 30th June 2024 and submission of the Limited Update by 30th September 2024. This update is separate from Somerset Council bringing forward a new development plan for the whole unitary authority area.