

## Building Development in the village

There have been reports of two areas of the village being surveyed recently, the first in fields next to The Veale and the second in fields next to Bridge Road. This has caused great concern. At the time of writing this article, no planning applications have been made for these areas. Keep an eye open on the North Somerset Planning web site [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk), click on planning applications and then “look for an application” for planning applications and decisions in the area.

There have also been an applications to build houses off Purn Way and just outside the Parish at Bleadon Hill near to Devils Bridge.

### Make your voice heard

If you wish to comment on any application you see, you are advised to make you views known using the web site above or to write to North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ

The Parish Council is consulted on planning matters for Bleadon and will submit comments to North Somerset. Members of the public have attended Parish Council meetings and have contributed towards the Council’s responses. It is very important though for members of the public to submit their own views to the District Council. Personal responses are recommended rather than submitting duplicate copies of a communal letter. Views should concentrate on specific planning objections as these are taken into consideration over and above personal views.

### The national picture

National Government is changing planning rules, which greatly reduces the ability for District Councils to refuse planning applications for new homes. Settlement boundaries, village plans and even some new neighbourhood plans have been shown to be irrelevant or at best to hold very little weight in current national planning decisions. The relaxation of planning conditions is the Government’s route to significantly boosting the supply of housing, and NSC has been set a five year supply target. All villages are now being encouraged to produce new neighbourhood plans by the end 2019 which will cover issues such as planning. Guidance and advice is being sought by the Parish Council in this regard for Bleadon.

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