



**Assessing the sustainability and settlement
hierarchy of rural settlements
in North Somerset**

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Executive Summary

This assessment process provides a technical tool to measure the relative sustainability of rural settlements across the district. The assessment allows a settlement hierarchy to be established. Identifying which settlements are relatively more sustainable through the hierarchy will help us decide which are most suitable to accommodate additional growth. We need to actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling, and further focus significant development in locations which are, or can be made more sustainable. Settlements that are sustainable places to live need to have enough homes to support local facilities, and new facilities can improve the quality of life in villages.

The assessment uses the eight characteristics used to classify sustainable communities, as identified within the sustainable communities' wheel. These are grouped under the three dimensions of sustainable development – the social, economic and environmental roles, as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

This assessment is carried out primarily for service villages, but can be carried out on any settlement. The towns within North Somerset are not assessed, as having key facilities and services, they are deemed to be acceptable for development within their boundaries, providing this doesn't cause unacceptable adverse impacts.

The sustainability matrix uses criteria to assess the extent to which each of the eight components of a sustainable community are met within each settlement. The assessments are scored using a RAG rating which produces a sustainable community wheel for each settlement and then through comparing the RAG ratings, can be used to produce the settlement hierarchy.

1. Introduction

The purpose of this assessment is to provide a practical tool to measure the relative sustainability of rural settlements and provide a settlement hierarchy in North Somerset. This can be applied in a consistent and rigorous way to assist with decision-making through the plan making process. This will be used to update the Council's evidence base and to provide a framework to help support decision making on future site allocations.

A settlement hierarchy is a way of categorising an area's settlements to recognise their different roles. At the top of the hierarchy are the larger more sustainable settlements that demonstrate a strong social, environmental and economic role. These places fulfil the most functions, have the best infrastructure (facilities and services) and are most accessible by sustainable forms of travel. The smaller settlements, with least functions, infrastructure and transport links, are nearer the bottom of the hierarchy. Identifying which settlements are most sustainable through the hierarchy will help us decide which are most suitable to accommodate additional growth and promote sustainable communities. We need to actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling, and further focus significant development in locations which are, or can be made sustainable. Settlements that are sustainable places to live need to have enough homes to support local facilities, and new facilities can improve the quality of life in villages.

The Core Strategy set out this hierarchical approach to settlement strategy in North Somerset. Outside the four towns (Weston-super-Mare, Clevedon, Portishead and Nailsea) we identified nine service villages (Backwell, Banwell, Churchill, Congresbury, Easton in Gordano/Pill, Long Ashton, Winscombe, Wrington and Yatton) – these were the larger villages with a relatively good range of services and facilities where appropriate small scale growth may be permitted (Policy CS32). Policy CS33 set out the context where infilling may be acceptable within the settlement boundaries of the identified infill villages (Bleadon, Claverham, Cleeve, Dundry, Felton, Flax Bourton, Hutton, Kenn, Kewstoke, Locking, Sandford, Uphill and Winford).

This assessment allows us to assess the current relative sustainability of villages across the district. A further sustainability assessment in relation to specific sites will be able to assess the impact that change (or lack of change) might have on that sustainability. This assessment process provides an overall framework for assessing the broad location of future development. We will use other technical studies to determine the appropriate amount and location of new development and to ensure that it is adequately supported by necessary infrastructure and services.

The assessment is based on the assumption that there are no settlements that are inherently 'unsustainable', but that the way we use our towns and villages (for living, working and leisure) and the manner in which they change in the future, will affect their role and function, and quality of life of residents.

2. Policy background

The **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** states that:

“The purpose of planning is to help achieve sustainable development. Sustainable means ensuring that better lives for us don’t mean worse lives for future generations. Development means growth. We must house a rising population, which is living longer and wants to make new choices. We must respond to the changes that new technologies offer us. Our lives, and the places in which we live them, can be better, but they will certainly be worse if things stagnate.

Sustainable development is about positive growth – making economic, environmental and social progress for this and future generations.”

Paragraph 7 of the NPPF sets out the three dimensions to sustainable development. These dimensions give rise to the need for the planning system to perform a number of roles:

- **“An economic role** – contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure;
- **A social role** – supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being; and
- **An environmental role** – contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.”

Paragraph 8 of the NPPF sets out that the three dimensions should be sought in harmony:

...to achieve sustainable development, economic, social and environmental gains should be sought jointly and simultaneously through the planning system. The planning system should play an active role in guiding development to sustainable solutions.

Paragraph 55 of the NPPF states that new development should:

‘promote sustainable development in rural areas, housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities.’

Paragraph 35 of the NPPF states the importance of facilitating sustainable travel modes:

‘.. Developments should be located and designed where practical to...give priority to pedestrian and cycle movements, and have access to high quality public transport facilities’

The **UK Sustainable Development Strategy- Securing the future** (2005)¹ defines a Sustainable Communities as:

‘places where people want to live and work, now and in the future. They meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents, are sensitive to their environment, and contribute to a high quality of life. They are safe and inclusive, well planned, built and run, and offer equality of opportunity and good services for all.’

The strategy also sets out the eight characteristics to define what a successful sustainable community would display. These are represented in the *Sustainable Communities (Egan) wheel*. It’s essential that all characteristics are addressed if we are to plan, deliver and maintain sustainable communities; there is no hierarchy in the characteristics.

The sustainable communities’ theory is the basis of our local commitments in the **North Somerset Sustainable Community Strategy – Improving our communities together – North Somerset Partnership (2008 – 2026)**².

The North Somerset vision is for:

‘Sustainable, inclusive, safe, healthy, prosperous communities thriving in a quality environment.’

The **Taylor Review of Rural Economy and Affordable Housing** (2008)³ makes an important point worth noting, it says that

since we are not going to bulldoze our villages and start again, and people are going to continue to live in them, the key emphasis of the planning system (at all levels) needs to move away from asking ‘is this settlement sustainable?’, to ‘will development enhance or decrease the sustainability of this community – balancing social, economic and environmental concerns?’

This is particularly taken into account when assessments are made about the sustainability of individual development sites within settlement.

¹ UK Sustainable Development Strategy:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69412/pb10589-securing-the-future-050307.pdf

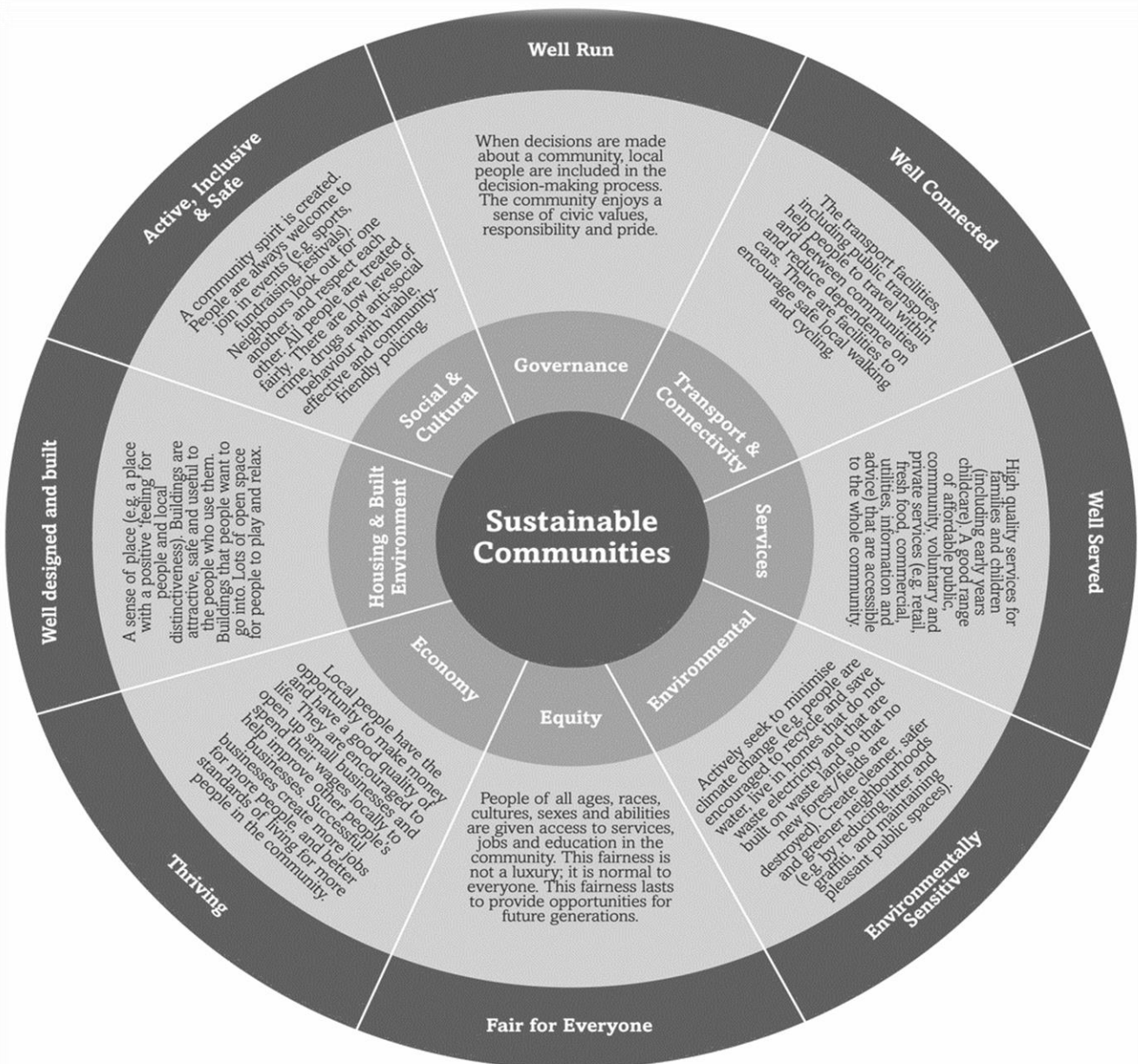
² North Somerset Sustainable Communities Strategy:

<http://www.northsomersetpartnership.co.uk/whatwedo/sustainablecommunitystrategy/index1.asp>

³ Taylor Review of Rural housing: http://www.wensumalliance.org.uk/publications/Taylor_Review_Livingworkingcountryside.pdf

3. Sustainable Communities Wheel:

The eight characteristics to define a successful sustainable community are represented in the wheel below. This version of the Egan Wheel was used within ***Making Places: Creating Sustainable Communities*** by the Academy for Sustainable Communities (2006)⁴.



⁴ Making Places: Creating Sustainable Communities: <http://www.citized.info/pdf/commarticles/ASC%20MAKING%20PLACES.pdf>

The outer circle displays the eight components for what is considered necessary to make a sustainable community. The middle ring provides explanation about what each component would mean in practice within a community, so that these can be measured. For example, a well-run community would be one that *'when decisions are made, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.'* The inner circle simply provides another way of expressing the component, for example, the *'well run'* component is the same as *'governance'* and *'well connected'* relates to *'transport and connectivity.'*

It is asserted that to maintain sustainable communities it is essential that all eight components are addressed.

4. North Somerset approach

The approach we have used combines the three dimensions of sustainable development as set out in the NPPF, combined with the eight characteristics of the sustainable community wheel (from the Academy of Sustainable Communities)⁵ to assess the overall sustainability of existing settlements. This methodology allows existing settlements to be compared according to their relative sustainability. The assessment is applied in relation to how the settlement as a whole performs.

This assessment has been carried out primarily for the service villages, but also for selected infill villages where there are specific development pressures, this will enable the settlement classification to be tested through a broad ranking of settlements in terms of their relative sustainability. The towns are not assessed, as having key facilities and services, they are deemed to be suitable locations for development.

We devised a sustainability matrix, selecting criteria to assess the extent to which each of the eight components of a sustainable community is met within each settlement. The criteria chosen reflected a number of sources, including the *Devon Toolkit for sustainable rural communities (2008)*⁶, which provides example questions to determine how well each of the eight characteristics is met and the *Building for Life Assessment*⁷ criteria, which is a government-endorsed industry standard for well-designed homes and neighbourhoods. All eight categories used to define sustainable communities are assessed to ensure that all aspects are considered. The three pillars of sustainability: economic, environment and social factors are used as the overarching themes under which the eight characteristics are classified. These are grouped as follows:

Social	Environmental	Economic
1. Active, inclusive and safe	4. Environmentally sensitive	6. Thriving
2. Well run	5. Well designed and built	7. Well served
3. Fair for everyone		8. Well connected

By comparing the criteria across settlements, an indication of the relative sustainability of individual settlements can be achieved.

⁵ Making Places: Creating Sustainable Communities: <http://www.citized.info/pdf/commarticles/ASC%20MAKING%20PLACES.pdf>

⁶ Devon Toolkit: <http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/images/files/toolkit-dec08.pdf>

⁷ Building for Life criteria: <http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/resources/guide/building-life-12-third-edition>

5. Methodology

The first stage of our approach was to conduct a desk-based assessment (using our selected criteria) of how well each of the eight sustainable community components are met within each settlement. This was done through using Census information, other reference statistics and through web searches. The draft assessments were checked by the relevant Parish Councils. The information gathered was then used to assess each component to produce an overall traffic light rating - Red, Amber, Green (RAG) for that component. A green rating is given to those sustainability characteristics that are easily identified with associated evidence, amber to those which are met to a lesser extent and a red where there is little evidence of the characteristic being present. To assist with the RAG rating under each criterion, a guide to rating is provided, which allows the RAG rating to be determined. An explanatory justification for each RAG rating must be provided. To further aid with classification and to further distinguish how well a measure is matched, a plus or minus can be added to those characteristics as appropriate. This produces three bands:

G +	G	G -
A +	A	A -
R +	R	R -

This process provides an overall sustainability wheel for each settlement, which provides a visual impression of the sustainability of that settlement, where a largely green wheel indicates sustainability characteristics are met and a red wheel indicating a settlement has fewer sustainable characteristics.

It is recognised overall sustainability is a judgement based on a basket of indicators, but the methodology ensures that a wide range of factors are assessed in a consistent way. It is also appreciated that communities and facilities will change over time. It is therefore recommended that the assessment is carried out on a periodic basis to factor in changing circumstances encountered in settlements over time.

Measuring the accessibility to facilities within settlements

A key consideration in assessing the relative sustainability of settlements is accessibility to facilities including health, education and retail services. This is measured with a view to enabling and encouraging sustainable modes of travel, thereby reducing carbon emissions, improving health and air quality. North Somerset Council will use the advice provided by the Institute of Highway Transportation/ DETR '**Providing for journeys on foot**' (2000) to determine acceptable walking distances to facilities as a starting point in the assessment. This states that:

An average walking speed of approximately 1.4 m/s can be assumed, which equates to approximately 400m in five minutes or three miles per hour.

Suggested Acceptable Walking Distance are therefore calculated as:

	Village centres	Commuting/ School
Desirable	200m	500m

Acceptable	400m	1000m
Preferred maximum	800m	2000m

This can be complemented by the more recent advice contained within:

a) *The Urban Design Compendium* - Llewelyn Davies Yeang (2013), which states that:

People should be able to walk in 2-3 minutes (250 metres) to the post box; the newsagent's should be within 5 minutes (400 metres). There should be local shops, the bus stop, the health centre and perhaps a primary school within a walking distance of 10 minutes (800 metres).

b) *Manual for Streets* – Department for Transport (2007):

Walkable neighbourhoods are typically characterised by having a range of facilities within **10 minutes' (up to about 800 m)** walking distance of residential areas which residents may access comfortably on foot. However, this is not an upper limit and previous policy states that walking offers the greatest potential to replace short car trips, particularly those under 2 km. The Manual for Streets encourages a reduction in the need to travel by car through the creation of mixed-use neighbourhoods with interconnected street patterns, where daily needs are within walking distance of most residents.

c) *Shaping Neighbourhoods – for local health and global sustainability* - Barton, Grant and Guise (2010) which states that:

Academic research into the distance which people are prepared to travel to a particular facility or service, and the distance which achieves a higher percentage of journeys being made by walking or cycling. The average walking speed is suggested to be 3 miles (5 km) per hour, or 1.4 metres per second. But, they recognise that individual speeds vary widely in the 2 -4 mile per hour range. Walking times are therefore calculated as:

Distance	Time approximately
400m	5 minutes
800m	10 minutes
1km	12 minutes
1 mile	17 minutes

An estimate is then provided of how far people will walk based on percentage of journeys made at each distance.

Distance	Number of journeys
Up to 600m	75%+ trips on foot
600 – 1000m	50% trips on foot

1000 – 2500m
Over 3,200m

25% trips on foot
< 10% trips on foot

It is important to recognise that whilst distances to and from facilities should be measured, the quality and safety of the routes is crucial in determining whether they will be used. Routes should offer high quality connections between homes and facilities, to allow for a range of users, including those with buggies and using mobility scooters to use these. Factors to consider when assessing the quality of routes include:

- Directness – the walking distance compared to the crow-flies distance.
- Width of footways – is it appropriate for all likely users?
- Obstructions – is there anything which would affect the use of footway?
- Surface – is it firm, non-slip, cleared and well drained?
- Crossings – are they safe and convenient?
- Personal security – are footways well lit and safe?
- Pleasant – are there any issues with traffic noise/ fumes. Is it an attractive route which would encourage walking?
- Signage – is this clear, are the routes legible?
- Suitability – are different needs provided for? For example tactile paving.

It is also noted that acceptable walking distances will depend on various factors including an individual's fitness and personal motivation.

6. The settlement hierarchy in North Somerset

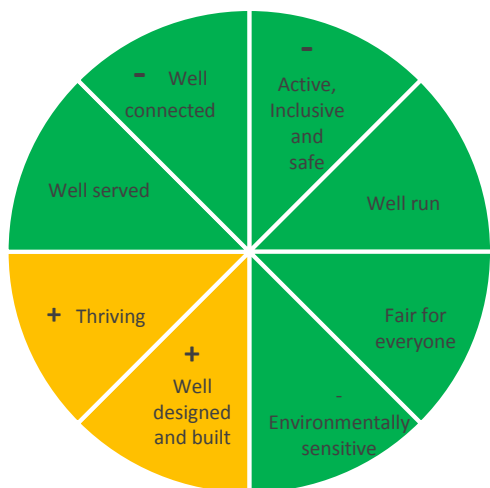
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[Appendix A](#) shows the sustainability wheels resulting from those villages that have been assessed. The full settlement matrices for each of the villages (listed alphabetically) can be viewed in [Appendix B](#). This is accompanied by a spreadsheet **Appendix C**, which details the services and facilities within each settlement. This includes a RAG rating, which helps to identify where facilities are located within the settlement boundary (scores GREEN). If located within 5km of the village centre, this scores AMBER as it is potentially within cycling distance (depending of the quality of the route) or a short local journey by public transport or car. A score of RED is given when the facilities is greater than 5km from the village centre.

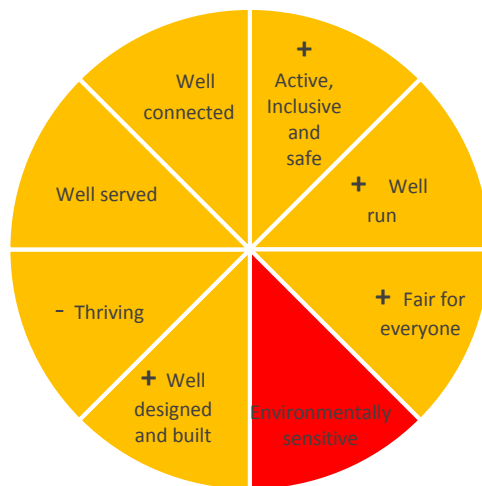
The relative ranking of settlements in terms of the sustainability assessment can be viewed at [Appendix D](#). This provides a visual impression of how different settlements compare. The information will be used as a Framework for considering the role and function of settlements.

Appendix A: Sustainability wheels of service villages across North Somerset:

Sustainability Assessment for Backwell



Sustainability Assessment for Banwell



Sustainability Assessment for Churchill



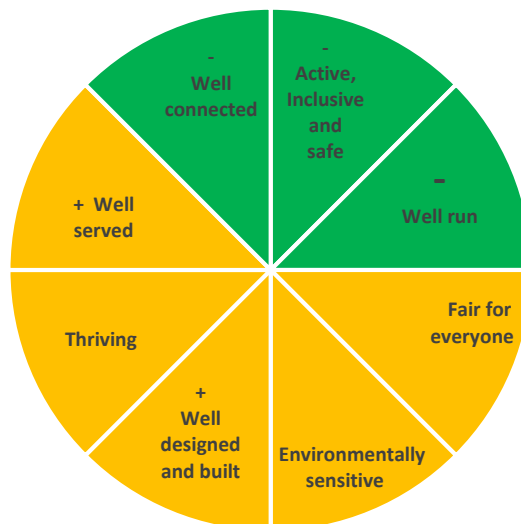
Sustainability Assessment for Congresbury



Sustainability Assessment for Easton-in-Gordano/ Pill



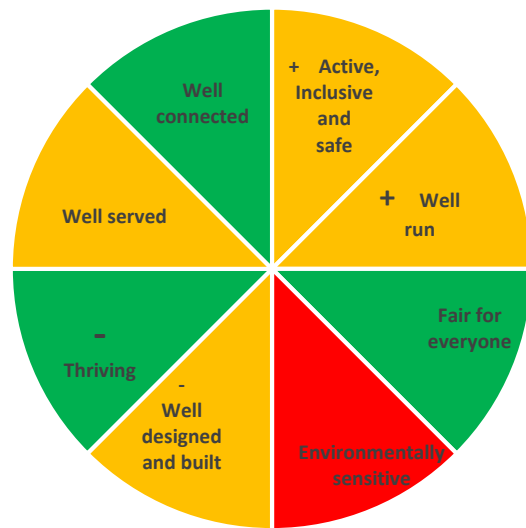
Sustainability Assessment for Long Ashton



Sustainability Assessment for Winscombe:



Sustainability Assessment for Yatton



Sustainability Assessment for Wrington:



A green rating is given to those sustainability characteristics that are easily identified with associated evidence, amber to those which are met to a lesser extent and a red where there is little evidence of the characteristic being present.

Sustainability wheels of infill villages across North Somerset:

Sustainability Assessment for Bleadon



Sustainability Assessment Claverham



Sustainability Assessment for Locking

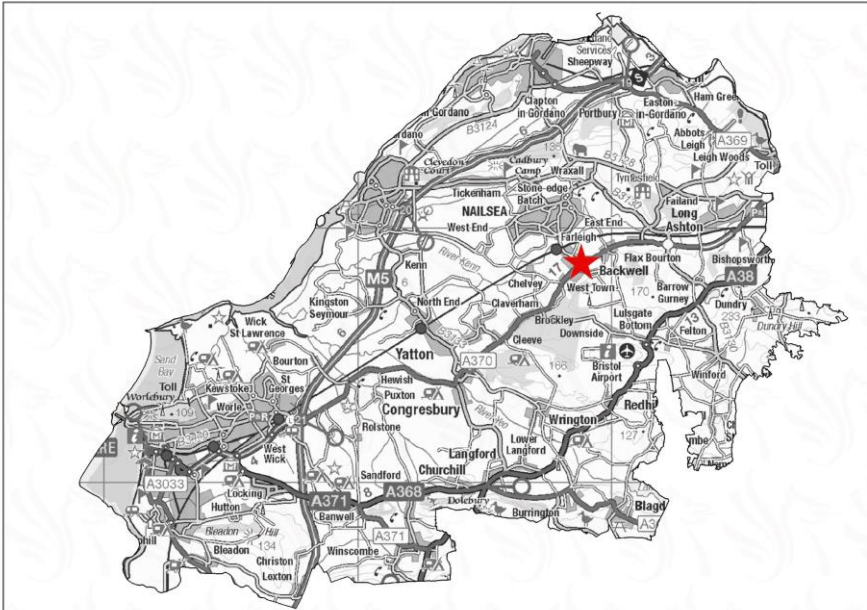


Sustainability Assessment for Sandford



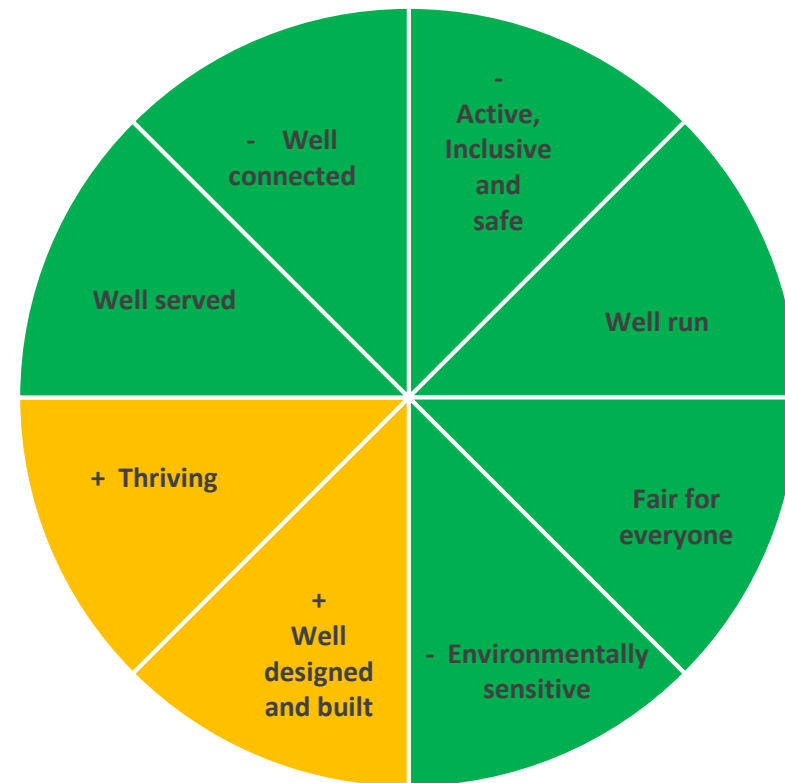
Appendix B Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Backwell

Settlement location:



- Green wedges indicate there is good evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component.
- Amber wedges indicate that there is some evidence.
- Red wedges indicate there is little evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component.

Sustainability Assessment for Backwell



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is this component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	<p>Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community - are there groups suitable for all age ranges etc.?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking groups, Village Show, Village of the year competition (won in 2009) • Best kept garden competition, Donkey derby • Bell ringers, Cider festival • U3A • Backwell Life – a community hub where people can socialise, access a range of services. 	G -
	<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? • Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? • Is there a PCSO attached to settlement? 	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NW schemes: 7 within a 2 mile radius • Very low level crime • 2 PCSOs • Backwell beat surgery 		
2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is this component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

2. Social	<p>2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.</p>	<p>Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? • Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? • Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services. Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of meetings on website • Noticeboards • Newsletters provided on different topics • Members of public regularly attend meetings • NDP adopted 2015 • Community connect – outreach run by Age UK. • Backwell children first • Inspire and motivate (CIC) 	G
3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is this component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall I RAG rating
3. Social	<p>3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access to services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness is not a luxury; it is normal to</p>	<p>Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If so, what are they? Are there places of worship with associated activities, which can be used by all within the community?</p>	<p>Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities. Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities.</p>	<p>7 community meeting places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backwell Village Hall • Backwell W I Hall • Backwell Red Cross Hall • Holy Trinity C of E Church • St Andrews Church (art group coffee mornings, drama club) 	G

	everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.		Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Town Methodist Church (choral society, dairy goats club, patchwork, U3A) Backwell Baptist Church (holiday club) 	
	Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?		Green - a good range of opportunities are available Amber - a limited range of opportunities are available Red - very few opportunities	There is a relatively good range local of employers.	
	Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? <i>(Data from 2011 Parish census).</i>		Green - yes a good range of types and tenures Amber - some range of types and tenures Red - very limited range, skewed towards a single type/ tenure	There is a fair spread of house types and tenures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detached = 54.6% Semi-detached = 30.8% Terraced = 10.2% Flats = 2.3% Mobile homes = 1% Approx. 85% owned, with 6% private and 6% social rented (relatively low)	
	What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s)? (June 14)		Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	Backwell secondary = outstanding Backwell C of E = outstanding West Leigh infant = outstanding	
4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is this component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

4. Environmental	<p>4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).</p>	<p>Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?</p>	<p>Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity</p>	<p>Active transition group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Backwell • Aim to create local trader/supplier directory • Provide more allotments • Reduce carbon emissions with renewable energy. • Community orchards. • Coles Quarry recycling centre. • Recycling bank at Backwell Leisure Centre. • Backwell Environmental Trust 	G -
		<p>What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)</p>	<p>Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV</p>	<p>Surrounded north and south by high probability and to the east and south moderate probability of BMV.</p>	
		<p>Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone) and/ or recently experienced flooding? Within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality/ designated landscapes?</p>	<p>Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in flood zone • But listed as 4th most at risk of surface water flooding (PFRA 2011). • Not adjacent to SSSI or AONB. • Backwell Hill Wildlife site • Hyatts wood Ancient woodland. 	

			Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas		
5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is this component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall I RAG rating
5. Environmental	5. Well designed and built: A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.	Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?	Green – yes there is a distinct character/ sense of place Amber - some individual character/ sense of place Red – no real sense of place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 28 Grade II listed buildings and one Grade 1. • There are 3 monuments and one churchyard cross. • There are currently 3 conservation areas. 	A +
		Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?	Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Green - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose	3 parks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Town Park has outdoor Gym • Backwell Park is well managed. • Backwell Lake with walk 	
6.	Sustainable Communities component	Is this component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall I RAG rating

<p style="text-align: center;">6. Economic</p>	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people’s businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (new business accounts 2014-15) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<p>There are a range of local centre businesses, with 46 units in use. This has remained constant between 2008 and 2015.</p> <p>There have been an increase in the number of restaurant/cafés from 1 to 4, whereas the number of healthcare facilities has decreased from 5 to 4.</p> <p>Self-containment is measured at 32% (range 29% and 43%).</p> <p>Start-ups recorded as 51 for the period, which is within the top 3 of those recorded.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A +</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Sustainable Communities component</p>	<p>Is this component met? Factors to consider</p>	<p>Guide to RAG rating</p>	<p>Is the component met? Justification and examples:</p>	<p>Overall RAG rating</p>

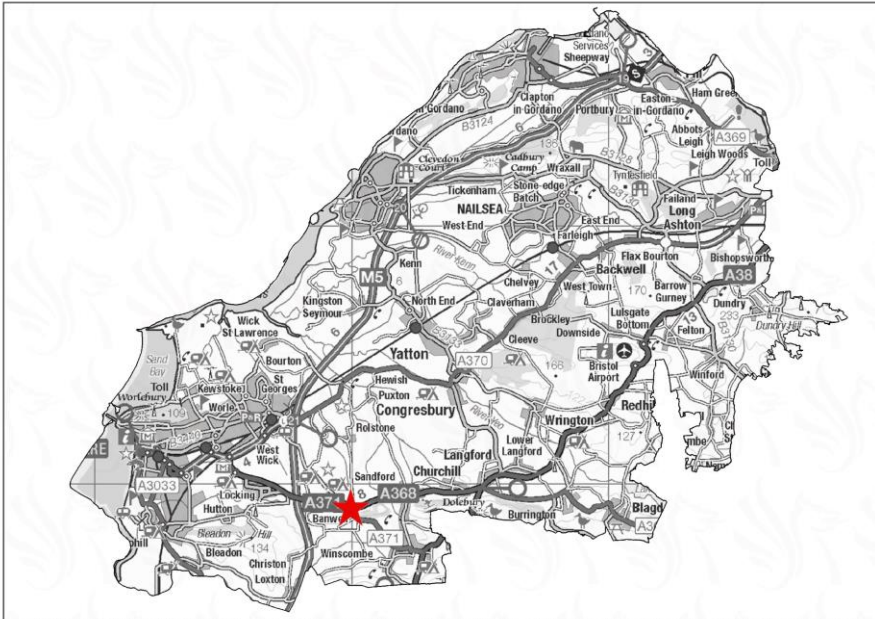
7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>(See facilities schedule):</p> <p>All key facilities are catered for apart from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital ~ 11.5km • Opticians ~ 3.5km <p>There are a range of shops and supermarkets are within 5km of the village.</p> <p>The schools have some capacity.</p>	G
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		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore requiring trips to other places.</p>	<p>A relatively good range of shops, with 2 convenience stores selling a range of goods</p> <p>The closest supermarkets are relatively close at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium ~ 2km • Large ~4km 	
8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is this component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall I RAG rating

8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage. Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection. Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.8% travel by train • 2.5% cycle • 6.7% walk • 2.9% bus <p>Therefore 16.9% use sustainable travel means, which is the third highest of those recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nailsea and Backwell Rail station. • Regular buses to Bristol and Weston-super-Mare. • Connected to Nailsea and Clevedon via cycle route. • Cycle route to Long Ashton • There is a fair PROW network. • Connected to Broadband 	G -
		<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - yes, no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The busy A370 runs through the village. Leading to congestion hotspots. Shortage of car parking at the shopping areas. Review of traffic calming and alternative routes. 	

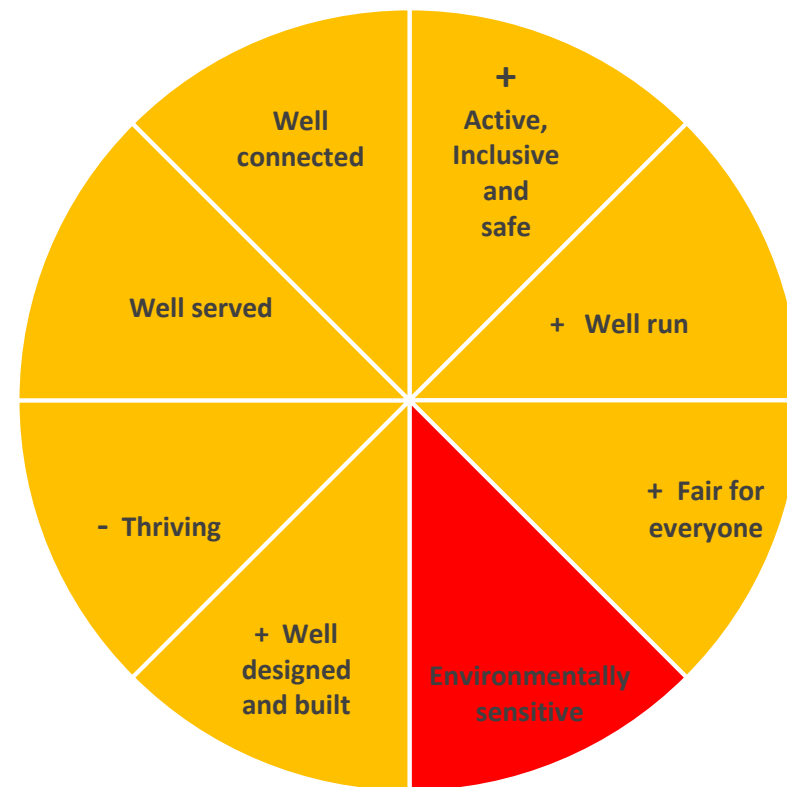
Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Banwell

Settlement location:



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- Amber wedges indicate that there is some evidence.
- Red wedges indicate there is little evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component

Sustainability Assessment for Banwell



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	<p>Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community - are there groups/ venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<p>Banwell diary – online directory for events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological society, Coffee mornings, scarecrow walk/ quiz, Story time for pre-school children, Harvest supper/ firework displays, Banwell buddies, W.I. / mothers union, Royal British Legion, Senior Club, Action Club, Bridge Club, Bell ringers, Knit and Natter, gardening club, allotment society, twinning group Youth Club • Rainbows/ Brownies/ Guides/ Beavers/ Clubs/ Scouts/Explorers • Sequence Dancing, Ceroc, Over 50s Zumba, Football Club, Table tennis, Bowling club • Bi-annual Duck Race • Annual Fun Day 	A +
	<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p>	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 NW scheme • Few low level crimes recorded. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? • Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? • Is there a PCSO attached to settlement? 	<p>Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing</p> <p>Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCSO due to leave • Police surgery once a week, but police finding it increasingly difficult to attend. 	
2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

2. Social	<p>2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.</p>	<p>Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services. Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website up-to-date Public regularly attend meetings. A minimum of one public meeting a year with other meetings called on an ad-hoc basis. A free monthly Parish News to every household 2 noticeboards Parish Office open to the public No NDP Churchill and Langford Free minibus society is extending its remit to include Banwell. 	A +
3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
3. Social	<p>3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access to services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness</p>	<p>Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If so, what are they?</p>	<p>Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities. Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities.</p>	<p>3 community meeting places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banwell Village Hall St Andrews C of E Church Banwell Methodist Church <p>They are now working co-operatively under the remit Rainbow Churches.</p>	A +

	is not a luxury; it is normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.		Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.		
		Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?	Green - a good range of opportunities are available Amber - a limited range of opportunities are available Red - very few opportunities	Various local business. Co-op has just opened. Bristol waterworks Banwell garden centre	
		Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (Data 2011 Parish census).	Green - yes a good range of types and tenures Amber - some range of types and tenures Red - very limited range, skewed towards a single type/ tenure	There is a fair spread of house types and tenures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached = 44% • Semi-detached = 35.2% • Terraced =9.4% • Flats = 0.8% • Mobile homes = 8.9% 71% owned with 9% private and 7% social rented. There are very few starter homes or two bed properties.	
		What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s)? (June 14)	Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	Banwell Primary = Good	
4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
4. E	4. Environmentally sensitive:	Is the community taking steps to make it more	Green - there is range of community growing places/	No evidence of any community initiatives	R

	<p>Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).</p>	<p>environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?</p>	<p>recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity</p>		
4. Environmental	<p>What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)</p>		<p>Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV</p>	<p>Majority high and moderate probability of BMV, apart from low probability to the north.</p>	
	<p>Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding? Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?</p>	<p>Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas. Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 30% in FZ 2 and 3a/b. • River Banwell burst its bank in 1968 • Localised flooding of roads in the last few years • Includes AONB/ Conservation Area/ SNCI/ SSSI. • Unregistered Parks and Gardens. • Regionally Important Geographical Site. 		

5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
5. Environmental	5. Well designed and built: A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.	Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?	Green – yes there is a distinct character/ sense of place Amber - some individual character/ sense of place Red – no real sense of place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The village has a mix of buildings with 45 Grade II listed buildings and 1 Grade I listed building. • There are bone and stalactite caves below houses, tombs, monument, Abbey and castle. • Parts of village are within a conservation area. 	A +
		Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?	Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Green - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banwell playing field and Riverside play area maintained by Parish Council. • Quarry, Parish Council owned but has sheep on. • Banwell Hill is only accessible along the footpath network. • Caves and monument are only accessible for guided groups. 	
6.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

6. Economic	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people's businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (new business accounts 2014-15) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<p>There are a fairly limited range of local centre businesses, with 14 units in use. There has been a reduction in retail units from 6 to 3 from 2008 to 2015, and a corresponding increase in the number of vacant units from 3 to 7. There is one new restaurant/ café.</p> <p>Lacking a village centre, shops have closed due to lack of access / traffic problems.</p> <p>There are 3 small to medium industrial estates which cater for small businesses. From mechanics & picture framers to plating specialists & upholsterer's.</p> <p>Self-containment is measured as 29% (range 29% and 43%). Therefore fewer compared to the other villages measured.</p> <p>Business start-ups recorded as 41, which is 4th of those recorded for the period.</p>	A -
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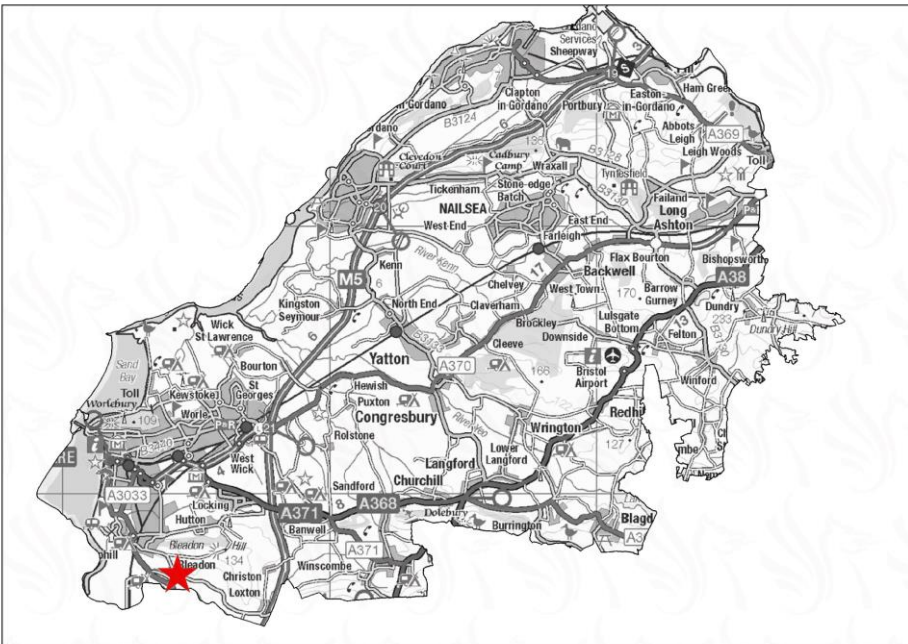
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7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule: Some key facilities provided, those not within acceptable distance are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary school ~ 3km • Hospital ~ 8km • Dentist ~ 4km • Optician ~ 6.5km • Leisure centre ~ 5km • The primary school has limited spaces in key stage 2 but playing fields and scope for a better utilisation of the space. Although expansion possible the school is within conservation area. 	A

		<p>What is the range of retail provision?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any convenience shops? (selling food, newspapers, drinks that tend to be bought regularly) • Are there any comparison shops? (Selling non-food items, clothing, footwear, household goods, furniture and electrical goods). 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore requiring trips to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>There is a relatively limited number of shops in the village.</p> <p>The nearest bank is ~ 3.5km</p> <p>The supermarkets are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium ~ 3.5km • Large 4.5km. 	
8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage. Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection. Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.8% travel to work by train • 2.1% by bus • 1.2% by bicycle • 4.4% on foot <p>Therefore 9.5% use sustainable travel means for work, which relatively low for those measured.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rain station, closest is Worle (~5km) • Regular bus service to Backwell, also stopping at Bristol Airport. Service to Wells bus station and Weston-super-Mare. Free Bus to Worle once a week. • No cycle paths. • Large PROW network. • Two bridle paths • Connected to Broadband 	A
		<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - yes, no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<p>Congestion hot spot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banwell bypass – land allocation. 	

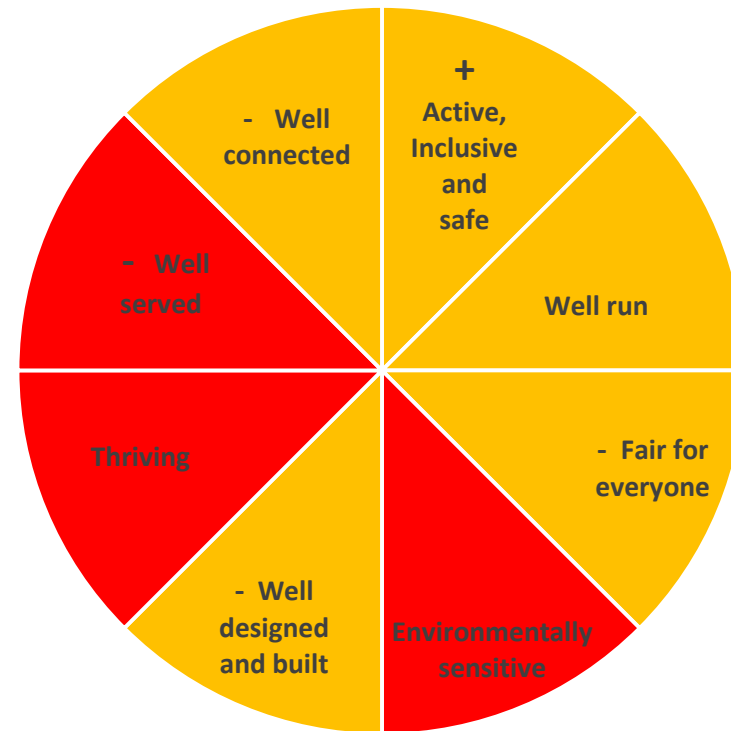
Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Bleadon

Settlement location:



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Sustainability Assessment for Bleadon



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	<p>Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community- are there groups/ venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<p>Bleadon BOB online directory of community activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge club, art group, friendship club, photographic group, WI, dog walking group, coffee mornings, Bleadon players, School of Dance, horticultural society. • Bleadon Street Party, Barn Dance, Charity Quiz, Pantomime, choir • Short mat bowls, keep fit, croquet club, skittles group, yoga, folk dancing group • May Day Fayre. Spring Plant up- flower displays across village. • A purpose built youth club 	A +
		<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? • Are there issues with crime / anti-social behaviour? 	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A NW scheme network • Only a couple of reported incidents • PCSO 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a PCSO attached to settlement? 	of crime likely to make it feel less safe.		
2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
2. Social	2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.	Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services. Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noticeboards around the village. Encourage public to come to the meetings Public attend when items of interest are discussed. Quarterly Bleadon village news to all householders. Website not as up-to-date as could be, the last meeting dates listed are 2013. No NDP 	A
3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
3. Social	3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access	Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If	Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities.	3 community meeting places: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronation and Jubilee Halls 	A -

	to services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness is not a luxury; it is normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.	so, what are they? Are there places of worship with associated activities, which can	Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities. Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church of St Peter and St Paul – Sunday club, Candle making workshop, fun Sunday. • Church Hall holds regular coffee mornings. 	
		Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?	Green - a good range of opportunities are available Amber - a limited range of opportunities are available Red - very few opportunities	Few opportunities within the village. However, good bus services to Weston-super-Mare.	
		Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data 2011 Parish Census)	Green - yes a good range of types and tenures Amber - some range of types and tenures Red - very limited range, skewed towards a single type/ tenure	The house type is skewed towards majority detached, very few smaller properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached = 66.6% • Semi-detached = 19.6% • Terraced = 4.0% • Flats = 0.6% • Mobile homes = 8.3% Nearly 90% owned, with only 10% rented properties, which is lower than most areas.	
		What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)	Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	N/A as no school in Bleadon	
4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

4. Environmental	<p>4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).</p>	<p>Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?</p>	<p>Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No community transition initiative. No detail of local recycling schemes. 	R
		<p>What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)</p>	<p>Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV</p>	<p>A small amount of high probability, but predominantly medium and low probability.</p>	
		<p>Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding? Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?</p>	<p>Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas. Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within FZ 3a. Is also susceptible to surface water flooding. Bleadon Hill, Mendip Hill & Purn Hill SSSIs Uphill Cliff SAC nature reserve. Adjacent to Mendip Hills AONB 	

			within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas		
5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
5. Environmental	5. Well designed and built: A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.	Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?	Green – yes there is a distinct character/ sense of place Amber - some individual character/ sense of place Red – no real sense of place	Listed buildings but no conservation area	A -
		Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?	Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Green - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose	1 play area only.	
6.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

6. Economic	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people’s businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<p>There are not a range of local centre businesses or sectors located in the village.</p> <p>Data on units in use or business start-ups and self-containment is not available.</p> <p>Bleadon does have a monthly Village Market in the Coronation Hall</p>	R
7.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See Facilities schedule:</p> <p>A limited range of facilities within the village. There are no schools or Healthcare. There is a mobile library and post office provision through the country stores.</p> <p>Those not within acceptable walking distance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary school ~4.5km • Secondary school ~4km • Hospital ~3.5km • Dentist ~6km • Pharmacy ~6km • Opticians ~7km • Leisure centre ~6km 	R
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		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore will always require a trip to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There isn't a convenience store, but there is a combined country store/ farm shop/ coffee house • Local sales of veg/ eggs etc <p>The nearest supermarkets are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large ~7km. • Medium ~ 4km 	
8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage. Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection. Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.6% people use the train • 1.4% use the bus • 0.4% cycle • 4.3% walk <p>Therefore 7.7% use sustainable travel methods. This is relatively low for those recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rail station, closest is W-s-M (~5km). • An hourly daytime bus to Weston super Mare. • No cycling routes. • Good PROW network • Superfast broadband • Bleadon Hill is considered very poorly served, principally due to gradients accessing services on foot and bicycle. 	A -
		<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - yes, no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<p>No issues with congestion, but there are safety issues accessing onto the busy A370. If accident on the A370 that will impact severely on the village.</p>	

Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Churchill

Settlement location:



Sustainability Assessment for Churchill



- Green wedges indicate there is good evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component.
- Amber wedges indicate that there is some evidence.
- Red wedges indicate there is little evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component

1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	<p>Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community - are there groups/ venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Market • Village show and harvest home. • Churchill music, promotes five concerts a year. • Scout Group. 	A
		<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? • Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? <p>Is there a PCSO attached to settlement?</p>	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 NW schemes • Low level crimes reported • 2 PCSO's 	
2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
2.5	2. Well run:	Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an	Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churchill and Langford parish council. 	A +

	When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.	<p>updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations</p> <p>Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services.</p> <p>Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish orderly. Signpost - monthly magazine. 4 Noticeboards Members of the public regularly attended meetings. Considering preparing a NP. Churchill and Langford Minibus Society provide regular scheduled services. 	
3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
3. Social	3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access to services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness is not a luxury; it is normal to	Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If so, what are they? Are there places of worship with associated activities, which can be used by all within the community?	<p>Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities.</p> <p>Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities.</p> <p>Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.</p>	<p>7 community meeting places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Hall. Churchill Methodist Church. Church of St John the Baptist. Bible Study Group. Churchill Methodist Choir. St John the Baptist Bell ringers, bookshelf and reading group, and social club. St Mary’s Social Club and Music Group. 	A

	everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.	Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?	<p>Green - a wide range of jobs, which offer employment for a range of skills</p> <p>Amber - a limited range of job opportunities</p> <p>Red - very few job opportunities</p>	A few opportunities available, mushroom farm, pub, school etc. Bristol University School of Veterinary Science.	
		Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data from 2011 census)	<p>Green - yes a range of types and tenures</p> <p>Amber - some choice</p> <p>Red - very limited, skewed towards a single type/ tenure</p>	Under-representation of some types/ tenures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 70% detached, with very few smaller properties 80% privately owned 12% private and 7% social rented. 	
		What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)	<p>Green - outstanding</p> <p>Amber - good</p> <p>Red - requires improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Churchill Academy & sixth form = Good Churchill C of E primary = Good 	
4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
4. Environmental	4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that	Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?	<p>Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group</p> <p>Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity</p> <p>Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No detail of community environmental initiatives 	R

	are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).	orchards or other environmental activity			
	What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)	Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV	Largely high probability of BMV.		
	Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding? Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?	Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas. Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V small degree FZ 2 and 3 in northern part of parish. • Partly within Mendip Hills AONB. 		
5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

5. Environmental	<p>5. Well designed and built: A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.</p>	<p>Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?</p>	<p>Green – there is a distinct character/ sense of place. Designated conservation area. Amber - some individual character/ sense of place Red – no real sense of place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 listed Grade II buildings and one Grade I listed building. • These include two monuments, and sundial. • No conservation area. 	A
	<p>Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.</p>	<p>Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?</p>	<p>Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Red - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two play areas adjacent to Ladymead Lane and near the Memorial Hall with play equipment, picnic area. • BMX track and Skateboard Park. 	
6.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

6. Economic	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people's businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<p>There are few local centre units, but are 3 new units, including a convenience store. There is also a garage.</p> <p>Self-containment measured as 37%, (range 29 and 43%), so higher than average of those recorded.</p> <p>Business start-ups recorded as 19 (range 19 – 57)</p>	A -
7.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

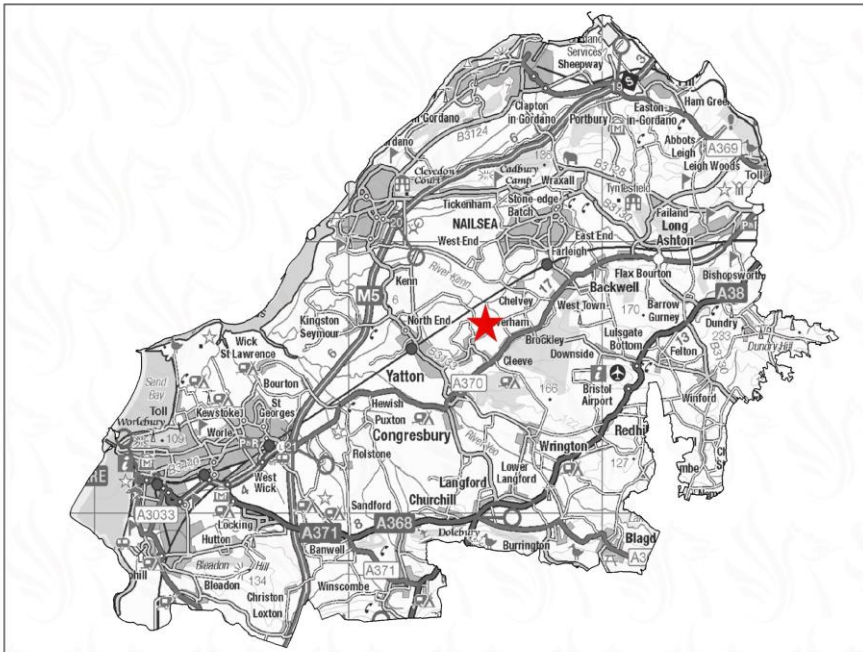
7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>There is a primary and secondary school with spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile library service only • There is a post office • A range of sporting facilities <p>But there is no healthcare provision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctors is ~2.5km • Dentist ~3.5km • Pharmacy ~6.5km • Hospital ~15km 	A
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		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where are the closest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs.</p> <p>Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets.</p> <p>Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore will always require a trip to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>Tea rooms includes dry cleaning and groceries.</p> <p>No supermarket or non-food shops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 9km to closest large supermarket <p>No bank or ATM its ~5km to nearest bank</p>	
8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage. Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection. Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.9% travel to work by train • 1.3% cycle • 7.0% walk to work • 1.0% use the bus <p>Therefore 10.2% use sustainable travel means, which is relatively low of those recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rail station, closest is Yatton (~8km). • Bus services from W-s-M to Nailsea via Bristol Airport is an hourly service. • Close proximity to A38 and links. • Walks and bridlepaths in Dolebury Warren area. • Dolberrow walking routes. • Superfast broadband 	A -
		<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<p>There are issues with congestion at main traffic lights.</p>	

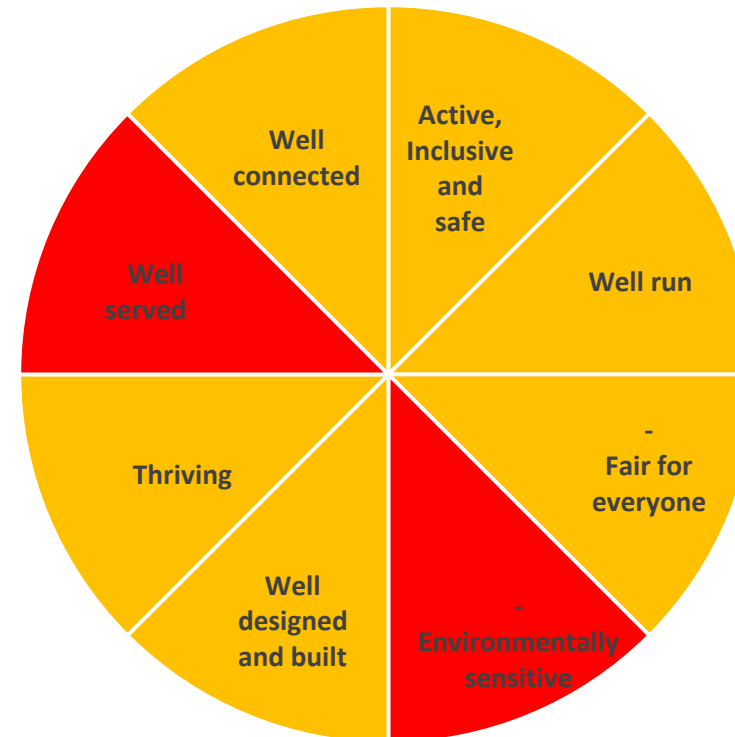
Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Claverham

Settlement location:



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Sustainability Assessment for Claverham



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	<p>Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community - are there groups/ venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hooping, dog training, friendly crafters, street dance, bingo, country market, parent and toddler group, • variety of exercise classes, line dancing, table tennis, • May Day and Beer Festival • Scouts, cubs, brownies groups, but more facilities for youth required. • Village hall is pub in evenings, skittle alley 	A
		<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? • Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? • Is there a PCSO attached to settlement? 	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 NW scheme • Relatively low level crime • Yatton beat – Sergeant, PC and PCSO – hold beat surgeries • Yatton PACT has representation from Claverham and has addressed Anti-Social Behaviour and Social Isolation of elderly issues. 	

2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
2. Social	<p>2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.</p>	<p>Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? • Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? • Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services. Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Yatton Parish – parish council meet every other month plus separate committee meetings (e.g. planning). • All meetings open to public and can ask questions/make statements. • Parish Council news posted on website and noticeboard • Work under way on NDP • Consultation on neighbourhood area undertook Feb/March 2015. 	A
3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
3. Social	<p>3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access to services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness</p>	<p>Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If so, what are they? Are there places of worship with associated activities, which</p>	<p>Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities.</p>	<p>3 community meeting places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village hall providing community hub • St Barnabus Church • Free Evangelical Church. 	A -

	is not a luxury; it is normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.	can be used by all within the community?	Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities. Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.		
		Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?	Green - a wide range of jobs, which offer employment for a range of skills Amber - a limited range of job opportunities Red - very few job opportunities	One large employer - Claverham Ltd. Number of small business within the village.	
		Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data from 2011 census)	Green - yes a range of types and tenures Amber - some choice Red - very limited, skewed towards a single type/tenure	Parish has high proportion, (73.9%) of houses which are detached or semi-detached compared to 53.3% in England and Wales.	
		What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)	Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	Court de Wyck CofE Primary = Good	
4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
4. Envir	4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g.	Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision	Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No community transition initiative. 	R -

<p>people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).</p>	<p>of allotments or community recycling schemes?</p>	<p>community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity</p>		
	<p>What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)</p>	<p>Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly high probability of BMV. 	
	<p>Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding? Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?</p>	<p>Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas. Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not in flood zone. No reported flood incidents. Within bat habitat Close proximity to SNCI 	

5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
5. Environmental	5. Well designed and built: A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.	Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?	Green – there is a distinct character/ sense of place. Designated conservation area. Amber - some individual character/ sense of place Red – no real sense of place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of historic properties – old farm buildings, barns and wall made of local stone. A lot of 1930s and 1950s built properties. • Very few listed buildings. • There is a conservation area 	A
		Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?	Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Red - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose	The only open space is in the centre of the village, suffers from vandalism. Contains small playground. Cadbury Hill is walking distance form village.	
6.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

6. Economic	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people’s businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<p>Claverham Ltd, 2 small industrial estates, 2 engineering companies, 6 builders, 4 car restoration/repair businesses. Agricultural businesses and a retirement home.</p> <p>No data available on local centre units, business start-ups and self-containment.</p>	A
7.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>A primary school but has limited spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No healthcare provision • No sporting facilities • No post office, but there is an outreach PO held at the village hall 3 mornings <p>Where not in the village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • secondary school ~ 6.5km • hospital~19km • Doctors, dentist, pharmacy, opticians ~2km 	R
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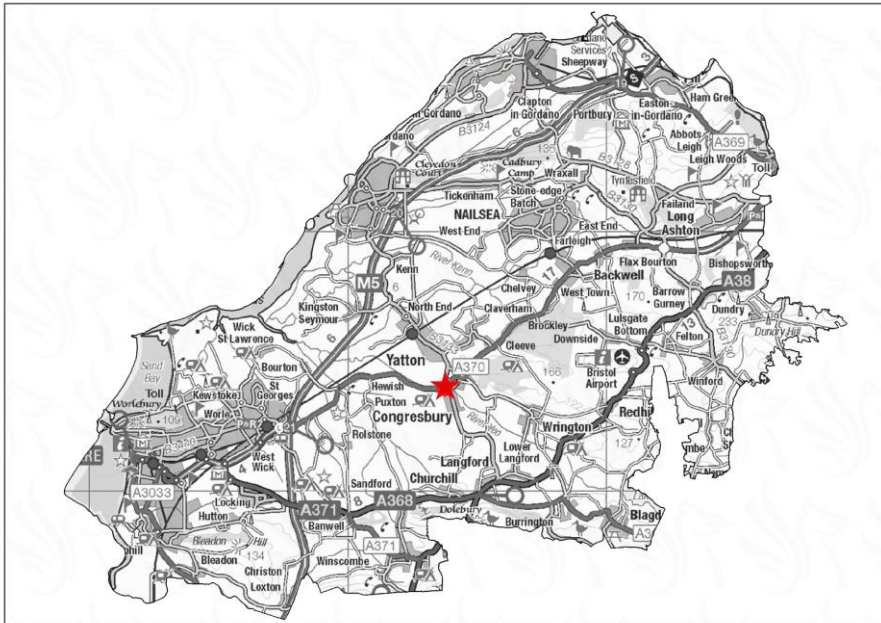
		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore will always require a trip to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>Closest store is in Yatton. Just a hairdresser, café and takeaway.</p> <p>Closest supermarkets are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium ~2km • Large ~9km 	
8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">8. Economic</p>	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage. Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection. Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rail station, but there is in nearby Yatton (~2km). • Fairly good bus service to Bristol and Weston. • Could do with a better cycle network. • Fair PROW network. • Some areas have superfast broadband. 	<p>A</p>
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		<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No congestion within village. Traffic can build up between Yatton and Congresbury during rush hour. There are stretches of road that are narrow and the footpaths are non-existent. Which creates risks for pedestrians. 	

Assessing the sustainability of settlements – Congresbury

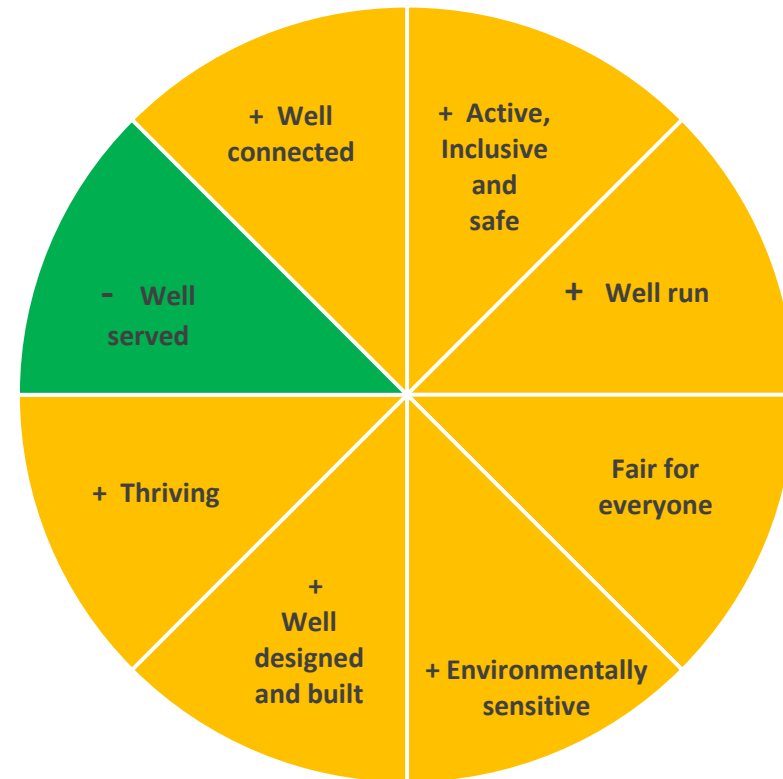
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Sustainability Assessment for Congresbury



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community - are there groups/ venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths group, Art Groups, Reading group, Ladies Friendly Circle, History/ Archaeology Group, Patchwork and Quilting Group, Royal British Legion, Horticultural club, Wildlife Action Group, Women's Institute, Youth Partnership • Scouts, Guides, Brownies, cubs and beavers • Village fete and summer and autumn horticultural show • Party in the paddock • Open gardens/ garden trail/ flower festival • <i>Love Congresbury weekend</i> – litter picking, car washing • Congresbury has a local website; Congresbury.net which promotes local events and news. 	A +

		<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? • Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? • Is there a PCSO attached to settlement? 	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing</p> <p>Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing</p> <p>Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No NW scheme • Some issues with ASB • Every month low level crimes reported. • PCSO/ Police beat surgery 	
2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

2. Social	<p>2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.</p>	<p>Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? • Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? • Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations</p> <p>Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services.</p> <p>Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council has dedicated website kept up-to-date • Full council meetings held monthly. • Planning Committee meetings held monthly. • Other specific meetings held regularly. • Congresbury Chronicle published 3 times a year. • Members of the public regularly attend meetings • In the process of writing a Neighbourhood Development Plan • Senior Citizen’s Lunch Club once a fortnight. • Over 60’s Club. • Single parent group. • Congresbury Community Transport 	A +
3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
3. Social	<p>3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access</p>	Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each	Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places	<p>5 community meeting places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congresbury War Memorial Hall 	A

<p>to services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness is not a luxury; it is normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.</p>	<p>other? If so, what are they? Are there places of worship with associated activities, which can be used by all within the community?</p>	<p>of worship with a range of activities. Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities. Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Old School Rooms • Methodist Hall • Scout Hut • The Recreation Club. <p>These offer facilities for use and rooms to hire which cater for social, recreational and sporting activities for all ages.</p>	
	<p>Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of jobs, which offer employment for a range of skills Amber - a limited range of job opportunities Red - very few job opportunities</p>	<p>A rather limited range of opportunities, with just a couple of large employers (Cadbury hotel/ Wyevale garden centre). With a few jobs available in the service sector.</p>	
	<p>Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data from 2011 census)</p>	<p>Green - yes a range of types and tenures Amber - some choice Red - very limited, skewed towards a single type/ tenure</p>	<p>There is a fair spread of house types and tenures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46% detached • 37% semi-detached • 9% terraced • 2% flats • 2% caravan/mobile home <p>Nearly 80% owned, 10% private and 10% social rented There is a lack of affordable housing for young people</p>	

				and bungalows for the elderly.	
		What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)	Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Andrews C of E = Good 	
4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
4. Environmental	4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).	Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?	Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No transition group But there is a community resilience scheme. Congresbury Flood Team 	A
		What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)	Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV	A mix of probabilities. High to the NE, a central swathe of medium probability and some low probability to the SW.	

		<p>Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding?</p> <p>Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?</p>	<p>Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas</p> <p>Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas.</p> <p>Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partially in flood Zones 2& 3. Historic flood incidents (2005) of fluvial and surface water flooding. Adjacent to SNCI Urchin, Ball and Kings Wood 	
5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
5. Environment	<p>5. Well designed and built:</p> <p>A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the</p>	<p>Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?</p>	<p>Green – there is a distinct character/ sense of place. Designated conservation area.</p> <p>Amber - some individual character/ sense of place</p> <p>Red – no real sense of place</p>	<p>25 Grade II listed buildings and two Grade 1 listed building. These include several monuments. Congresbury Conservation Area.</p>	A +

	people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.	Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?	<p>Green - there is a range available which are well managed</p> <p>Amber - limited, but well managed</p> <p>Red - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millennium Green • Riverside ball court. • King George's playing field • Broadstones football pitches • Strawberry Line 	
6.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

6. Economic	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people’s businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total number of local centre units has increased from 37 to 42 from 2008 – 2015. • Some key areas including pre-school and recreational facilities require major investment to ensure that the facilities are fit for the future. • There are a range of businesses, but rather limited in skills requirement, therefore will offer opportunities for some within the village. • Self-containment is 34% (range for those recorded between 29 and 43%). • Business start-ups recorded as 36 which is 7th out of the 10 recorded. 	A +
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7.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>Key facilities are provided and the primary school, has spaces.</p> <p>Closest when not in village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary ~4km • Hospital ~ 14km • Dentist ~2km • Opticians ~2km • Leisure centre ~4.5km 	G -

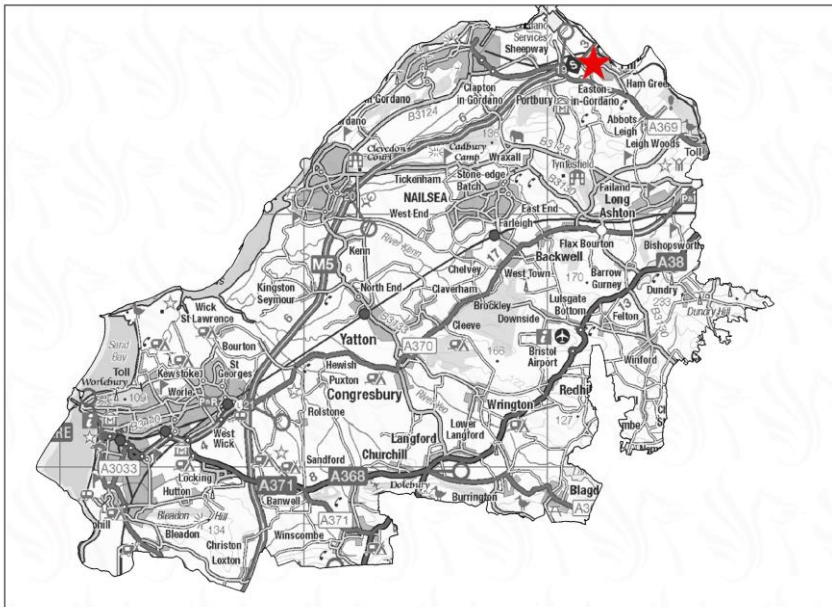
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8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage.</p> <p>Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection.</p> <p>Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.8% cycle to work • 7.7% walk to work • 2.5% use train for work • 2.5% travel by bus for work <p>Therefore, 14.5% use sustainable travel means, which is average for those recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearest rail station at Yatton (3km). • Bus service W-s-M to Bristol 3 times an hour. • Strawberry line cycle path- but limited use for commuting. • Surrounded by a fair PROW network. • Superfast broadband but some areas not covered 	A +
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		Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?	<p>Green - no real issues with congestion/ safety</p> <p>Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times</p> <p>Red - recognised issues</p>	<p>There are 3 congestion hot spots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congresbury Cross is at capacity at peak periods. • Main Brinsea Road/A370 junction is a congestion area. • The Smallway junction is an accident hotspot. 	

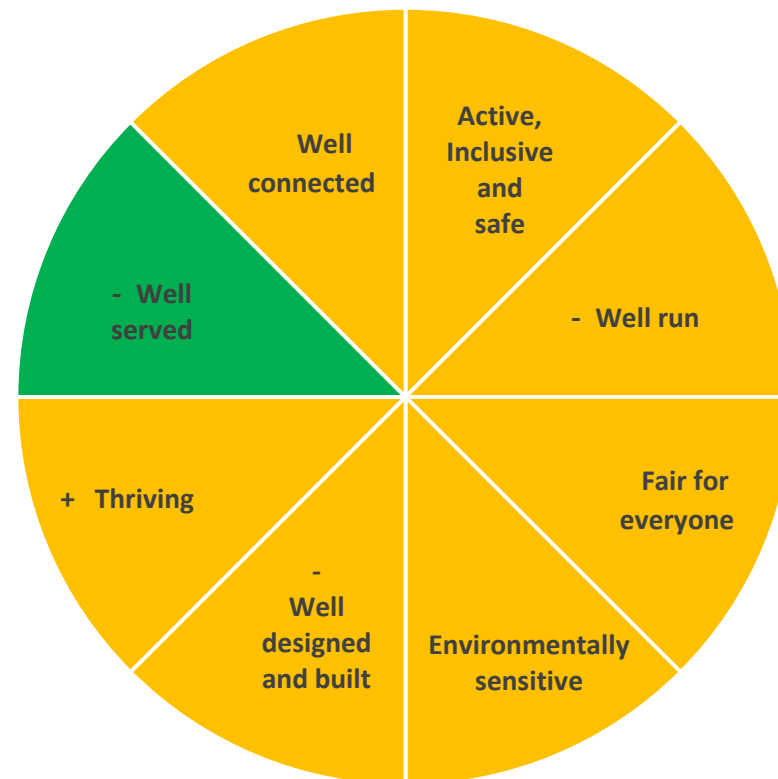
Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Easton-in-Gordano/ Pill

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Sustainability Assessment for Easton-in-Gordano/ Pill



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	<p>Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community - are there groups/ venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pill Rag and Pill Regatta, Gardening club • Community garden/ market/ Allotments • Art, history, wine appreciation, history society • Dance, drama, keep fit • Retired Men’s Group, Wives Group, Women’s Institute, • Scouts, cubs, guides, brownies 	A
		<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? • Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? • Is there a PCSO attached to settlement? 	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No NW schemes • Not a large number of reported incidents • 2 PCSO Officers 	

2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
2. Social	<p>2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.</p>	<p>Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services. Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parish website isn't as up-to-date as it could be. Little public participation at recent meetings. No NDP, but the Parish Plan updated in 2015. Pill & District Children and Young People's Partnership. Pill Food bank 	A -
3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
3. Social	<p>3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access to services, jobs and</p>	<p>Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If so, what are</p>	<p>Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities.</p>	<p>6 community meeting places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pill village hall and community centre Ltd Pill resource centre. 	A

education in the community. This fairness is not a luxury; it is normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.	they? Are there places of worship with associated activities, which can be used by all within the community?	<p>Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities.</p> <p>Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St George’s Church, E-i-G. • Christ Church, Pill • Pill Methodist – Ten Tots parents and toddler group, FISH after school club • Pill Baptist – café, film nights Women’s Bright Hour, Rhyme & sign, Coffee & chat 	
	Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?	<p>Green - a wide range of jobs, which offer employment for a range of skills</p> <p>Amber - a limited range of job opportunities</p> <p>Red - very few job opportunities</p>	Limited opportunities within the villages, but close proximity to Portbury Dock.	
	Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data from 2011 census)	<p>Green - yes a range of types and tenures</p> <p>Amber - some choice</p> <p>Red - very limited, skewed towards a single type/tenure</p>	<p>There is a good mix of types and tenures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached = 30.6% • Semi-detached = 36.9% • Terraced = 19.8% • Flats = 9.8% • Mobile homes = 0.3% <p>77% owned and 8% private and 14% socially rented properties.</p>	

		What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)	Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Katherine's community school = requires improvement Crockerne C of E primary = good St Mary's C of E primary = requires improvement 	
4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
4. Environmental	4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).	Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?	Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards. Some community environmental activity Green - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or community environmental activity	There is an active transition group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Pill/ Low Carbon Gordano Active conservation groups, notably Pill in Bloom and the St. George's Flower Bank. 	A
		What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)	Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV	Primarily high probability.	

			Red – mainly high probability of BMV		
		Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding? Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?	Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas. Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partly in flood zone 2 and 3 and identified at risk in SFRA. Identified as susceptible to surface water flooding - 8 out of 10 areas most at risk. Ancient woodland/ St George's Flower Bank local nature reserve. 	
5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
5. Environment	5. Well designed and built: A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the	Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?	Green – there is a distinct character/ sense of place. Designated conservation area. Amber - some individual character/ sense of place Red – no real sense of place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a few listed buildings (<10) No conservation areas. 	A

	people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.	Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?	<p>Green - there is a range available which are well managed</p> <p>Amber - limited, but well managed</p> <p>Red - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose</p>	There are a range – 9 in total.	
6.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

6. Economic	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people’s businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2008–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local centre units have increased from 22 to 24 from 2008 – 2015. This is with the addition of a food and drink shop and an office. • There is a community market - featuring jewellery, floristry, crafts, Fairtrade goods • Self-containment is recorded as 33% which is average (range 29 and 43%) • Business start-ups recorded as 52, which is second highest of those recorded. 	A +
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7.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>All key services within village – doctors, dentist, pharmacy, children's centre, a range of sporting facilities, library, 7 pubs</p> <p>Primary and secondary schools have spaces.</p> <p>Closest when not located in the village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital ~ 8.5km • Opticians ~8km 	G -

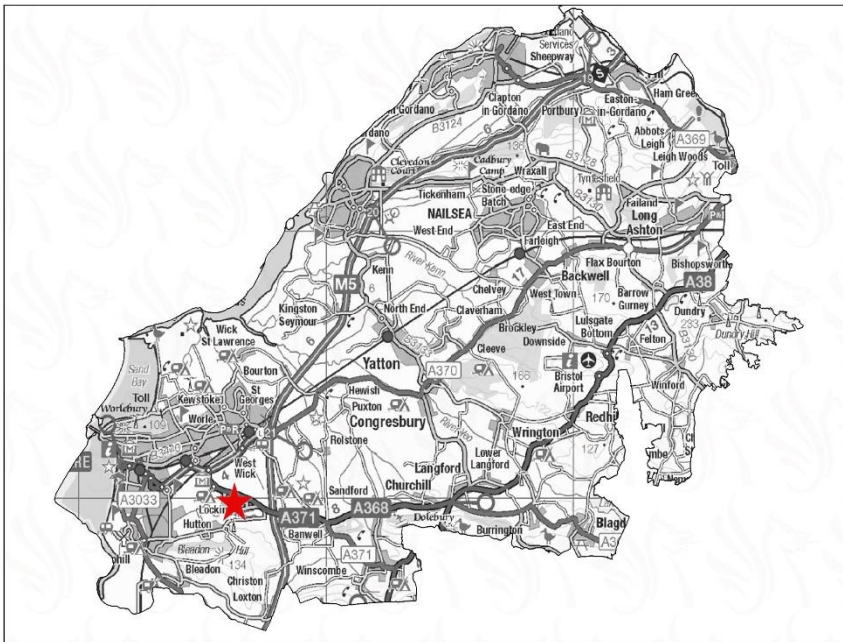
		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore will always require a trip to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>There is an express shop, but a limited range of other food and non-food shops</p> <p>Closest supermarkets ~ 6km</p>	
8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage.</p> <p>Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection.</p> <p>Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5% travel by train • 4.0% by bus • 3.7% by bicycle • 7.7% on foot <p>Therefore 15.9% use sustainable travel, which is average for those recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rail station, closest Shirehampton (~2km) • Rail station programmed to reopen May 2019 with services to Temple Meads every 30 minutes. • A bus service to central Bristol is available every 15 minutes, but otherwise quite limited. • Some cycle routes are available e.g. Chapel Pill – cycle route to Bristol • Sustainable Pill and district transport group – working to improve walking and cycling routes. • Footpaths with suggested walks/ Chapel Pill PROW to Bristol. • No broadband 	A
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		Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?	<p>Green - no real issues with congestion/ safety</p> <p>Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times</p> <p>Red - recognised issues</p>	The A369 towards Bristol does not suffer from congestion.	

Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Locking

Settlement location:



- Green wedges indicate there is good evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component.
- Amber wedges indicate that there is some evidence.
- Red wedges indicate there is little evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component

Sustainability Assessment for Locking



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	<p>Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community - are there groups/ venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village fete, open gardens event, charity jumble sale • End of Feast week, over 60's luncheon, coffee mornings, bingo, healing evenings • Seniors club, gardening club, craft club • scouts, brownies, rainbows • Friends of the Helicopter museum • Locking WI – quizzes, talks 	A
		<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live? Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? Is there a PCSO attached to settlement?</p>	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 active NW schemes • A few crimes reported • No cold calling village 	
2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

2. Social	<p>2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.</p>	<p>Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? • Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? • Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services. Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly full Parish Council meetings • Quarterly newsletter delivered throughout parish. • Electronic noticeboard • Up-to-date informative website. • Members of the public regularly attend meetings. • Considering a NDP • Parish Plan in place and its recommendations regularly reviewed. • Community connect • Alliance Homes. 	A +
3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
3. Social	<p>3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access to services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness is not a luxury; it is</p>	<p>Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If so, what are they? Are there places of worship with associated activities, which can be</p>	<p>Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities. Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities.</p>	<p>3 community meeting places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village hall • Church Hall – used for wedding receptions, exercise classes. • St. Augustine’s Parish Church and Hall and meeting rooms with activities 	A

normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.	used by all within the community?	Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.	including toddlers group, craft club, bingo/quizzes. Over 50s keep fit. Services morning and evening each week.
	Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?	Green - a wide range of jobs, which offer employment for a range of skills Amber - a limited range of job opportunities Red - very few job opportunities	Limited opportunities available, but is in close proximity to employment sites at Locking Parkland, plus can access W-s-M by public transport.
	Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data from 2011 census)	Green - yes a range of types and tenures Amber - some choice Red - very limited, skewed towards a single type/tenure	There is a good range of housing stock being offered to meet local needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% semi-detached • 28% detached. • 9.5% terraced • 1% flats • 6% social and • 13% private rented. Housing stock and range being comprehensively supplemented on adjoining Locking Parklands development.
	What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)	Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	Locking primary = Good

4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
4. Environmental	<p>4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).</p>	<p>Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?</p>	<p>Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity</p>	<p>Unaware of any environmental groups Village Hall recycles its waste and there is a clothes recycling scheme located in the car park. Recycling centre approx. 1 mile away</p>	A -
	<p>What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)</p>	<p>Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV</p>	<p>A mix of probabilities of BMV.</p>		
	<p>Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding? Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?</p>	<p>Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas.</p>	<p>Yes in flood zone 2 and 3 and identified in SFRA as at risk. 3 major incidents reported. Ancient woodland only. Can be viewed from Mendips AONB.</p>		

			Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas		
5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
5. Environmental	5. Well designed and built: A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.	Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?	Green – there is a distinct character/ sense of place. Designated conservation area. Amber - some individual character/ sense of place Red – no real sense of place	Coach house – Civil War connection. Church - 12 th century Grade II* listed building.	A -
		Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?	Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Red - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park with play equipment and football pitch with goals & nets – Managed by the Parish Council. • Playing field with changing rooms, • Football pitches & cricket square – Owned by the PC but managed by football team. • Further children’s playground and considerable open space in adjoining Locking Parklands development, within Locking parish. 	

6.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
6. Economic	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people’s businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<p>Limited employment opportunities in village, but there are various small business developments on edge of village. Helicopter museum, local shops, and pub – industrial estate on A371. New employment opportunities being created in the Weston Village Development Areas</p> <p>29% self-containment (range for those recorded between 29 and 43%).</p> <p>No data on business start-ups, but anticipated low.</p>	R

7.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>Appropriate range of facilities for the size of village itself - and considering the large settlements of Weston and Worle nearby. Hopefully the new developments on Locking Parklands will provide more.</p> <p>Primary school, with limited spaces, recently expanded.</p> <p>New multi-doctor practice to be built on Locking Parklands within 3years</p> <p>Closest when not in village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary ~3.5km • Hospital ~5.5km • Healthcare ~4.5km 	A

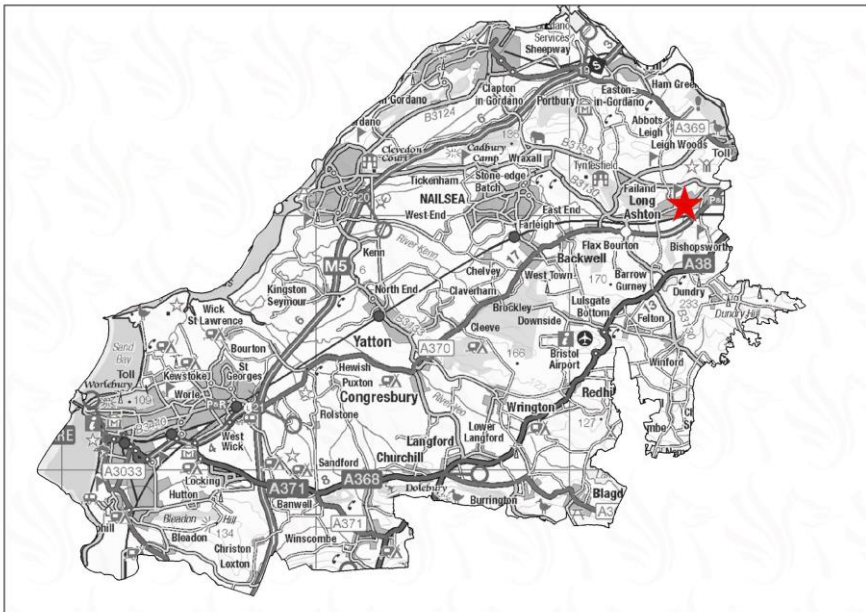
		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore will always require a trip to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>There is a convenience store, post office and ATM and a small range of other shops.</p> <p>Closest supermarkets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large ~4km • Medium ~3km <p>It should be noted that Locking is relatively close to the main town of Weston super Mare (6km), this improves accessibility to a large range of services</p>	
8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage. Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection. Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5% travel by train • 1.4% by bus • 2.5% by bicycle • 3.0% on foot <p>Therefore 14.1% use sustainable travel means which is lower than average of those recorded.</p>	A -
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			available. No broadband connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rail station, closest is Weston Milton (2.5km) • Bus service to Weston only. • Cycling network within village isn't good, but major improvements to be carried out by NSC within 12 months. • Absence of footpaths on all three roads entering the village, in particular the main commuter route on Elm Tree Road. • Overall, well connected with respect to principal roads A370/A371 and M5 Motorway access. • Superfast broadband 	
		Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?	<p>Green - no real issues with congestion/ safety</p> <p>Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times</p> <p>Red - recognised issues</p>	School & Pre-School collection and drop-off times cause significant congestion. Fatality along the A371 reported in May 2015.	

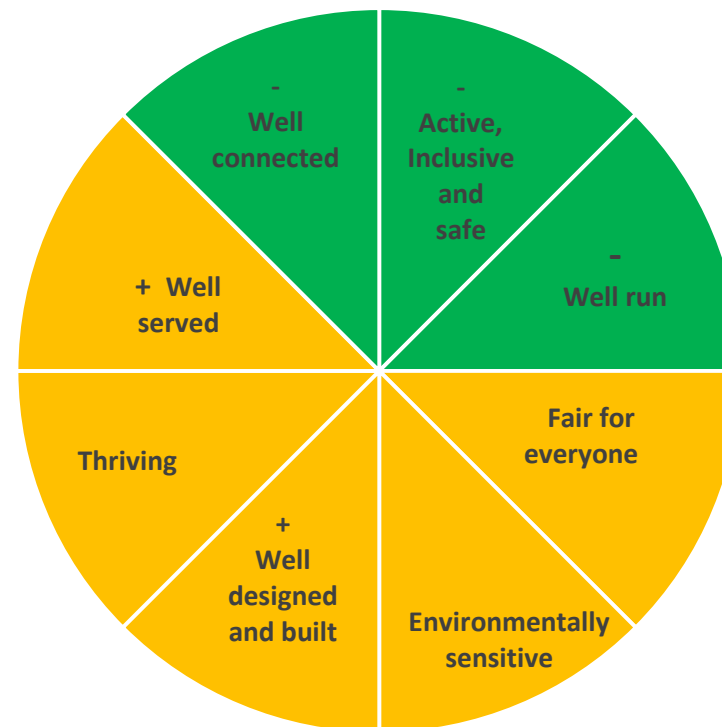
Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Long Ashton

Settlement location:



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- Amber wedges indicate that there is some evidence.
- Red wedges indicate there is little evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component

Sustainability Assessment for Long Ashton



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	<p>Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community - are there groups/venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<p>A very active community with a range of non-standard activities on offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon Guild of Spinners, weavers and dyers, Horticultural Society, Art Club, Local History Society. • LynBrook Quilters, Bristol Sailers, Egons exploration group, Quiz night. Royal British Legion, WI. • Ballet Tap modern/jazz, Yoga classes, Modern Sequence Dancing, Taekwondo/ cricket club. • Youth Club, Bus and Network. • Library organises 'Rhyme Time' for Mums and pre-school children, Children's holiday activities • Transition LA events such as 'Apple Day'. • Monthly Village Market. • Annual Village Picnic 	G -

		<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? • Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? • Is there a PCSO attached to settlement? 	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing</p> <p>Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing</p> <p>Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple of NW schemes. • A few crimes reported. • PCSO • Police support is stretched 	
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2. Social	<p>2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.</p>	<p>Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? • Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? • Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services. Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various meetings held monthly. • Village newsletter every 4 months. • Parish Magazine every month. • Noticeboards • Some members of the public attending meetings • NDP adopted Sept 2015 • Good companions club for over 60s. • Community oil buying scheme. • Alms Houses for older residents • Local Action Team. 	G -
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3. Social	<p>3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access to services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness is not a luxury; it</p>	<p>Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If so, what are they? Are there places of worship with associated activities,</p>	<p>Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities. Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities.</p>	<p>5 community meeting places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Ashton Community Centre • Church House • All Saints Church – Bell ringing, choir, music group, club and crèche. 	A

<p>is normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.</p>	<p>which can be used by all within the community?</p>	<p>Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary the Virgin. • Hebron Evangelical Church – Bright Hour, Crusaders, NRG for 11 – 14yrs, Mothers Union. 	
	<p>Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of jobs, which offer employment for a range of skills Amber - a limited range of job opportunities Red - very few job opportunities</p>	<p>Limited job opportunities exist. Many jobs were lost when the Research Station closed, and many have not been replaced.</p>	
	<p>Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data from 2011 census)</p>	<p>Green - yes a range of types and tenures Amber - some choice Red - very limited, skewed towards a single type/tenure</p>	<p>There is a fair spread of house types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached =35.1% • Semi-detached = 31.5% • Terraced = 16.2% • Flats = 11.9% • Mobile homes = 1.7% <p>Nearly 80% owned, 8% private and 11% social rented. This is a typical composition. But noted that there is a limited supply of low cost housing. Recent developments have tended to favour larger houses which tend to attract purchasers</p>	

				from outside the village. Therefore disadvantages local people who wish to buy smaller properties or downside from larger ones. This demand for smaller properties should be met by any new developments, whether large or small scale.	
		What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)	Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	Birdwell Primary – Good Northleaze CofE Primary – Good	
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4. Environmental	4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and	Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?	Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity	Transition LA is an active group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling by collection of waste paper at Guide HQ. • Community orchard. • There are policies within the NDP encouraging renewable energy generation in new development 	A
		What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as	Green – majority low probability of BMV	A mix of probabilities – to the north there is high and medium and to the south there is low and moderate.	

	maintaining pleasant public spaces).	Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)	Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV		
		Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding? Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?	Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas. Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas	Some FZ 2 and small area FZ3. Serious historical flooding (1968) and less seriously, recently. A policy in the NDP to deal with the issue of flooding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Areas. • Regionally Important Geographical Site. • Gatcombe Roman Settlement • Site of Nature Conservation Interest. • Registered Historic Parks & Gardens. 	
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5. Environmental	5. Well designed and built: A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.	Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?	Green – there is a distinct character/ sense of place. Designated conservation area. Amber - some individual character/ sense of place Red – no real sense of place	There are over 80 listed Grade II buildings. 1 listed Grade I buildings. These include monuments, almshouses and a mile stone. The village is surrounded by farms, parkland, woodland and GB. There are 3 <i>Conservation areas</i> .	A +
		Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?	Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Red - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi Use Games area. • Keedwell recreation area. • Leigh Woods, owned by National Trust. • Ashton Court. • Dawsons Walk. 	
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6. Economic	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people's businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<p>There has been a reduction in local centre units from 23 to 22 from 2008 – 2015, just one shop removed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durnford Quarry employs 6-8 people • 2 garages, which employ approximately 30. (One of these plans to close with conversion of premises to residential). • Blade Garage at Cambridge Batch and Gatcombe Farm Shop and Carvery (38 full and part time). • Parsonage Farm has a Scaffolding Business running from their site as does Bushy Equine Livery Stables. • Business Park comprises a number of units for small businesses. • On the West side of the village there are business units in Chancellors Park. • UK offices of a German aerospace electronics company a New Zealand IT company, the SW 	A
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				<p>regional office of a national painting contractor and various other proprietor run companies in IT, environmental consultancy, creative media and public relations, scaffolding design and property management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29% self-containment (range for those recorded between 29 and 43%). There are 14 company premises in Yanley Lane Business Park, employing more than 50 staff, many of whom live in village. • Start-ups recorded as 36, which is around average across those recorded. 	
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7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>Most key facilities provided for. But the village schools are currently oversubscribed and have no room for expansion.</p> <p>Those facilities not in the village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary school ~7km • Hospital ~7km • Leisure centre ~7km 	<p>A +</p>
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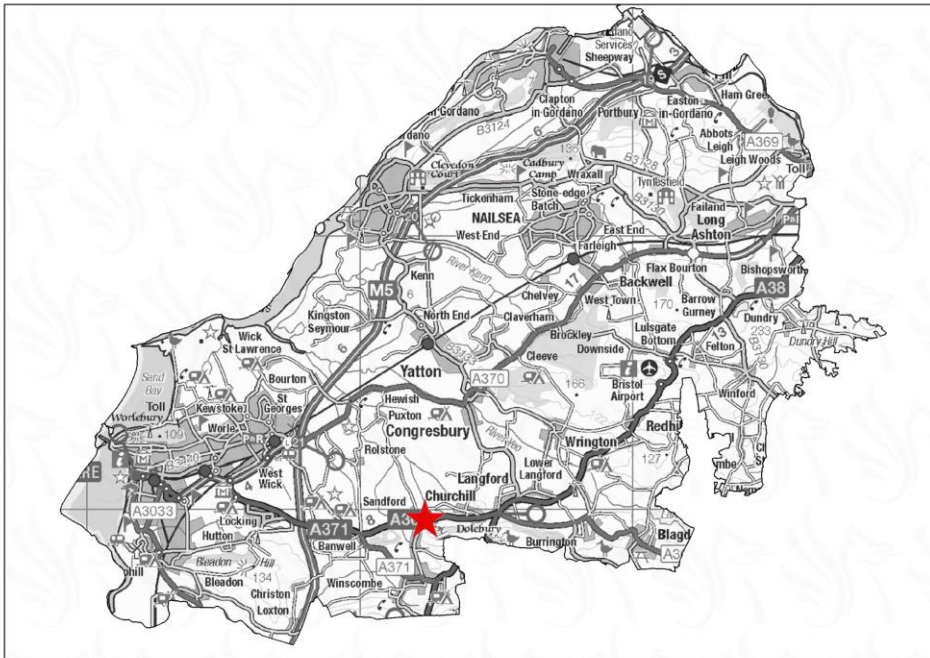
		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore will always require a trip to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Ashton village market • Has a medium supermarket • Has a range of other food shops and takeaways <p>Nearest: large supermarket/bank ~4km</p>	
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8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage. Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection. Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<p>1.2% use train for work 6.4% use the bus for work 6.3% cycle to work 6.3% walk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therefore, 20.2% use sustainable travel means, which is the highest of those recorded. • Closest rail station is ~5km • Many circular walks and leaflets available • Cancelled bus service to Nailsea and Backwell train station • Bus service to Bristol not satisfactory • Superfast broadband 	G -
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		<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<p>The road running through the village causes concern in terms of the speed of traffic & congestion. South Bristol Link will improve access to S Bristol and Bath. Metrobus will provide 'rapid transit' from the P&R site to central Bristol. The NDP contains a policy regarding a village enhancement scheme aimed at reducing traffic speeds and creating a centre and identity to the village.</p>	

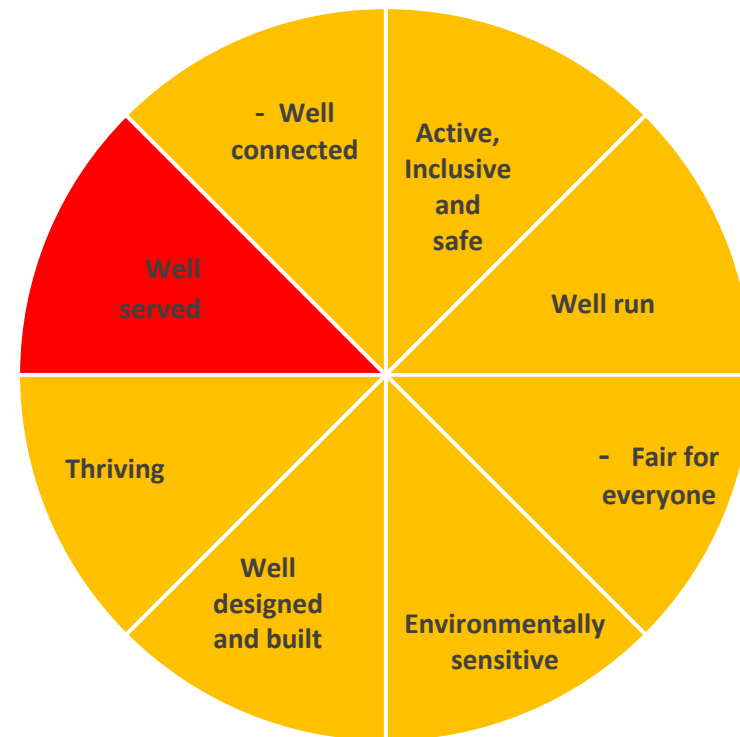
Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Sandford

Settlement location:



- Green wedges indicate there is good evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component.
- Amber wedges indicate that there is some evidence.
- Red wedges indicate there is little evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component

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		<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? • Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? • Is there a PCSO attached to settlement? 	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NW schemes in place • Very few crimes reported • PCSO 	

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	<p>fairness is not a luxury; it is normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.</p>	<p>can be used by all within the community?</p>	<p>Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities. Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.</p>		
		<p>Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of jobs, which offer employment for a range of skills Amber - a limited range of job opportunities Red - very few job opportunities</p>	<p>Thatcher’s and St Monica’s are the only large employers within the village. Also CJL Construction and Mendip outdoor pursuits.</p>	
		<p>Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data from 2011 census)</p>	<p>Green - yes a range of types and tenures Amber - some choice Red - very limited, skewed towards a single type/ tenure</p>	<p>Upper end of housing market. V few rentals. Needs affordable homes for first time buyers.</p>	
		<p>What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)</p>	<p>Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement</p>	<p>Sandford primary = outstanding</p>	
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4. Env	4. Environmentally sensitive:	Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable,	Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling	There is an active transition group:	A

<p>Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).</p>	<p>more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?</p>	<p>schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity</p>	<p>Sustainable Winscombe and Sandford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team of local volunteer litter pickers, also Village orderly • Sandford school has ongoing eco projects 	
	<p>What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)</p>	<p>Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV</p>	<p>Mainly high to moderate probability.</p>	
	<p>Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding? Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?</p>	<p>Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas. Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in FZ, but recorded incidents of flooding 2 years ago • Part of Sandford Wood classified as ancient woodland • Adjacent to Mendip Hills AONB 	

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		Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?	Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Red - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground, • Sandford Wood, and others, • Strawberry Line All very well managed. No skate park.	
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<p style="text-align: center;">6. Economic</p>	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people’s businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data not available on retail comparison • Thatcher’s is thriving business which is expanding, but few other businesses located within Sandford. • Self-containment - Data only available for Winscombe & Sandford, which is 43% • Data not available on business start ups 	<p>A</p>
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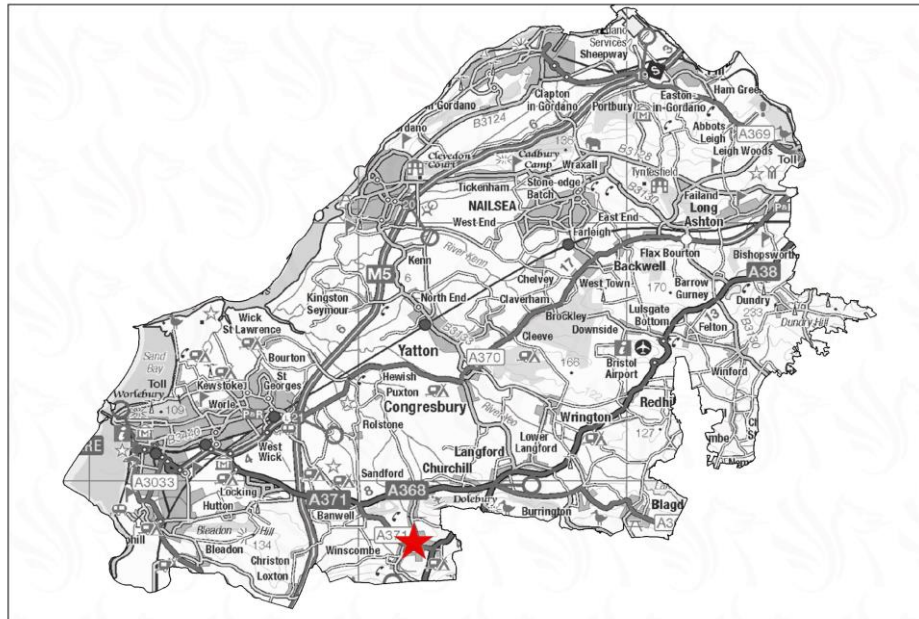
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		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore will always require a trip to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>Very few retail options, there are no restaurants/ takeaways or other services such as estate agents, hairdressers. Just the Spar and Thatcher's</p> <p>Closest supermarket:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large ~8km • medium ~ 3km 	
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8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage. Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection. Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.9% use train for work • 1.1% use the bus for work • 1.9% cycle to work • 9.7% walk to work <p>Therefore, 13.6% use sustainable travel means which is relatively low for those recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rail station, nearest is Worle (~8.5km) • Bus service 126 to WSM to Wells. • Strawberry line cycle route runs through Sandford. • Good Network foot paths, bridle ways • Broadband coverage varies across the village. Superfast broadband available to businesses. 	A -
		<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No real issues with congestion, until reach Banwell, but there are some issues at peak school run times. 	

Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Winscombe

Settlement location:



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Sustainability Assessment for Winscombe:



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community - are there groups/ venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<p>Groups include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology, history, art, bell-ringers, political groups, coffee mornings, gardening, horticultural society, lunch club, millennium green trust, orchestra, drama, flower arranging, British Legion, Samaritans, singing, weight-watchers, whist, youth club and WI. • badminton, football, walking group bowls, bridge, cricket, hockey, keep fit, tap dancing, table tennis, tennis, Rugby Club & Hockey Club, • children’s centre, toddler group, over 55’s club • beavers, brownies, cubs, scouts, guides • Many of the clubs use the internet, but to what extent unknown. 	A
		Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?	Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NW schemes in place • few crimes listed • PCSO • Police surgery 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? Is there a PCSO attached to settlement? 	<p>Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing</p> <p>Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>		
2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
2. Social	<p>2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.</p>	<p>Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations</p> <p>Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services.</p> <p>Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website is kept up-to-date Full list of contacts provided for the council. A new website for 2015. Regular meetings held. Members of the public attend meetings. Quarterly Parish Newsletter. Notice Boards NDP in preparation Friendly Hand (over 55s). Luncheon Club. Contact scheme to take people in need to hospital. Dunster Court, Barton Grange, Sewell House, Winscombe Hall 	A +

3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
3. Social	3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access to services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness is not a luxury; it is normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.	Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If so, what are they? Are there places of worship with associated activities, which can be used by all within the community?	Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities. Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities. Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.	3 community meeting places <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winscombe Community Centre • The Church of St James the Great is the parish church of Winscombe. • A meeting house of the Society of Friends is just off Oakridge Lane. • Winscombe Lynch Chapel United Reform Church. 	A
		Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?	Green - a wide range of jobs, which offer employment for a range of skills Amber - a limited range of job opportunities Red - very few job opportunities	Limited employment opportunities: Thatcher's, Sidcot School, Primary School, Post Office sorting Office, local Shops	
		Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data from 2011 census)	Green - yes a range of types and tenures Amber - some choice Red - very limited, skewed towards a single type/tenure	A relatively high percentage of detached properties (60%), fewer semi-detached and terraced properties, but a large percentage of flats 14%. Over 80% owned, with 10% private and 7% social rented. Require an increased number of smaller affordable homes.	

				Affordable to local people, young families. People leaving home wishing to stay within the Parish cannot afford to stay here.	
		What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)	Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	Winscombe primary = Good	
4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
4. Environmental	4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).	Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?	Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity	An active transition group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Winscombe and Sandford • Green open homes event • Community renewable energy projects. • Winscombe community orchard. • Eco-projects at Winscombe school • Freecycle events. • Recycling bins behind the Woodborough Inn. • A clothes bank at the Recreation ground • Team of local volunteers litter picking, also 3 Orderlies. 	G -

		What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)	<p>Green – majority low probability of BMV</p> <p>Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV</p> <p>Red – mainly high probability of BMV</p>		
		<p>Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding?</p> <p>Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?</p>	<p>Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas</p> <p>Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas.</p> <p>Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partially in Flood Zone 3. • A number flooding incidents 2 years ago • Max Bog SSSI • AONB • SNCI • Groundwater Source Protection Zone 	
5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

5. Environmental	<p>5. Well designed and built: A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.</p>	<p>Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?</p>	<p>Green – there is a distinct character/ sense of place. Designated conservation area. Amber - some individual character/ sense of place Red – no real sense of place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in a conservation area. • Not a great number of listed buildings. 	A -
		<p>Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?</p>	<p>Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Red - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Memorial Recreation Ground with children’s play area and skate park. • Old Station Millennium Green. • Strawberry Line • Community Orchard. 	
6.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

6. Economic	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people’s businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a good range of businesses. Local centre unit numbers rose from 54 to 62 from 2008 to 2014, but the last year has seen a reduction to 55, with 2 shops closing along with 2 professional service businesses plus one other unit. • The Parish Council support businesses where possible. • The traders meet regularly and help each other. • Weekly village market with fresh veg, fish & much more. • 34% self-containment (range for those recorded between 29 and 43%). • Business start-ups recorded as 41, which is in the middle range of those recorded. 	A
7.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

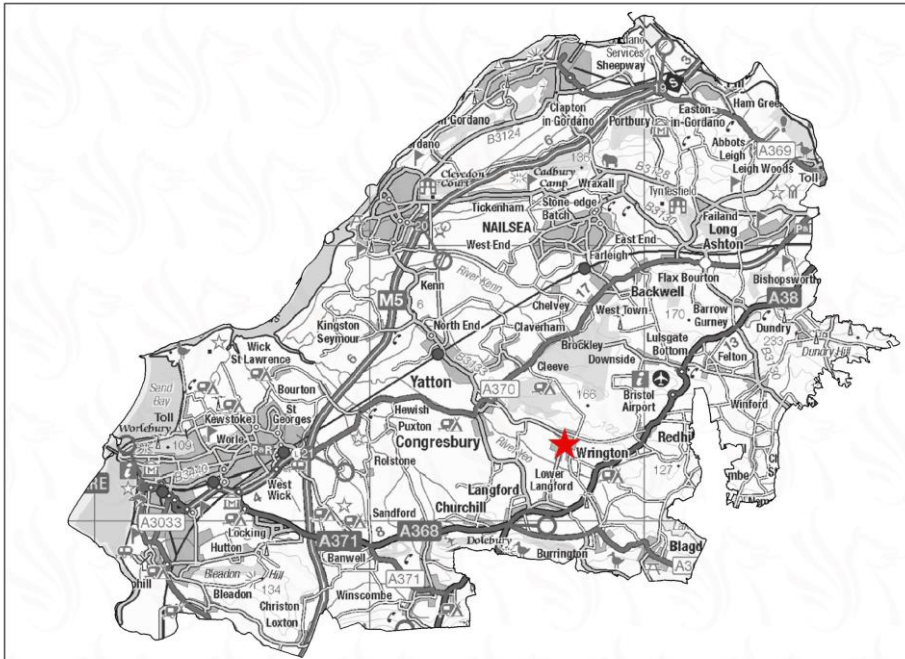
7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>Most key facilities are located within the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is currently some capacity at the primary school • No secondary school, closest is Churchill (~4.5km) which currently has a little capacity. <p>Distance to nearest where not in settlement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure centre ~4km • Hospital ~11km • Secondary school ~4.5km 	G -
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		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore will always require a trip to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 units in commercial use • A relatively good range of shops • Plus a medium-sized supermarket <p>Distance to nearest: large supermarket is ~7.5km</p>	
8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage. Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection. Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.9% use train for work • 1.1% use the bus for work • 1.9% cycle to work • 9.7% walk to work <p>Therefore, 13.6% use sustainable travel means which relatively low compared to others recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closest rail station is over 5km away. • Bus services limited, especially off peak. • Some cycle connectivity via Strawberry Line. • Good network of Footpaths/bridleways Strategic Cycle Route, Strawberry Line Society • Broadband available with superfast for businesses. 	A -
		<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<p>Speeding has been reported Some issue with congestion.</p>	

Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Wroughton

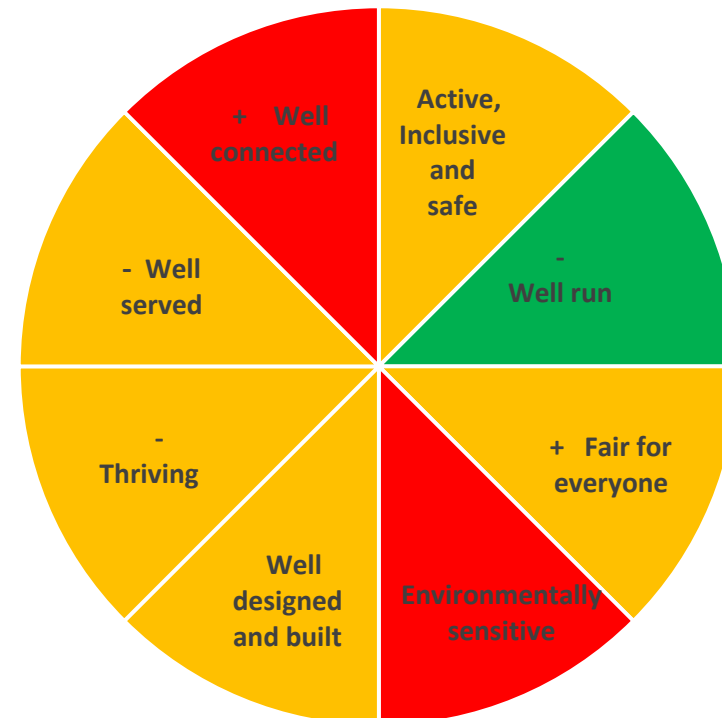
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Sustainability Assessment for Wroughton:



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	<p>Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community- are there groups/ venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<p>A wide range of activities for residents of all ages and with differing interests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> scouts & guides, drama, gardening, bell ringing, local history, football and cricket. There are others, including various annual events, and with a range of venues available. <p>Activities and events are promoted through the Wrington website, in the village Journal and on notice boards by clubs and activity groups.</p>	A
		<p>Is the settlement likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? <p>Is there a PCSO attached to the settlement?</p>	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reported crime rate appears relatively low, with little ASB, although incidents of vandalism affecting the public toilets. NW schemes in place New beat manager and PCSO in place. 	

2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
2. Social	<p>2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.</p>	<p>Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations</p> <p>Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services.</p> <p>Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council meets monthly and publishes full details on its website. 3 Noticeboards Village Journal Annual newsletter delivered to households Parish Meetings are reasonably well attended. Intending to prepare a NDP All Saints’ church and the URC offer support to vulnerable residents. Friendship Club and Lunch Club catering for older residents & Hospicecare Support Group. 	G -
3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
3. Social	<p>3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access to</p>	<p>Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If so, what are they? Are there places of worship with</p>	<p>Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities.</p>	<p>4 community meeting places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrighton Memorial Hall Scout and Guide Hut All Saints’ Wrighton Wrighton URC (Chapel) both with various linked activities. 	A +

<p>services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness is not a luxury; it is normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.</p>	<p>associated activities, which can be used by all within the community?</p>	<p>Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities. Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.</p>	
	<p>Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of jobs, which offer employment for a range of skills Amber - a limited range of job opportunities Red - very few job opportunities</p>	<p>There is a range of businesses offering small scale employment. 2 employment sites; Havyatt and the Burnett Ind. Estates, with a range of units.</p>
	<p>Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data from 2011 census)</p>	<p>Green - yes a range of types and tenures Amber - some choice Red - very limited, skewed towards a single type/ tenure</p>	<p>There is a fair spread of house types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached = 51.3% • Semi-detached = 31.2% • Terraced = 11.8% • Flats = 2.4% • Mobile homes = 0.2% <p>Nearly 80% owned, with 14% private and 6% social rented. This is a typical composition. There is a range of accommodation in the village, including age restricted housing, sheltered housing, however, as</p>

				in many rural villages house prices can be high	
		What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)	Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	Wrington C of E primary school = outstanding	
4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
4. Environmental	4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).	Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?	Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no active transition group. There are no local recycling schemes. 	R
		What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)	Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV	To the north and south there are swathes of high probability, otherwise surrounded by moderate probability.	

		<p>Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding?</p> <p>Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?</p>	<p>Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas</p> <p>Amber - partially in zone and some risk of flooding. Adjacent to environmentally sensitive areas.</p> <p>Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk. Within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas</p>	<p>SFRA fluvial flood zone 3A (around 30%)</p> <p>Identified in PFRA (2011) within 3 areas most at risk of flooding. Flood alleviation is in hand as there are ongoing issues with flooding. Wrington and its access roads flood regularly, impacting on all forms of transport in flood conditions, as well as on pedestrians.</p> <p>There are several nearby Wildlife Sites, SNCI</p> <p>Nearby SAC (Kings Wood), SSSIs (including Goblin Combe), a Historic Park & Garden (Barley Wood) and RIGS site (Piercehay).</p> <p>North Somerset & Mendip Bats SAC consultation area</p>	
5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
5. Environments	<p>5. Well designed and built:</p> <p>A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are</p>	<p>Does the village have a distinct character, with a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?</p>	<p>Green – yes there is a distinct character/ sense of place</p> <p>Amber - some individual character/ sense of place</p> <p>Red – no real sense of place</p>	<p>Much of the village is within the Conservation Area, with several Listed Buildings. The village is characterised by its older buildings, stone walls and narrow roads, other than in Broad Street, with no footways in many places.</p>	A

<p>attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.</p>	<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - yes, no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<p>Many of the roads in the village are narrow and have no footway, as with the access roads linking Wrington to the A38 and A370. This results in congestion created by parked cars and, especially, the through flow of larger vehicles. HGVs and modern agriculture contracting vehicles can cause obstructions. Also, there are now more dwellings in multiple occupation which has resulted in pressure on the car parking space available. The absence of footways, together with limited street lighting, can leave pedestrians exposed to risk in several parts of the village, underlining the need to limit both traffic volume and speeds.</p>	
	<p>Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed fit for purpose?</p>	<p>Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Green - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose</p>	<p>There is a Recreation Field and the Church Walk play area, both well used and managed. The village is surrounded by countryside used for agriculture but with public footpaths allowing access.</p>	

	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
6. Economic	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people's businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups.</p> <p>Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups.</p> <p>Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The village has seen an increase in local centre units between 2008 and 2015. But, it is noted that some offices and shops which were trading only few years ago are now houses or flats. • The banks have closed • Wrington Country Market (weekly).Farmers Market (monthly) in the Plough Inn initiative, but not very active. • 29% self-containment (range 29 and 43%). Relevant that people travel in to work in the village, pass outbound residents on their way to work elsewhere. • Business start-ups recorded as 24, which is one of the lowest recorded across the district. 	A -

7.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No places at Wrington Primary School • Closest secondary is Churchill secondary (~7km). Currently limited spaces available. • Wrington Pre-School is to close at the end of July 2015 and relocate to premises outside the village. • Currently has a restricted opening GP consulting room • Mobile library service <p>Closest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital ~ 20km • Children's centre ~ 5km • Leisure centre ~7km <p>The village has a limited but satisfactory range of facilities but these do not meet the needs of everyone.</p>	A -

		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore will always require a trip to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>There is a convenience store and a small range other food and non-food shops. A café and 2 pubs.</p> <p>The key facilities not catered for in the village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large s'market = ~13km • Med s'market = ~4.5km • Bank = ~6km • ATM = ~4km 	
8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

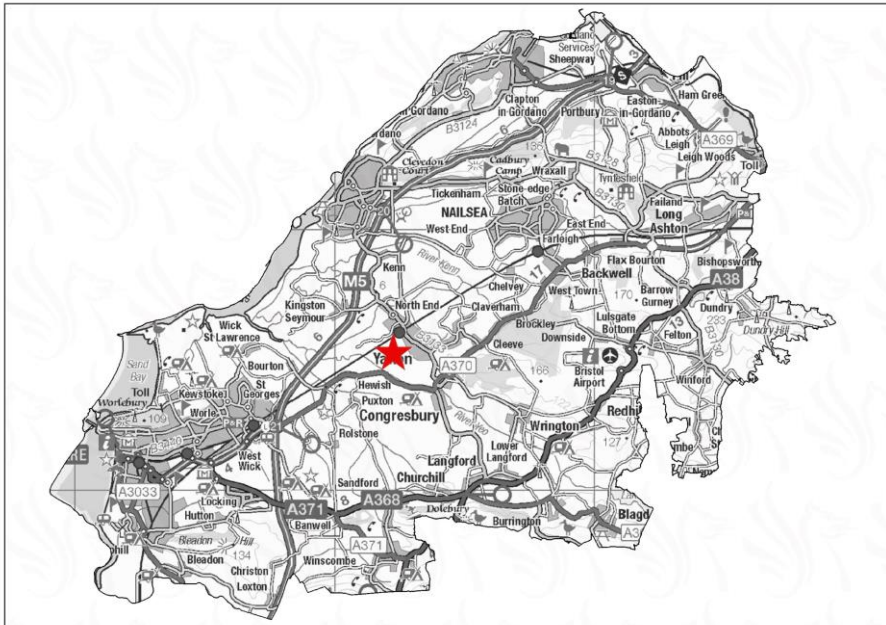
8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - yes, no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<p>Many of the roads in the village are narrow and have no footway, as with the access roads linking Wrington to the A38 and A370. This results in congestion created by parked cars and, especially, the through flow of larger vehicles. HGVs and modern agriculture contracting vehicles can cause obstructions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are now more dwellings in multiple occupation which has resulted in pressure on the car parking space available. The absence of footways, together with limited street lighting, can leave pedestrians exposed to risk in several parts of the village, underlining the need to limit both traffic volume and speeds. 	R +
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		<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? • Are there good connections to the nearby communities? • Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage.</p> <p>Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection.</p> <p>Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.8% travel by train • 2.6% cycle to work • 10.1% walk to work • 1.9% use the bus for work <p>Therefore, 16.5% use sustainable travel means, which is average of those recorded. Close association with Redhill. But the nature of the geography, local roads and public transport network distances Wrington from other nearby villages and communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rail station. Closest is at Yatton (~5.5km) but no access by public transport. • Hourly bus service to Weston and Nailsea. No direct bus service to Bristol. • No dedicated cycle routes or any cycle network. Access roads are all narrow and are considered potentially 	
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				<p>hazardous at times for cyclists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good PROW in the parish, including bridleways. But while there are footpaths in and around the village these do not offer any realistic alternative to public transport or cars for links with other communities. • Superfast broadband 	

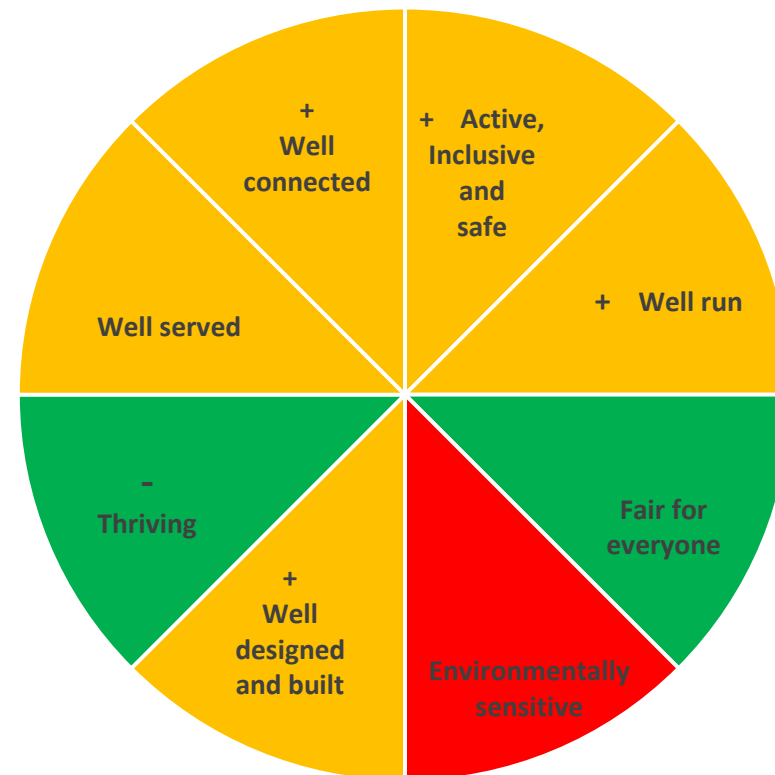
Assessing the sustainability of settlements: Yatton

Settlement location:



- Green wedges indicate there is good evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component.
- Amber wedges indicate that there is some evidence.
- Red wedges indicate there is little evidence of sustainability characteristics for that component

Sustainability Assessment for Yatton



1.	Sustainable Communities component	Is this component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is this component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
1. Social	<p>1. Active, inclusive and safe: A community spirit is created. People are always welcome to join in events (e.g. sports, fundraising, festivals). Neighbours look out for one another, and respect each other. All people are treated fairly. There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour with viable, effective and community-friendly policing.</p>	<p>Does the community organise events and activities for itself and others for the community- are there groups/ venues suitable for all age ranges etc.?</p>	<p>Green - a wide range of activities, including those which stand out as not often found in an active village. The village may be well known for this activity. Amber - a smaller range of activities of those often found in an active village Red - a very limited range of activities, fewer than are often found in a village.</p>	<p>An active community with groups including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Action Group • Ramblers • Music society • Local history society • Horticultural society • Yatton area Bee project • Pantomime • Bridge club • Village market • Dog training 	A +
		<p>Is the community likely to feel like a safe place to live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a neighbourhood watch scheme(s) in place? • Are there issues with crime / anti- social behaviour? • Is there a PCSO attached to settlement? 	<p>Green - very few reported incidents, with NW schemes and community policing Amber – few reported incidents, limited NW and community policing Red - a larger number of reported incidents, the risk of crime likely to make it feel less safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yatton PACT NW with 32 street coordinators. • Is considered a low level crime area. • 1 PCSO and beat officer. 	
2.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide o RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

2. Social	<p>2. Well run: When decisions are made about a community, local people are included in the decision-making process. The community enjoys a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride.</p>	<p>Does the Parish council meet regularly, provide an updated website/ newsletters/ noticeboard etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the public regularly attend parish meetings? Does the community have (or is considering preparing) a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)? Are there any local organisations involved in delivering services or looking after vulnerable people? 	<p>Green – PC meets regularly and all kept informed. Public attend parish meetings. A NDP is in place. Community run organisations Amber - Parish information is not up-to-date. Considering preparing a neighbourhood plan. A few local organisations delivering local services. Red - little information on parish council activity. No NDP. No community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website with meeting minutes and agenda, agendas Other information also posted on four noticeboards People kept up-to-date through email and telephone alerts. Members of the public regularly attend meetings. Yatton is at the start of the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. 	A +
3.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
3. Social	<p>3. Fair for everyone: People of all ages, races, cultures, sexes and abilities are given access to services, jobs and education in the community. This fairness is not a</p>	<p>Are there focal points where people can meet to discuss things and pass on information to each other? If so, what are they? Are there places of worship with associated activities, which can be used by all within the community?</p>	<p>Green - There is a range of community meeting places, including places of worship with a range of activities. Amber – there are fewer meeting places with associated activities. Red – limited places for the community to meet and very few activities held.</p>	<p>6 community meeting places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter House/ St Marys Church Yatton Library Yatton Village Hall Yatton Methodist church (men’s society, craft club, 	G

luxury; it is normal to everyone. This fairness lasts to provide opportunities for future generations.			coffee and chat, parent and toddler groups), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yatton Moor Team Ministry (craft club, choir practice, bell ringers, pre-school club, art group, coffee mornings, drama group, ad hoc activities). • River of life church, Horsecastle Chapel.
	Are there a range of local employment opportunities, suitable for those living within the community? Or is the community reliant on one of two big employers?	Green - a wide range of jobs, which offer employment for a range of skills Amber - a limited range of job opportunities Red - very few job opportunities	A range of employment opportunities - professional skilled, manual, retail, manufacturing, professional and technical and R&D.
	Does the housing stock meet the needs of local people? Or do house prices cause problems for the local community? (data from 2011 census)	Green - yes a range of types and tenures Amber - some choice Red - very limited, skewed towards a single type/tenure	There is a good range of house types, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37% detached • 37% semi-detached, • 18% terraced and 6% flats. Nearly 80% owned, with 10% private and 10% social rented.
	What are the Ofsted Report score(s) for the school(s) (June 14)	Green - outstanding Amber - good Red - requires improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yatton infant = outstanding • Yatton C of E Junior = requires improvement

4.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
4. Environmental	<p>4. Environmentally sensitive: Actively seek to minimise climate change (e.g. people are encouraged to recycle and save water, live in homes that do not waste electricity and that are built on waste land so that no new forest/ fields are destroyed). Create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods (e.g. by reducing litter and graffiti and maintaining pleasant public spaces).</p>	<p>Is the community taking steps to make it more environmentally sustainable, more resilient? I.e. provision of allotments or community recycling schemes?</p>	<p>Green - there is range of community growing places/ recycling schemes. A community resilience/ transition group Amber - Some community recycling/ allotments/ orchards/ other activity Red - no known community recycling/ allotments/ orchards or other environmental activity</p>	<p>No transition/ sustainability group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No local recycling schemes • Fairtrade village expired. 	R
		<p>What is the probability of surrounding agricultural land being classified as Best and Most Versatile? (Grades 1,2 and 3a)</p>	<p>Green – majority low probability of BMV Amber – a mix of high, moderate and low probabilities of BMV Red – mainly high probability of BMV</p>	<p>Surrounded by a mix, with high probability to the north and low to the south with a swathe of moderate probability to the south east.</p>	
		<p>Is the settlement susceptible to flooding (flood zone?) and/ or recently experienced flooding? Is it within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive / high quality or designated landscapes?</p>	<p>Green - not in flood zone or at high risk of flooding and not in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas Amber - partially in flood/ some risk of flooding. Some environmentally sensitive areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrounded by flood zone 2 and 3a + b (around 20% of each) • Historical flooding reports. • Cadbury Hill, scheduled monuments. • Moorland landscape. • Bats SAC. 	

			Red - in flood zone and deemed high risk and/or within or close proximity to a range of sensitive areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to Biddle St, Tickenham, Nailsea & Kenn Moors SSSI's 	
5.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating
5. Environmental	5. Well designed and built: A sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive feeling for people and local distinctiveness). Buildings are attractive, safe and useful to the people who use them. Buildings that people want to go into. Lots of open space for people to play and relax.	Does the village have a distinct character/ sense of place? There will be a good range/type of buildings with architectural and heritage value? Is there a conservation area?	Green – yes there is a distinct character/ sense of place Amber - some individual character/ sense of place Red – no real sense of place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yatton Conservation area. Numerous listed buildings within and adjacent to settlement boundary. High street houses of locally quarried grey limestone. Major expansion in 60s-70s 	A +
		Is there a range of useful accessible public open space is available? Are these well managed and fit for purpose?	Green - there is a range available which are well managed Amber - limited, but well managed Green - v few and not well managed, fill for purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hangstones Queen Elizabeth II Field Rock Road playing field Horsecastle play area Cadbury Hill. 	
6.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

<p style="text-align: center;">6. Economic</p>	<p>6.Thriving: Local people have the opportunity to make money and have a good quality of life. They are encouraged to open up small businesses and spend their wages locally to help improve other people’s businesses. Successful businesses create more jobs for more people and better standards of living for more people in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there a range of strong established local businesses? • Are businesses growing or declining? (data from retail survey comparison 2007–2015) • Are there community initiatives to support local businesses? E.g. farmers markets • Do businesses provide the opportunity for residents to work locally? (Measured by % self-containment - those who work from home or work within 2km of where they live?) • What is the number of business start-ups registered compared with other settlements? (<i>new business accounts 2014-15</i>) 	<p>Green – there is a strong and diverse businesses community which may be growing. Community initiatives supporting local business sector. Relatively high levels of self-containment. Relatively high levels of business start-ups. Amber –fewer businesses, but offer employment for some of local community. Average levels of self-containment and business start-ups. Red – declining business numbers and few people live and work within settlement. Few business start-ups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total local centre unit number has risen from 48 to 50 from 2008 – 2015, with vacant units falling from 6 to 2. There are 5 additional shops and 2 more healthcare facilities. • There is a good range of business activities in the village. • More than a third of people live and work within the village. • The strawberry line café is an example of a Community Interest Company • 35% self-containment (range is 29-43%) • Business start-ups recorded as 57, which is highest of those recorded. 	<p>G -</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Sustainable Communities component</p>	<p>Is the component met? Factors to consider</p>	<p>Guide to RAG rating</p>	<p>Is the component met? Justification and examples:</p>	<p>Overall RAG rating</p>

7. Economic	<p>7. Well served: High quality services for families and children (including early year's childcare). A good range of affordable public, community and voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food commercial, utilities, information and advice) that are accessible to the whole community.</p>	<p>Do people have access within the community to key services? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary • Hospital, GP, Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians, Children centres, other e.g. physiotherapy • Community meeting places e.g. churches • Leisure centre, other sports facilities/clubs/gyms • Parks/ public spaces • Libraries • Public houses • Post office • Banks, ATMs 	<p>Choose RAG on circumstance most similar to description: Green – A primary school and some pre-school provision with spaces. Secondary within close proximity. A library with associated activities. A post office. A full range of healthcare/ sporting options and pubs & cafes. Amber – Schools, but limited spaces. A mobile library service only. Post office in nearby village/town. Limited health care/ sporting and pubs & cafes. Red – no easily accessible school. No library service. Few sporting options. No post office. None or just one pub/café.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>Schools are at capacity and lack ability to expand. GP practice is full</p> <p>Most facilities are provided. Those not located in the village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary school ~ 4.5km • Hospital ~ 11km • Leisure centre ~ 4km 	<p>A +</p>
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		<p>What is the range of retail provision? If none, where is the nearest? (schedule attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, medium, express supermarket/ convenience store • Other food/ drink shop e.g. butchers/ bakers • Post office • Banks, ATMs • Non-food shops • Other (e.g. hairdressers) • Restaurants/cafes/ takeaways 	<p>Green – more than one shop and a (mini) supermarket, plus a range of other useful shops to meet every day needs. Amber – a limited range of top-up shops, which would satisfy basic needs, but would require trips to other retail outlets. Red – very limited options, which would not satisfy basic requirements, therefore will always require a trip to other places.</p>	<p>See facilities schedule:</p> <p>The village is unusual as it contains a medium supermarket. There is also a good range of other shops.</p> <p>Closest large supermarket ~ 6km.</p>	
8.	Sustainable Communities component	Is the component met? Factors to consider	Guide to RAG rating	Is the component met? Justification and examples:	Overall RAG rating

8. Economic	<p>8. Well connected: The transport facilities, including public transport, help people to travel within and between communities and reduce dependence on cars. There are facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Are there sufficient means in place to help people access employment, education and services without reliance on a private car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the settlement well connected with respect to principal roads, rail, regular bus services and, footpath and cycling networks? Are there good connections to the nearby communities? Does the settlement have superfast broadband provision? 	<p>Green – there’s a rail station and good bus services. High percentage of people using sustainable travel methods with good footpath and cycling networks connecting to nearby communities. Good broadband coverage. Amber – can access a rail station and fairly good bus services and some cycle routes. Patchy broadband connection. Red - Most people use private car for commuting, some distance from a rail station, with few footpath and cycling networks available. No broadband connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.2% use train for work 1.5% use the bus for work 2.3% cycle to work 8.7% walk to work <p>Therefore 19.7% use sustainable travel which is second highest of those recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The train station provides half-hourly rail services between Bristol and Weston. Served by hourly W1 bus service between Weston and Bristol and infrequent 88 service to Clevedon and Portishead. Linked to strawberry line cycling route Superfast broadband 	A
		<p>Is the road design/ layout fit for purpose? Are there any capacity, congestion or safety issues?</p>	<p>Green - yes, no real issues with congestion/ safety Amber - some issues with congestion/ safety at peak times Red - recognised issues</p>	<p>There is a major recognised issue with traffic congestion through the village. Poor walking and cycling routes</p>	

Appendix D: Relative settlement sustainability at a glance

A green rating is given to those sustainability characteristics that are easily identified with associated evidence, amber to those which are met to a lesser extent and a red where there is little evidence of the characteristic being present.

The RAG ratings can be used to produce a hierarchy by giving a notional score to ratings, where a Green rating scores 3, Amber scores 2 and a Red component scores 1. The addition of the plus or minus scores, allows the settlements to be ranked in order of their relative sustainability and therefore the settlement hierarchy to be produced.

	Social			Environmental		Economic		
	1. Active inclusive and safe	2. Well Run	3. Fair for everyone	4. Environmentally sensitive	5. Well designed & built	6. Thriving	7. Well served	8. Well connected
Service Villages:								
1. Backwell	-			-	+	+		-
2. Long Ashton	-	-			+		+	-
3. Yatton	+	+			+	-	+	
4. Winscombe		+		-	-		-	-
5. Congresbury	+	+		+	+	+	-	+
6. Easton in Gordano/ Pill		-			-	+	-	
7. Banwell	+	+	+		+	-		
8. Churchill		+		-		-		-
9. Wrington		-	+			-	-	+
Infill Villages:								
1. Sandford			-		-			-
2. Locking		+		-	-	-		-
3. Claverham			-	-				
4. Bleadon	+		-		-		-	-