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## North Somerset Local Plan 2023-2038

North Somerset Council has taken the decision to withdraw from the sub-regional West of England Joint Spatial Plan, but the council still needs to prepare its own Local Plan to shape investment and infrastructure funding to support new homes, workplaces and local facilities for the next 15 years and beyond.

The Local Plan, which will guide housing, business investment, transport and infrastructure until 2038, will take around three years to produce. The publication of the **Local Development Scheme (LDS)**, which sets out the timetable for the Local Plan including what documents will be produced and when, and the **Pre-Commencement Document** that outlines the plan's scope, mark the formal start of the process. Both these documents are in the process of being approved through a formal decision by Executive member Cllr James Tonkin, but are also available to view [now](#).

Once approved we will be asking for views on the Pre-commencement Document to see if people feel we have identified the right scope and method for producing the Local Plan. The Local Development Scheme will also be available on the planning policy webpages for information.

North Somerset Council wants communities, individuals and organisations to influence the future of the area by getting involved in plan making. A [press release](#) has been published which sets out the issues facing the district and how we want to engage with communities.

Some of the issues the plan will be considering are how to:

- Work towards the council's target to be carbon neutral by 2030
- Set out how the council will make sure it provides for the right type and number of homes, in the right places, to meet the needs of the people who live here now and in the future
- Allocate space for business and set out what other infrastructure is needed to support economic growth and the new homes
- Allocate sites for other land uses where these are known, including retail, community facilities and, transport, and local waste and minerals
- Update or create planning policies to make sure all new buildings are high quality and of sustainable design, and to protect North Somerset's natural and built environments
- Address flooding and drainage issues.

### **How to get involved:**

If you want to be informed about consultations on the Local Plan or any other planning documents, please sign up to the planning policy consultation [database](#). You will then receive an e-mail notification at each stage of the process where you will have an opportunity to comment on the plan and engage with making the plan. You may have registered before but as this is a new Local Plan please register again to ensure you are on the database.