
Bath & North East
Somerset Council

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Our plan

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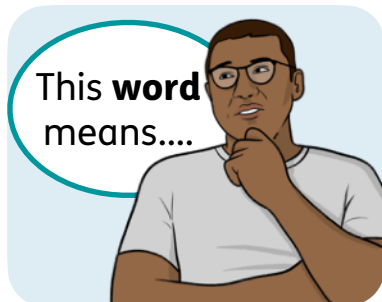
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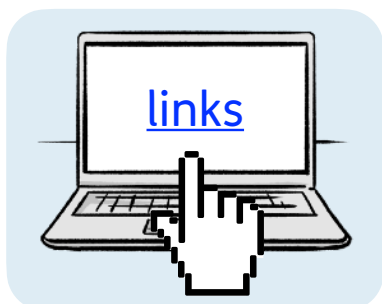
This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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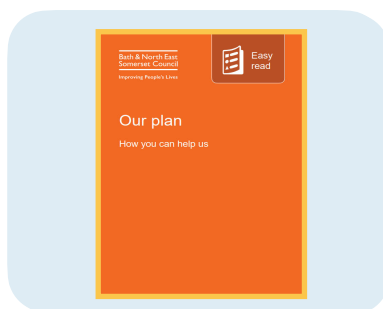
About this booklet



Bath and North East Somerset Council are writing a **Local Plan**.



The **Local Plan** is about what we want to happen in Bath and North East Somerset.



This booklet will tell you more about the plan.

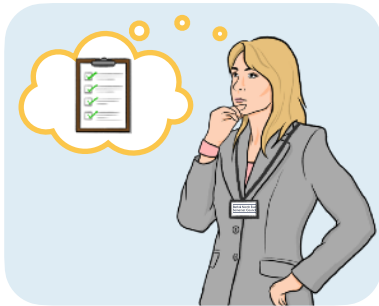


It will also tell you how you can let us know what you think about the plan.

About the Local Plan



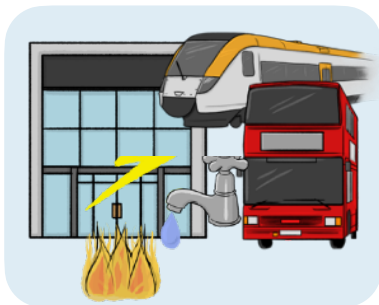
The Local Plan is about how places in Bath and North East Somerset will grow and change in the next 15 to 20 years.



It will say how we will decide what changes we will let happen.



We know the area needs new homes and jobs.



We will also need to have the right things in place to make the changes, like roads, buildings and power.

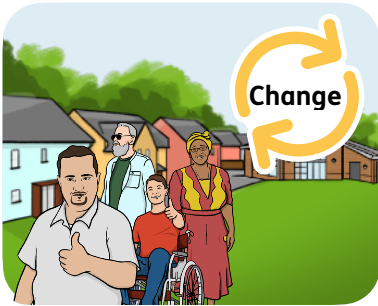


The plan will talk about where the buildings, homes and jobs should be made.



The plan is about making Bath and North East Somerset a happy and healthy place to live.

Why we are writing a plan



We know that life in Bath and North East Somerset will change.



We are writing a plan so that the changes make people's lives better.



We also want to keep the good things about Bath and North East Somerset, like the beautiful buildings and nature.

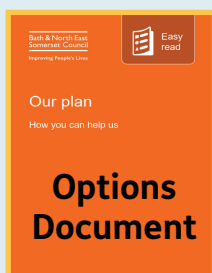


We want to change how we do our work to help stop **climate change** and protect nature.



Climate change is all about big changes in the weather. For example, storms getting worse than they used to be. Or having less rain in some places.

The Options Document



The **Options Document** is a separate booklet that tells you about our ideas for the plan.



It also tells you about the different areas of Bath and North East Somerset where we might make changes.



We want you to tell us what you think.



We will use what you tell us to help us write our plan.

The goals of the new Local Plan



The goal of the Local Plan is to help us make Bath and North East Somerset a place where people want to live and work.

The plan will:



- Make the **economy** more fair for everyone.

The **economy** is the businesses, jobs and services in an area.



- Make sure we build more homes that people can afford to live in.

When we write our plan we must:



- Make sure we look after nature and the planet.



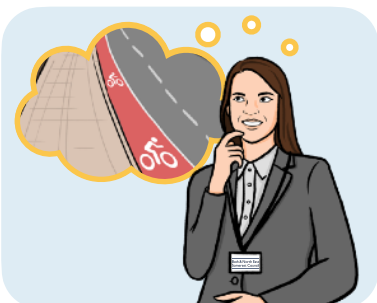
- Help people be healthy and happy in their body and mind.



- Make it easier for people to travel without harming the planet.



- Look after our old buildings and places.



- Think about the things we need to put in place to support what we want to do, like roads, cycle paths, buildings and power.

Where we might make changes

We have already thought about some of the places where we might make changes, like:



- Bath and around Bath.



- The area between Bath and Bristol called the Bristol to Bath Corridor



- Somer Valley.



- Some parts of the countryside.



You can find out more about the changes we want to make in the Options Document.



We have **policies** about where we can make changes.

Policies are rules for deciding where and how things like homes and parks can be built.



We are thinking about changing some of our policies and making new policies.



You can find out more about our policies in the Options Document.

How to learn more about the plan



You can find out more about the plan and read the Options Document on our website here:

<https://bathnesplaces.co.uk/localplan/>



We are also having events where you can come and find out more and talk to our staff.



Details of events can be read on our website here:

<https://bathnesplaces.co.uk/localplan/>

How to tell us what you think



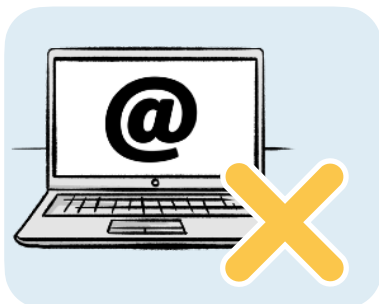
You can tell us what you think about our plan on our website, here:

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You can also write to us to tell us what you think, at:

Planning Policy
Bath and North East Somerset Council
Lewis House
Bath
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You cannot tell us what you think by email.

Please contact us if:



- You cannot answer on the website.



- You need the information in a different way, like Easy Read.



We will be happy to help you.



If you want to tell us what you think, you must tell us by 14 November 2025.

Find out more



You can look at our website here:
www.bathnes.gov.uk