

NEWS

EASTOVER SECOND STAGE CONSULTATION

BEGINS Comments are invited on Preferred Options for the Eastover Supplementary Planning Document between 24th June and 3rd August: see opposite for more details

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CONSULTATION ON NEW SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT.

The Council is currently consulting on the first stage of an SPD designed to support economic activity in the District through the planning system. Comments are invited before 9th July. For more information click on the link at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/ldf

EAST BRENT AND ROOKSBRIDGE BECOME OSS

Following consultation on a proposal to change the status of East Brent in the Core Strategy, Full Council have agreed that East Brent, together with Rooksbridge, should become one single Other Sustainable Settlement. This will allow for some small scale development in the villages. For further information see

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/eastbrent

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Consultation on the Draft Charging Schedule is now closed and responses are being analysed. In drafting the final document, the Council will need to take into account any changes to the CIL regulations that come about as a result of the recent government consultation (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/community-infrastructure-levy-further-reforms>) For more information on CIL in Sedgemoor and a provisional timetable see

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/cil

CLARIFYING THE STATUS OF LOCAL PLANNING

GUIDANCE Fifteen existing planning documents, including Village Design Statements and other planning guidance, have now been adopted by Council as Supplementary Planning Documents. This raises their status in planning terms and means that planning applications should have reference to them where relevant. For a full list of the documents, see

<http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=9051>

Eastover

Preferred Options

Last year the Council asked for your opinions on how Eastover could be encouraged to thrive. Your responses have helped shape the next stage of the Eastover Supplementary Planning Document which sets out some firmer proposals for the regeneration of the area.

Please see overleaf for a summary of some of the key proposals, or see

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/eastover to read the full document. A paper copy is available to view at the Council offices in King Square during opening hours.

Council officers will be on hand to talk about the proposals at

- Angel Place 28th and 29th June 10am – 2pm
- New Road Market 19th July
- a **public meeting** at St John's Church Tuesday 23rd July 7.30pm

We would like your views on the document before it is finalised. Please make comments by 3rd August, either

- By coming along to one of the events above
- By filling out the online questionnaire at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/eastover
- By sending an email to ldf@sedgemoor.gov.uk
- By writing to LDF Team, Strategy and Development, Sedgemoor District Council, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR

Eastover

the main aims

Those that responded to the previous Eastover consultation generally agreed that we were on the right lines with our aim to create:

- A vibrant and viable area with a clear role within the town centre;
- An accessible and pedestrian friendly environment that promotes sustainable transport patterns;
- A legible area with attractive public spaces, public realm, high quality urban design and innovative and sustainable architecture;
- An area that celebrates its historic environment;
- A diverse community that meets the needs of local people and provides a safe and welcoming environment.

Taking the other things you told us into account, we have developed policy that includes some of the following proposals:



the key proposals

- One way traffic schemes on some streets, including Eastover, Town Bridge and Salmon Parade
- Proposals to relocate the current bus and coach drop off area to the rear of the former East Quay medical centre
- Additional shopper parking and better pedestrian links between Asda and Eastover, including enhancement of New Rd as a pedestrian square
- Improved accessibility for both pedestrians and drivers - enhanced footpaths, shared surfaces and additional short stay on-street parking
- Specific development guidance for individual development sites including the Hospital

Finding out more

Please use our website to keep in touch with what is happening.

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/ldf

South West Planning Aid provides free, independent advice on planning matters to community groups and individuals who cannot afford professional fees. To find out more go to www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk
Or to find out more about planning generally, go to www.planningportal.gov.uk

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