

NEWS

5 YEAR HOUSING LAND SUPPLY. National planning policy requires Local Planning Authorities to identify and maintain a rolling five year supply of deliverable land for housing. An updated report is now available that shows 5.92 years supply for the District up to 2019.

<http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=6375>

ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT. The AMR monitors the impact of planning policies. A report for 2012 – 2013 is now available, showing amongst other positive results that the number of new dwellings built over the year again exceeded targets, as it has done since the beginning of the Core Strategy period in 2006.

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/amr

BRISTOL ROAD CONSULTATION. Comments are currently being invited on a document aimed at guiding development of the strip of land between the railway and Bristol Rd. The document is called 'Development Brief and Design Principles: East of the A38, Bristol Road, Bridgwater', and is available to download at

<http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=9518>

P4 GUIDANCE. The Planning Policy Team are currently working on guidance for developers and town or parish councils who may be involved in bringing forward housing sites under the Core Strategy Policy P4: Key Rural Settlements. This should be available on the website by the end of March.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPD. This Supplementary Planning Document has now been completed in draft form and is due to go to Full Council in the near future. See

<http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/edspd>

CIL: SUCCESSFUL EXAMINATION. Following the examination in December, the Council has received an inspector's report which concludes that, subject to minor modifications, the Sedgemoor Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule provides an appropriate basis for the collection of the levy in the area. The Charging Schedule will go before Full Council in the near future and implementation is expected in the autumn. Keep updated at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/cil

EASTOVER SPD ADOPTED. The Eastover Supplementary Planning Document was adopted at Full Council in January and a final version is now available on the website at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/eastover

SHLAA UPDATE. A Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment was last prepared by the Council in 2009 and is now due to be updated. The recent Call for Sites resulted in over one hundred site submissions which are currently being processed and analysed.

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/shlaa

Core Strategy Review

The Planning Policy Team will begin a review of the Core Strategy this year. This is an opportunity to update growth targets to 2032 and to review policies that may be inconsistent with recent revisions to national policy, or that are not having the anticipated outcomes. It will also provide an opportunity to reconsider village development boundaries and to allocate strategic sites where appropriate.

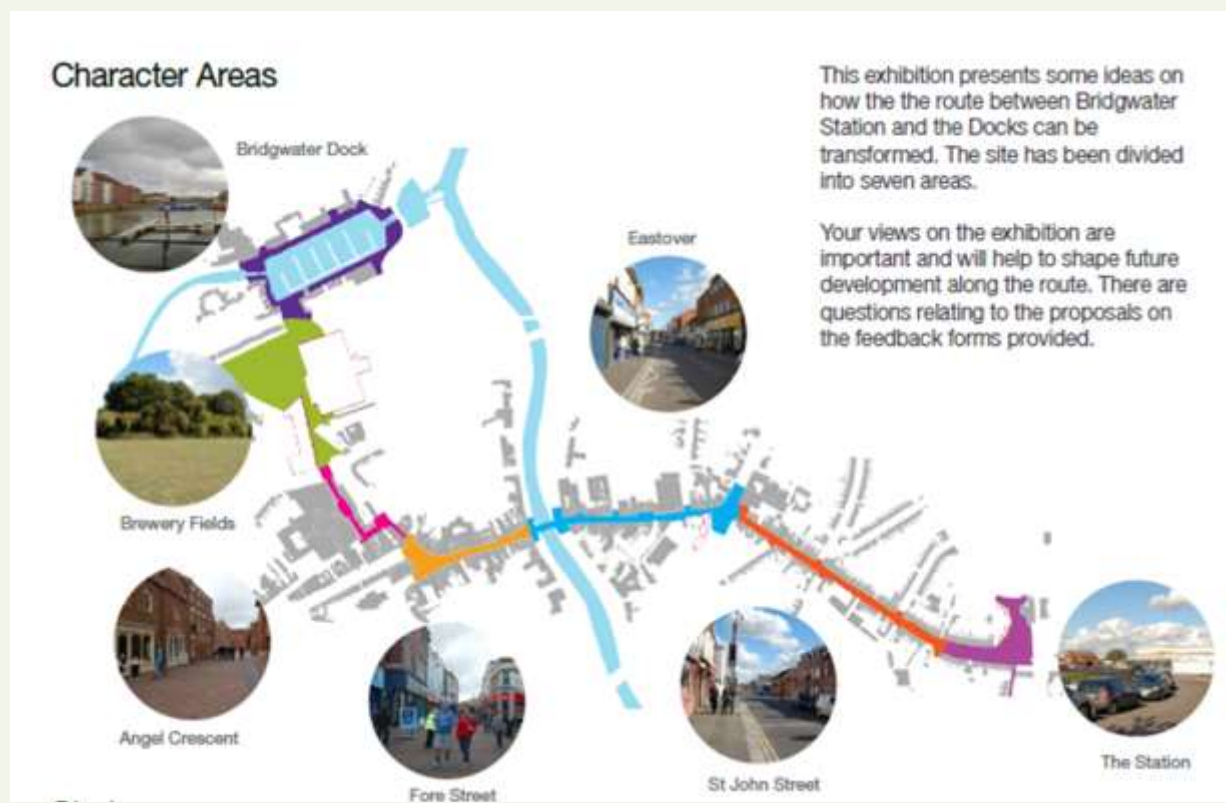
An anticipated timetable is as follows:

- **Issues and Options consultation: Sept - Dec 2014**
- **Pre-submission Draft consultation: Jan - Mar 2016**
- **Submission – May 2016**
- **Examination - September 2016**
- **Adoption – January 2017**

Celebration Mile

The 'Celebration Mile' between Bridgwater railway station and Bridgwater Docks was identified by the Bridgwater Vision as a catalyst project to promote transformational change within the Town Centre. Sedgemoor District Council have now appointed

consultants Arup to prepare a feasibility study for public realm improvements along the route. Public consultation including an exhibition will be arranged in the near future. Keep updated at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/ldf



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