

# Response ID ANON-8CC9-KDSH-1

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## 1. Overview and objectives

**Do you agree that these are the right Objectives for the Local Plan?**

Not Answered

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

please see our individual answers

## 2. Carbon neutrality

**Question 1a: Should we aim to require that all newdevelopment is 'zero carbon' by as soon as possible (e.g. by 2025) or give slightly more time (e.g. by 2030) for developers to adapt their design approaches, materials and suppliers?**

As soon as possible (e.g. by 2025)

**Question 1b: Should we allocate sites for specific renewable energy development or identify broad areas which we consider suitable?**

Allocate sites for specific renewable energy development

**Question 1c: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

We would like to see 1c(iii) strengthened so there is an active policy and 1c(iv) would like to see the word 'support' changed to enable.

## 3. Sustainable locations

**Question 2a: Do you agree with the tiers that identifies Taunton followed by 6 tiers covering the other settlements?**

Yes

**If not, what changes would you make and why? (200 words max):**

**Question 2b: Do you think Watchet and Williton should be seen as associated settlements for the purposes of the Local Plan due to their close proximity and in complementing the services of each other (and therefore be in a higher tier to Bishops Lydeard and Wiveliscombe)?**

Yes - Watchet and Williton should be seen as associated settlements

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

We agree if it is acceptable to the electors of Watchet and Williton but don't put them up a tier.

**Question 2c: Do you think we should carry on with the way housing is currently distributed across our area (see pie chart) or should we be doing something different, such as one of the three options suggested below?**

Increase housing in Taunton and Wellington; and reduce in Minehead and Rural Centres

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

**What else do you think about housing distribution in our area?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

no comment

**Question 2d: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

Seen to apply tiers 1 and 2 and wording does not fit into lower tiers

#### **4. New and affordable homes**

**Question 3a: Should our housing requirement figure match the Government's minimum figure of 702 dwellings per year or should we have a higher figure?**

The housing requirement should be the Government's minimum figure of 702 dwellings per year

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

Higher proportion of genuinely affordable housing and more social housing.

**Question 3b: How should we proactively plan for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople pitches?**

Apply rural exceptions criteria for small scale residential sites where pitches which would be affordable in perpetuity; and/or, Allocate sites specifically for pitches.

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

**Question 3c: Should we require that all new housing developments include a percentage of new homes that are designed to be accessible, adaptable and wheelchair accessible?**

Not Answered

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

Yes

**Question 3d: How should we provide for custom self-build plots? Should we:**

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

we should provide self build plots

**Question 3e: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

Support

#### **5. A prosperous economy**

**Question 4a: Should we ensure the growth of our local economy through an increase in the proportion of higher value jobs (with limited increase of jobs overall) or through a significant increase in the number of jobs?**

Not Answered

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

We support both

**Question 4b: Should we keep all of our existing employment sites and allocations in employment use or should we allow the loss of some to other uses? How should we decide which ones to lose?**

Retain all existing and currently allocated employment sites; or

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

except for exemption sites for social and affordable housing

**Question 4c: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

They are all sensible

## **6. Infrastructure**

**Question 5a: On what infrastructure should we prioritise developer contributions? (Please rank in order of priority)**

**IO - 5a - ranking - Affordable housing:**

4

**IO - 5a - ranking - Designing for the Climate Change Emergency:**

2

**IO - 5a - ranking - Accessible, Adaptable and Wheelchair Accessible homes:**

3

**IO - 5a - ranking - Strategic Infrastructure (schools, transport, community facilities):**

1

**Question 5b: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

No comment

## **7. Connecting people**

**Question 6a: How can we encourage people not to use their car when travelling into our towns for shopping and work? How can we provide more opportunities for using public transport in rural areas?**

**Please provide comments (200 words max):**

Ensure there is a public transport service that matches the demand for travel at a convenient time to getting to and from work at a reasonable cost. Support and enable more community transport initiatives e.g. Wivey Link

Also more car pools

**Question 6b: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

Bus routes are Somerset County Council and not a good use of S106 contributions.

Support improvement of broadband in rural areas

## **8. The natural and historic environment**

**Question 7a: Are there any specific measures that you would like to see new developments deliver to improve biodiversity locally?**

**Please provide comments (200 words max):**

Increasing biodiversity can only happen if habitats are first defended, then enhanced, then enforced

**Question 7b: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

Consider designing areas of high landscape value outside the Quantock Area of Outstanding natural beauty

## **9. Thriving coastal and rural communities**

**Question 8a: How should we manage development in rural areas? Should we:**

Have settlement boundaries across the District; or

**Question 8b: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

5 should state a strict criteria regarding enforcement of existing occupancy conditions bur support the rest

**10. Wellbeing of our residents**

**Question 9a: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

We support them

**11. Policies for our places: Taunton**

**Question 10a: How do you think we could introduce more housing into Taunton Town centre?**

Not Answered

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

No comment

**Question 10b: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

No comment

**12. Policies for our places: Wellington**

**Question 11a: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

No comment

**13. Policies for our places: the Coastal Strip**

**Question 12a: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**

No comment