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Local Plan Proposed Submission Consultation

Sedgemoor District Council is consulting on the Proposed Submission Local Plan from 30th January 2017 until 17th March 2017. This is the final consultation before we intend to submit the Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination. All comments received during this stage will be submitted alongside this for the appointed inspector to consider.

In support of the consultation, a number of public drop in events have been organised:

- 04/02/2017 at Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, 10am-2pm
- 06/02/2017 at the Community Hall, Highbridge, 2pm-7pm
- 07/02/2017 at the Village Hall, Woolavington, 3pm-7pm
- 08/02/2017 at the Princess Theatre, Burnham-on-Sea, 3pm-7pm
- 09/02/2017 at St John and St Francis School, Bridgwater, 3.15pm-7pm
- 13/02/2017 at St Georges School, Wembdon, 2.30pm-7pm
- 15/02/2017 at the Village Hall, Wedmore, 3pm-7pm
- 16/02/2017 at the Community Centre, North Petherton, 2pm-6pm
- 20/02/2017 at the Town Hall, Axbridge, 3.30pm-6pm
- 21/02/2017 at the Village Hall, Cheddar, 2.30pm-7pm
- 23/02/2017 at the Village Hall, Cannington, 2pm-6pm
- 27/02/2017 at the Church Room, Puriton, 3pm-7pm
- 02/03/2017 at the Village Hall, Nether Stowey, 3pm-7pm

The consultation document and details on how to respond will be available on our website from 30th January 2017 www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/LocalPlan

PARRETT BARRIER UPDATE

A tidal surge barrier has been identified as the long term strategic flood defence solution for Bridgwater to provide protection from tidal flooding. It also has a role in reducing flood risk to the wider Levels and Moors as part of the Flood Action Plan. Work is progressing on finalising the location of the barrier, the type of structure it will be and the associated downstream bank improvements that are also required. The initial seven potential locations have now been reduced to two, one near Express Park and one upstream of King Sedgemoor Drain. A final location will be consulted upon in the late spring of this year. Following this, detailed design work will be undertaken before formal consent is sought through a Transport and Works act order. The current programme seeks to complete construction in 2024. Further information can be found at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/bridgwaterbarrier

Evidence Base Updates

BRIDGWATER TRANSPORT OPTIONS

The Council commissioned two Bridgwater Transport reports. The Forecast Report assessed current traffic conditions and tested the impact of potential development options.

The second Option Testing Report assessed the strategic allocations and modelled the impact of various large scale interventions. This report will also inform the longer term transport strategy.

Please visit for further information:

<http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/9708>

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT

The Historic Environment Assessment considers all sites allocated in the Draft Local Plan in terms of potential impacts of development on heritage assets. The assessment also individually addresses all the Tier 2 settlements in terms of Development Management policies.

Please visit www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/11139 for further information.

SHLAA

The latest update of Sedgemoor's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment was completed in September 2016. This has informed the Council's Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan and forms part of the evidence base for consultation on the draft plan.

To download the document or visit the interactive SHLAA mapping please visit

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/shlaa

EMPLOYMENT LAND REVIEW

Following a previous call for sites and early Local Plan Review consultation Sedgemoor District Council has prepared an updated Employment Land Review for the area. This study undertakes an assessment to understand the requirements for land/floorspace to meet the economic developments needs of the District up to 2032.

For more information visit

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/eds

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www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/ldf

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Or to find out more about planning generally, go to www.planningportal.gov.uk

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