

GPC Agenda Item 9 (b) Neighbourhood Plan

Draft Resolution for BPC 18 March 2014

Batheaston Parish Council :-

Required by Government and B&NES policies to identify sites other than infill for 50 new houses, Anxious to increase within that provision affordable housing for those with a Batheaston connection, Conscious of the threats to Batheaston's existing facilities, especially the post office, stemming from lack of footfall and seeking to encourage more retail facilities in the village, Concerned that the current football field is not large enough to meet FIFA adult standards and cannot be enlarged, Wishing to provide more parking for residents of the Elmhurst estate and Northend and anxious to ease the traffic congestion in Northend, Conscious that the new footbridge could open new opportunities for sport and recreation for Batheaston, that the refashioning of the pavement in front of the shops will enhance their attraction to shoppers and that B&NES closure of the public toilets will release that site for community use, Recognising that over 80% of the parishioners responding to the Vision Plan questionnaire saw the Batheaston High street area as the village centre and wanted improvements to the quality and variety of the services in that location,

A -RESOLVES

To formulate and submit to parish residents for their approval a Neighbourhood Plan for the village centre as defined on page 24 of the Batheaston Vision Plan 2009;

B – REQUESTS THE CLERK

- (i) Draw up a short list of 3 consultancies with proven experience in drafting and progressing Neighbourhood Plans to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan for Batheaston Village Centre using as the starting point the diagram on the aforementioned page;
- (ii) Submit to the Council a note on the grants which may be available to help cover the costs of preparing the Plan;

C – APPOINTS THE PLACE-MAKING COMMITTEE

- (i) To interview the consultancies and select that to be charged with preparation and progressing the Plan;
- (ii) To approve applications for the grants which may be available;
- (iii) Involve, as appropriate, Batheaston residents with appropriate experience or representative status;
- (iv) Supervise the preparation of the Plan and the processes of consulting Batheaston residents and obtaining statutory approval.