

BATHEASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Council Resolution on Village Centre

Proposed by:

Cllr David Robins, Vice-Chairman of Batheaston Parish Council and Chairman of Planning and Environment Committee

Seconded by:

Cllr Sydney Fremantle, Chairman of General Purposes Committee and Cllr Kevin Hawkins, Chairman of Highways, Footpaths and Lighting Committee

Batheaston Parish Council,

- having regard to the Batheaston Vision Plan of 2009,
- noting that 82% of the respondents to the Vision Plan Steering Group's Survey identified the Garden High Street area as the "village centre",
- Recognising that the Garden High Street area is currently that part of the village which is most visited or traversed both by villagers and visitors,
- Noting that, like the palm of a hand, it is the common area where the separate fingers of the village meet,
- Convinced that its further development as the recreational and commercial centre of the village would strengthen the cohesion of the village community, currently split up by topography and historical development,
- Aware that the successful development of that area requires a synergy between private commercial, Parish Council community and recreational developments,

Adopts the Plan on page 24 of the Vision Plan 2009 as the basis for its long-term aspirations;

Invites the Council, Executive and Officers of B&NES Council to give that Plan due recognition in its planning processes;

Requests B&NES Council to make available land currently in its ownership for development along the general lines of the aforementioned Plan;

Pledges its support, including financial support if sufficient value for money is present, for developments which accord with the general lines of that Plan;

Instructs the Parish Clerk to forward this Resolution to the relevant Members and Officers of B&NES Council, including the District Councillors for Bathavon North, and to the Members of Parliament for the Bath and North-East Somerset constituencies.