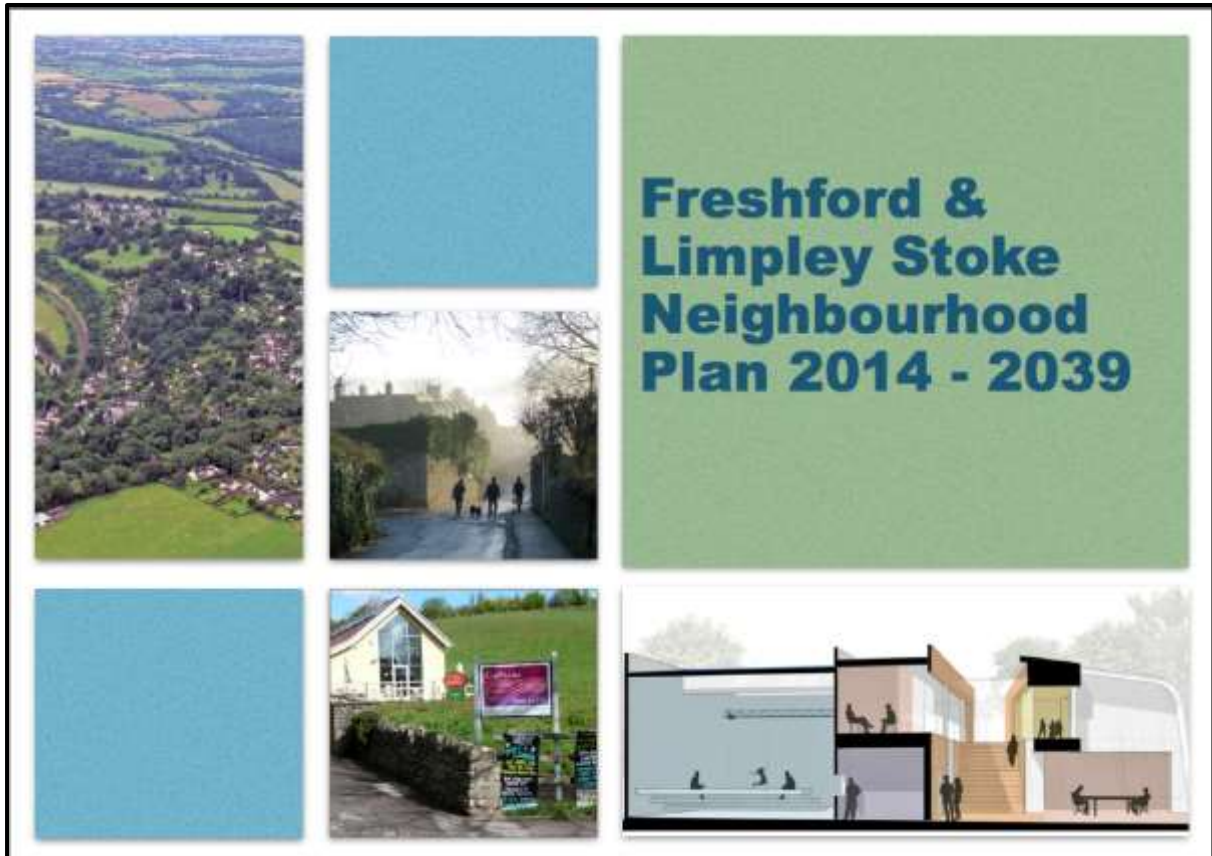




Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Development Plan



Time Line and History

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Neighbourhood Planning in B&NES

Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011. Communities can shape development in their areas through the production of Neighbourhood Development Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders.

Neighbourhood Development Plans become part of the Local Plan and the policies contained within them are then used in the determination of planning applications. Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders allow communities to grant planning permission either in full or in outline for the types of development they want to see in their areas.

The local parish or town council will lead on neighbourhood planning in their areas. Where one does not exist then a community group known as a neighbourhood forum needs to be established to lead. The Localism Act recognises that not all communities are residential in nature and as such in areas that are predominantly commercial then a business led neighbourhood forum can be established.

The Local Planning Authority is involved and will make decisions at key stages of the process, such as approving the neighbourhood area within which the Neighbourhood Development Plan will have effect. It will also organise the independent examination of the plan and the community referendum that is held at the end of the process.

The referendum is an important part of the process allowing those that live in the neighbourhood area to decide whether or not the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Neighbourhood Development Order or Community Right to Build Order comes into effect or not. This is direct democracy and outlines the importance of working with the wider community and securing their support at an early stage in the process.

Progress of the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan

The Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Development Plan has been 'made' by B&NES and is now a part of the Council's development plan which is in accordance with section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Reasons for making this decision:

- 74% of those voting in the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan referendum on Thursday 10th September 2015 have voted in favour of the Plan

[Freshford and Limpley Stoke Decision Statement](#)

The Plan was made on 9th November 2015.

Copies of the Freshford and Limpley Stoke NDP Decision Statement will be displayed in the Council's One Stop Shop during normal opening hours and copies will be available on request.

Key dates of each stage:

Date designated	30 th October 2013
Regulation 14 Consultation	11 th January-22 nd February 2014
Regulation 16 Consultation	27 th October-10 th December 2014
Date of Examination	30 th January 2015
Date of referendum	10 th September 2015
Date Plan 'made'	9 th November 2015

Made Plan and the appendices

The Freshford and Limpley Stoke 'made' plan: [Freshford and Limpley Stoke made Neighbourhood Plan](#)

Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan Appendices:

1. Appendix A: Policy options (0.03 MB)
2. Appendix A1: Environment Impact of Policies Matrix (0.03 MB)
3. Appendix B: Sustainability Appraisal Report, 2013 (3.8 MB)
4. Appendix B1: HRA Screening (1 MB)
5. Appendix B2: HRA Screening opinion (0.9 MB)
6. Appendix B3: HRA Screening determination (1.3 MB)
7. Appendix B4: Local Green Spaces Justification and background evidence (2.2 MB)
8. Appendix C: Neighbourhood Area Designation (0.3 MB)
9. Appendix C1: Basic Conditions Statement (0.3 MB)
10. Appendix D: Consultation Statement (8.6 MB)
11. Appendix D1: Community Planning Workshop Report, 2012 (4.7 MB)
12. Appendix D2: Neighbourhood Plan Launch Leaflet, 2012 (1.2 MB)
13. Appendix D3: "Making Progress" Questionnaire Leaflet, 2013 (13.3 MB)
14. Appendix D4: Quiz Involvement Leaflet, 2012 (1.3 MB)
15. Appendix D5: "Making Progress" Questionnaire Responses, 2013 (0.7 MB)
16. Appendix D6: Draft Neighbourhood Plan, 2013 (27.2 MB)
17. Appendix D7: Public Notice of Consultation, January 2014 (0.06 MB)
18. Appendix D8: Revised Draft Neighbourhood Plan, January 2014 (32.3 MB)
19. Appendix D9: Clarion Articles (2.4 MB)
20. Appendix D10: Bulletin Articles (1.3 MB)
21. Appendix D11: Community Emails (1.1 MB)
22. Appendix D12: Comments on Revised Draft Neighbourhood Plan (0.5 MB)
23. Appendix D13: Legal Compliance Guide (0.3 MB)
24. Appendix E: Project Timetable (0.2 MB)
25. Appendix F: Limpley Stoke Village Plan, 2008 (0.4 MB)
26. Appendix F1: Parish Plan for Freshford, 2008 (20 MB)
27. Appendix G: Heart of Wessex Report (1.8 MB)
28. Appendix H: Shared Space in Freshford report (16.4 MB)
29. Appendix I: Getting About: People and Vehicles in Freshford (1.3 MB)
30. Appendix J: Limpley Stoke Housing Needs, 2009 (1.4 MB)
31. Appendix J1: Freshford Housing Needs, 2009 (1.4 MB)
32. Appendix J2: Limpley Stoke Housing Needs, 2011 (0.4 MB)
33. Appendix K: Freshford & Sharpstone Conservation Area Appraisal (2.5 MB)
34. Appendix L: Ownership of key Neighbourhood facilities (0.1 MB)
35. Appendix M: Freshford Village Memorial Hall Redevelopment (19.7 MB)
36. Appendix N: Cotswold AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines (0.8 MB)

Freshford and Limpley Stoke Area Designation

In late 2011 Freshford and Limpley Stoke Parish Councils decided to develop a joint Neighbourhood Plan under the terms of the Localism Act 2011, to provide a legal basis for residents to determine the future for their community. This project attracted considerable interest as the first Neighbourhood to span a county boundary - between B&NES and Wiltshire.

Freshford and Limpley Stoke parish councils applied to become a neighbourhood planning area. For the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan 'application pack' which contains all the designation documents and the Decision statement, please see: [Freshford and Limpley Stoke Application Pack](#)

The Freshford and Limpley Stoke neighbourhood planning area was designated on 30th October 2013.

Regulation 14 Consultation

Before submitting a Neighbourhood Plan to B&NES, a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group must publicise in an appropriate manner in the neighbourhood area:

- details of the proposals in a neighbourhood development plan
- details of where and when proposals for the neighbourhood development plan can be seen
- details of how to make representations
- the deadline for receipt of representations (minimum 6 week period)

This is a formal requirement under Regulation 14 of the neighbourhood planning regulations.

Freshford and Limpley Stoke Regulation 14 consultation

The Regulation 14 consultation documents is a summary of the comments made during the Regulation 14 consultation on the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan, which took place between 11th January-22nd February 2014.

Regulation 16 Consultation:

The Regulation 16 document is a summary, written by Officers at Bath and North East Somerset Council, of the comments made during the Regulation 16 consultation on the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan, which took place between 27th October-10th December 2014.

The summary was written to provide assistance to the Examiner and to allow anyone who wished to see some of the issues raised. It does not contain every point a consultee has made. The Examiner read the comments of each consultee in full.

This is a formal requirement under regulation 16 of the neighbourhood planning regulations.

Examination

Janet L Cheesley was appointed to examine the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Development Plan Proposal (or Neighbourhood Plan).

- [Report on the examination of the Freshford & Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan Report on the examination of the Freshford & Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan, 30 January 2015](#)

Following receipt of the examiner's report Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan was updated as requested by the Planning Examiner (as described in the Decision Statement below).

- [Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement](#)
- [Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan - Referendum Version, May 2015 \(6.2 MB\)](#)

Referendum

The Freshford & Limpley Stoke Referendum was held on Thursday 10th September 2015.

The question which was asked in the Referendum was: "Do you want Bath & North East Somerset Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Freshford & Limpley Stoke to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

The result was as follows:

- Yes = 319 votes (74%)
- No = 110 votes (26%)
- Turnout = 50.1% per cent
- [Declaration of Results \(Overall\)](#)
- [Notice of Results](#)