

## Consultations and Surveys (Local and National)

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Consultation	Description
<b>NO ADVERTISED DEADLINE</b>	
LOCAL  Hospital Discharge – BSW Together	<p>BSW Together, the NHS integrated care system for Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire is working towards improving how patients are discharged from hospitals.</p> <p>Getting people back home from hospital, or to another setting such as a care home, safely and in a way that is planned with both the patient and their family and friend carers (if relevant) is a priority for our health and care services. They want to ensure that the voices of patients, carers and the public are at the heart of our work and influence the design and delivery of services.</p> <p>BSW Together, which includes the acute hospitals in Salisbury, Bath and Swindon, wants to hear from people and their families who have recently experienced being discharged from a hospital.</p> <p>They are looking for people to participate in an online survey, or in person or online focus group to discuss their experiences of hospital discharge and to help inform the development of resources that will help the discharge process.</p> <p>For more information and to register your interest please complete the survey.</p> <p><a href="https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/FVN7BYZ">https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/FVN7BYZ</a></p> <p>There is no advertised closing date.</p>
LOCAL  Call for site proposals for development (HELAA) – B&NES	<p>Assessing the land which may be available for future development in our area is an important part of strategic planning. We regularly update our assessment of the supply of suitable land for certain sorts of development (known as the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, or HELAA).</p> <p>In order to involve local individuals and organisations in this process, we are making a public request to identify sites and broad locations within Bath and North East Somerset which may be suitable for the following types of development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing housing</li> <li>• Providing employment or similar economic development</li> <li>• Providing new settlements</li> </ul> <p>We will assess all proposed sites for their suitability, and this work will form part of the evidence base to inform the Local Plan.</p> <p><a href="https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-site-proposals-development-helaa">https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-site-proposals-development-helaa</a></p>

LOCAL  West of England Regional Strategy Refresh	<p>The Combined Authority was set up in 2017 to make decisions and investments that benefit people living and working in Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Their aim is to deliver economic growth for the region and address some of our challenges, such as productivity and skills, housing and transport.</p> <p>They are currently working on their new regional strategy and updated their economic evidence base. They would like input from people and organisations across the region to help them understand if there is other evidence which they should use to inform their strategy refresh.</p> <p>They would also like to hear from you if there are specific ideas you have for action that the region should take to build on our strengths and address our challenges.</p> <p><a href="https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/about-us/our-strategy/regional-strategy/">https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/about-us/our-strategy/regional-strategy/</a></p> <p>There is no advertised closing date.</p>
LOCAL  Call for Nature Sites – B&NES	<p>We are making a public request to identify landowners and leaseholders within Bath and North East Somerset with an interest in managing their land more positively for nature. This will allow us to build a picture of land available for enhancement and restoration, supporting our wider work to develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy.</p> <p>We will assess the information you submit to us and explore opportunities to contribute to nature's recovery.</p> <p><a href="https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-nature-sites">https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-nature-sites</a></p>
<b>MARCH 2024 DEADLINES</b>	
NATIONAL  Approach to siting new nuclear power stations beyond 2025 – Department for Energy Security & Net Zero	<p>The purpose of this consultation is to begin the process towards designating a new Nuclear National Policy Statement, applicable to nuclear power stations expected to deploy beyond 2025.</p> <p>Government have proposed some material updates to the existing policy for siting nuclear power stations have been proposed and would like views on the changes ahead of finalising the policy.</p> <p>This consultation focuses on the overall policy approach before a further formal consultation on the new draft National Policy Statement.</p> <p>This consultation closes on <b>10 March 2024</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/approach-to-siting-new-nuclear-power-stations-beyond-2025">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/approach-to-siting-new-nuclear-power-stations-beyond-2025</a></p>
LOCAL	<p>We intend to revoke the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) orders for Saltford (order 2013) and Keynsham (order 2010). We are asking</p>

Revocation of Air Quality Management Areas in Keynsham and Saltford – B&NES	<p>for your feedback on factors we should consider before we revoke the AQMAs.</p> <p>The deadline is <b>11 March 2024</b></p> <p><a href="https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/revocation-air-quality-management-areas-keynsham-and-saltford">https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/revocation-air-quality-management-areas-keynsham-and-saltford</a></p>
NATIONAL  Street works: fines and lane rental surplus funds consultation	<p>The Department for Transport has launched a consultation seeking views on proposals for reforms to street works legislation covering surplus lane rental funds, fixed penalty notices and weekend overruns.</p> <p>The consultation presents a series of reforms to street works regulations, which include:</p> <p>requiring at least 50% of any surplus lane rental funds to be spent on repairing potholes  raising the level of fixed penalty notices that can be issued for five street works offences  allowing overrun charges to apply at weekends and bank holidays</p> <p><b>The consultation closes on 11 March</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/street-works-fines-and-lane-rental-surplus-funds">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/street-works-fines-and-lane-rental-surplus-funds</a></p>
NATIONAL  Gender questioning children: draft schools and colleges guidance – Department for Education	<p>Government is seeking views on their draft non-statutory guidance for schools and colleges about children questioning their gender.</p> <p>The proposed draft aims to provide guidance and practical support for schools and colleges, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supporting children who are questioning their gender</li> <li>• protecting children from bullying or abuse</li> <li>• maintaining child safety and wellbeing</li> </ul> <p>This consultation closes on <b>12 March 2024</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/gender-questioning-children-draft-schools-and-colleges-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/gender-questioning-children-draft-schools-and-colleges-guidance</a></p>
NATIONAL  Martyn's Law: standard tier consultation – The Home Office	<p>‘Martyn’s Law’ will place a requirement on those responsible for certain venues to consider the threat from terrorism and implement appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures.</p> <p>Under the proposed law, premises will be considered ‘standard tier’, meaning they have capacity of 100-799 or ‘enhanced tier’, with a capacity of 800 or more.</p> <p>The consultation is seeking views to make sure the new requirements do not place undue burdens on smaller businesses, while still protecting the public. It particularly seeks views from those responsible for smaller premises, especially those in the community and voluntary sector.</p>

	<p>The Home Office is encouraging relevant organisations to join the webinar to discuss the Standard Tier consultation and hear an overview of what the proposals might mean for their organisation.</p> <p>The consultation can be found here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/martyns-law-standard-tier-consultation">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/martyns-law-standard-tier-consultation</a></p> <p>The deadline is <b>18 March 2024</b>.</p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Brownfield sites planning consultation</p>	<p>The government has announced that councils in England will need to prioritise brownfield developments.</p> <p>The bar for refusing brownfield plans will also be made higher for those not reaching their locally agreed housebuilding targets. Planning authorities in England's 20 largest cities and towns will need to follow a 'brownfield presumption', if housebuilding drops below expected levels. This will make it easier to get permission to build on previously developed brownfield sites.</p> <p>A consultation on these proposals launched on 13 February and will run until <b>Tuesday 26 March</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-planning-policy-for-brownfield-development">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-planning-policy-for-brownfield-development</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Consultation on reforms to social housing allocations - Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities</p>	<p>The consultation seeks views from the public, councils, social housing tenants and providers on a range of reforms to how social housing is allocated in England, including to eligibility and qualification criteria, as well as proposals for the social housing waiting list and grounds for eviction.</p> <p>The deadline is <b>26 March 2024</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-reforms-to-social-housing-allocations">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-reforms-to-social-housing-allocations</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>The Future Homes and Buildings Standards: 2023 consultation extended - DLUHC</p>	<p>The government has extended the deadline to respond to a set of consultations on future building standards by three weeks.</p> <p>A new deadline of <b>27 March</b> has been set for three consultations. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Home Energy Model</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Home Energy Model: Future Homes Standard assessment</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Future Homes and Buildings Standards</a></li> </ul> <p>The decision to extend was made after an issue with the consultation version Home Energy Model software was identified.</p> <p>Anyone who has already responded has been notified of the issue and is being encouraged to resubmit the affected part of their response.</p>

	Those who have not yet responded are also encouraged to contribute.
NATIONAL  Alcohol licensing: age verification consultation	<p>On 24 January, the government launched a consultation seeking views on whether to allow digital identities and technology to play a role in age verification for alcohol sales. It also seeks views on whether to amend legislation to specify that for sales of alcohol that do not take place face-to-face, age verification should take place at the point of delivery, as well as sale.</p> <p>The Licensing Act 2003 ('the act') covers the retail sale and supply of alcohol. One of the licensing objectives that the act seeks to uphold is the protection of children from harm, meaning that alcohol must not be sold to someone under 18.</p> <p><b>The consultation closes on 30 March.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/alcohol-licensing-age-verification">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/alcohol-licensing-age-verification</a></p>
<b>APRIL 2024 DEADLINES</b>	
NATIONAL  Competence and conduct standard for social housing – Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	<p>The government is consulting on its proposals to introduce a new, regulatory standard relating to the competence and conduct of social housing staff. This standard will require senior managers and executives to have, or be working towards, a relevant qualification. It will ensure that staff have up-to-date skills, knowledge and experience, and that they exhibit the right behaviours to deliver a high quality, professional service and treat residents with respect.</p> <p>This consultation closes on <b>2 April 2024.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/competence-and-conduct-standard-for-social-housing-consultation">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/competence-and-conduct-standard-for-social-housing-consultation</a></p>
LOCAL  Local Plan Options Document – B&NES	<p>The Local Plan is an important statutory document used for decision making on development and the use of land. When it adopted, it will form the basis for determining planning applications until 2042 (ie setting out where land is allocated for housing, employment etc). So, it's really important to get involved at this stage and have your say. <a href="#">Read more on the press release.</a></p> <p>A consultation opened on 12 February and will run for eight weeks until <b>8 April</b>. You can respond <a href="#">on the council website</a>.</p> <p>There are a couple of remaining opportunities to find out more before responding</p> <p>There is a webinar taking place on <b>11 March 2024 between 5pm and 6.30pm</b>. This will largely focus on Bath and the Bathavon Area (the parished area around the City) but all are welcome. <a href="#">Find out more and register.</a></p> <p>There is also a <b>drop in session at Farrington Gurney Village Hall BS39 6TY on 13 March 2024, 3pm - 7pm</b></p>

	<p>You can find a series of <a href="#">helpful videos on our YouTube Channel</a>.</p> <p>The consultation closes on <b>8 April 2024</b></p> <p><a href="https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/local-plan-options-consultation">https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/local-plan-options-consultation</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Changes to Permitted Development Rights - DLUHC</p>	<p>DLUHC has launched a consultation seeking views on changes to several existing permitted development rights that allow for householder development, building upwards to create new homes, the demolition of certain buildings and rebuild as homes, electric vehicle charge points and air source heat pumps.</p> <p>The consultation closes on <b>9 April 2024</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation</a></p>
<p>B&amp;NES Council Consultations</p>	<p>Visit our website for the latest consultations:</p> <p><a href="https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/current-consultations">https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/current-consultations</a></p> <p>Do also visit our newsroom for the latest press releases as these often promote consultations:</p> <p><a href="https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news">https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news</a></p> <p>B&amp;NES Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) can be found here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/roadworks/permanent-traffic-order-notice">https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/roadworks/permanent-traffic-order-notice</a></p>