

Consultations and Surveys (Local and National)

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Consultation	Description
NO ADVERTISED DEADLINE	
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>Hospital Discharge – BSW Together</p>	<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>https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/FVN7BYZ</p> <p>There is no advertised closing date.</p>
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>Call for site proposals for development (HELAA) – B&NES</p>	<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"> • Providing housing • Providing employment or similar economic development • Providing new settlements <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>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-site-proposals-development-helaa</p>

<p>LOCAL</p> <p>West of England Regional Strategy Refresh</p>	<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>https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/about-us/our-strategy/regional-strategy/</p> <p>There is no advertised closing date.</p>
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>Call for Nature Sites – B&NES</p>	<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>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-nature-sites</p>
MAY 2024 DEADLINES	
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>SEND Home to School Travel policy review consultation – B&NES</p>	<p>School travel support eligibility for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Bath and North East Somerset is under review.</p> <p>Parents and carers are being asked for their views on an updated policy to support the best way for pupils to travel to and from school.</p> <p>Bath & North East Somerset Council is consulting on a review of its SEND Home to School Travel Policy to clarify eligibility criteria and make travel support choices clearer for families, in response to new government guidance published last year.</p> <p>Around 520 children and young people with SEND in B&NES currently receive home to school travel support which costs the council £4.3million per year.</p> <p>This includes many children who travel to school and other educational establishments using taxis, which in some cases are costing more than £300 a day, per child.</p>

	<p>The council has not reviewed its policy for travel arrangements since 2016. The proposals aim to ensure that support offered to children with SEND is applied fairly and bring it into line with that offered by other local authorities.</p> <p>Children may be eligible for support under the new policy if they are attending the nearest suitable school, cannot walk even when accompanied and have a medical condition that affects travel. Each child would be assessed for eligibility on an individual basis.</p> <p>There would also be more guidance on how families can get the most out of personal travel budgets, including shared travel with other parents or paying for escorts.</p> <p>The council has written to parents and carers who currently receive SEND Home to School Travel support with information about the consultation and how to get involved.</p> <p>If approved in a single member decision later this year, the new criteria would begin to be applied from September 2024.</p> <p>The consultation relates only to SEND travel support and the new policy will not affect the council’s mainstream and post-16 travel policies. These policies can be found on the school transport webpage.</p> <p>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/send-travel-consultation</p> <p>The deadline is 7 May 2024.</p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Call for Evidence - Restricting the generation of surplus funds from traffic contraventions</p>	<p>In the Plan for Drivers, the Secretary of State for Transport announced action to address concerns about councils generating surpluses from issuing penalty charge notices (PCNs) for contraventions of moving traffic restrictions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no entry • no left or right turn • prohibited vehicles • unlawful entry into box junctions • driving in mandatory cycle lanes <p>These enforcement powers help free up police time while helping councils to reduce traffic congestion. However, enforcement should be undertaken proportionately and not used as a means to raise revenue.</p> <p>This call for evidence aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gather evidence of current practice to inform possible policy proposals • explore options for restricting a local authority’s ability to generate surpluses from traffic contraventions. <p>The call for evidence closes on 11 May.</p>

	https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/restricting-the-generation-of-surplus-funds-from-traffic-contraventions
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>Have your say on nature recovery in your area - WECA</p>	<p>Add your comments to the interactive map and fill out a survey to help shape the Local Nature Recovery Toolkit, which will set local priorities and map 'focus areas' where action to help nature will have the biggest impact.</p> <p>The toolkit will act as the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for the West of England Combined Authority.</p> <p>You have until 14 May 2024 to take part.</p> <p>https://naturerecoverywest.co.uk</p>
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>CIL funding applications consultation – B&NES</p>	<p>We are asking you to help us decide which shortlisted projects should receive funding from the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath. The CiL is a charge which is payable for some new building developments, to be spent on projects which benefit the community.</p> <p>Public consultation on which projects you think most deserve funding is a required part of our decision-making process when allocating CIL money.</p> <p>You have until 28 May 2024 to take part.</p> <p>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/cil-funding-applications-consultation</p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Ofsted's 'Big Listen' consultation</p>	<p>On 21 March, the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) extended its Big Listen consultation to hear directly from children, seeking their views on how Ofsted can improve.</p> <p>The consultation gives children (up to age 18) the chance to tell Ofsted what they think inspectors should look at when they visit their school or social care setting.</p> <p>The children's consultation aligns with the main Big Listen consultation, which opened on 8 March for parents, carers and professionals working in education and social care.</p> <p>Both consultations close on 31 May.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen</p>
OCTOBER 2024 DEADLINES	
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>New Sydney Place and Sydney Road through-traffic restriction trial: Public consultation – B&NES</p>	<p>Have your say on the new through-traffic restriction trial on Sydney Road at its junction with New Sydney Place.</p> <p>The trial is being installed from 2 to 15 April under an experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO) for a minimum of six months, during which time we will also monitor any traffic and air quality impacts.</p>

	<p>We recommend that you respond to this consultation after it's been installed, and after you have experienced the trial for several weeks.</p> <p>The consultation closes on 3 October 2024.</p> <p>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/sydneyroadETRO</p>
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>Somer Valley Enterprise Zone: Revised statutory consultation on modifications to Local Development Order (Planning Reference: 23/00076/LDO) – B&NES</p>	<p>We are asking for your views on our proposal for a Local Development Order (LDO), and supporting documents, for the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone (SVEZ), a commercial mixed-use development on the edge of Midsomer Norton. Use this page to support you to access the documentation we are submitting, and to understand the context, history and wider aims of the project.</p> <p>The process of applying for an LDO takes place via our local Planning Register, and you can comment on the proposal and associated documents, like any other planning application. The LDO is now on the B&NES Planning Register, with a reference number of 23/00076/LDO.</p> <p>The deadline is 20 October 2024</p> <p>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/somer-valley-enterprise-zone-revised-statutory-consultation-modifications-local-development-order</p>
<p>B&NES Council Consultations</p>	<p>Visit our website for the latest consultations:</p> <p>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/current-consultations</p> <p>Do also visit our newsroom for the latest press releases as these often promote consultations:</p> <p>https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news</p> <p>B&NES Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/roadworks/permanent-traffic-order-notice</p>