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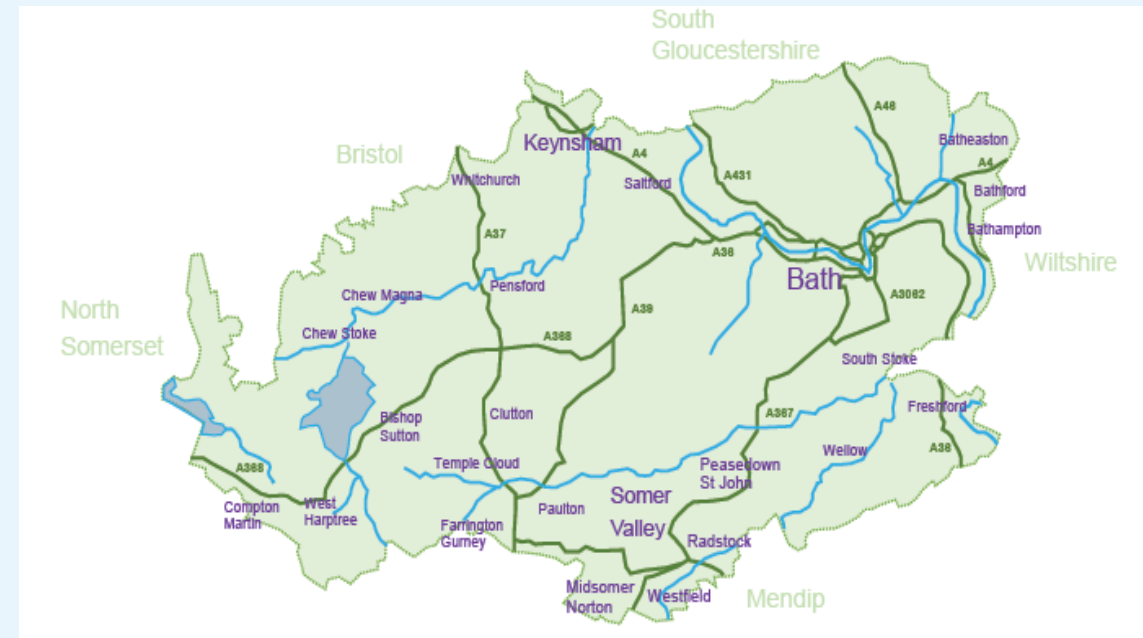
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Chew Valley Area Forum  
Local Plan Update & Next Steps

# The new Local Plan

- Sets out the planning framework for the next 20 years
- Spatial priorities and strategy, site allocations and Development Management policies
- Reflects corporate priorities, relevant evidence and strategies, recent consultations and stakeholder engagement.



# Local Plan Process/Programme



# Rural Area Stakeholder Workshops – 12<sup>th</sup> & 23rd Jan 2023

## Key values/issues & priorities

- Attractive countryside, landscape quality & beauty
- Strong community ethos & identity
- Richness/variety of wildlife
- Character of villages
- The local heritage
- Recreational opportunities – access to countryside/green space
- Need for affordable housing plus downsizing



# Evidence

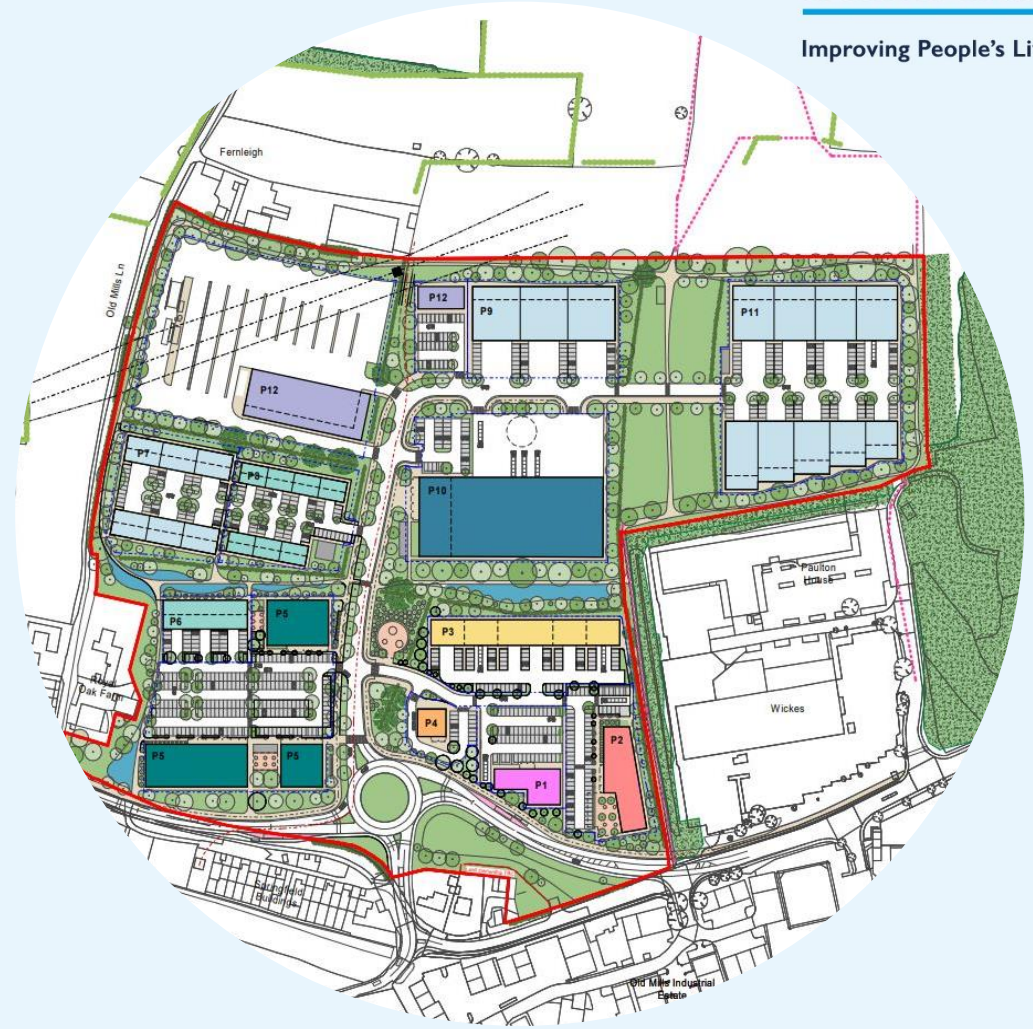
- **Local Housing Needs Assessment (LHNA)**
  - Identify the overall level of housing need: standard method figure = 725 per annum for B&NES
  - More detailed work:
    - Breakdown of housing need by dwelling size, type and tenure (including different types of affordable housing and First Homes)
    - Housing accessibility
    - Need for different forms of older persons housing





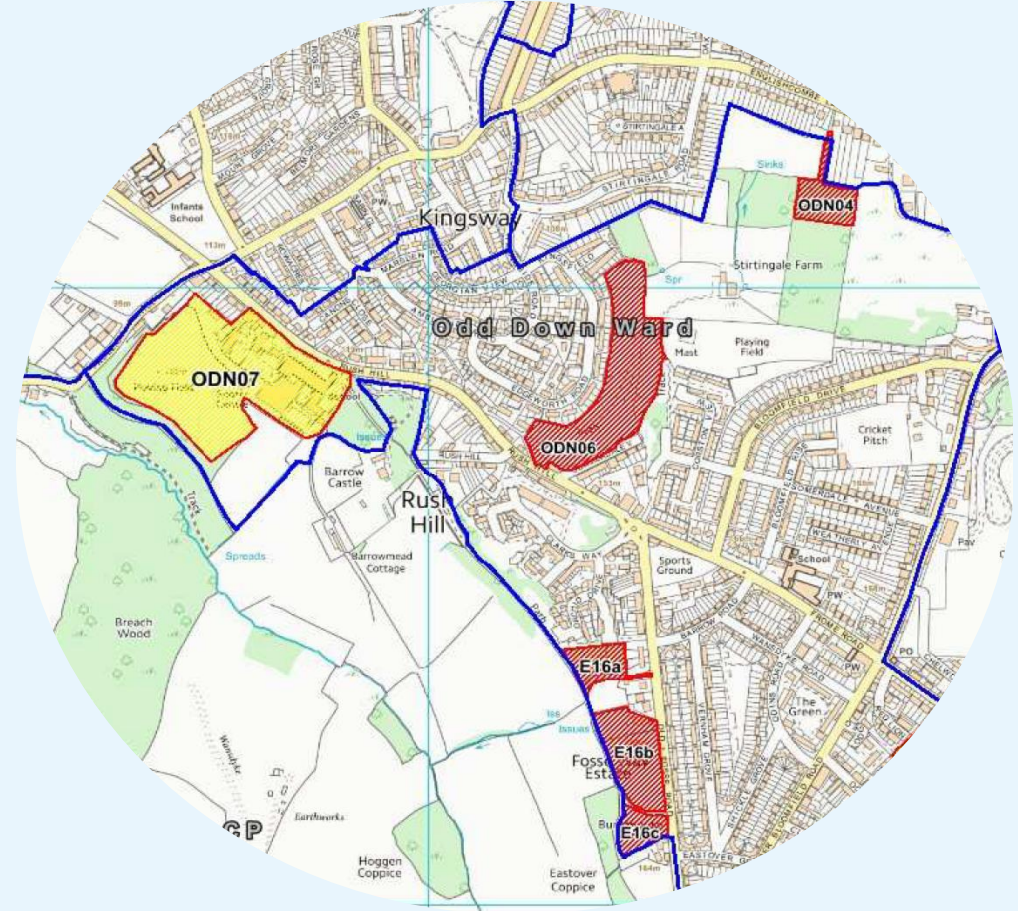
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- **Economic growth and office and industrial market assessment**
  - Assessment of future growth of different economic sectors and resultant demand for different types of employment space
  - Review of current supply of office, industrial and other types of employment space (monitor impacts/effectiveness of the current strategy and policies)



# Evidence

- **Housing & Employment Land Availability Assessment**
  - Call for sites – landowners/developers communities submit potential sites
  - Technical assessment of suitability, availability and achievability
  - Informs spatial strategy/identification of potential sites (options) to meet housing requirement



# Evidence

## **District-wide, includes:**

- Renewable energy potential/strategy
- Green Spaces Strategy and Local Green Spaces
- Visitor Accommodation
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment update

...and more

## **Place specific, includes:**

- Facilities audit/transport accessibility
- Place profiles



## Next steps

- Place based community representatives/stakeholders' workshop later in July and September
  - *Confirm issues & priorities – place vision*
  - *B&NES strategies/wider context*
  - *Evidence update*
  - *Identify & discuss potential opportunities (HELAA sites)*
- Generated options will then be assessed
- Evidence work to be completed
- Options document prepared for consultation

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