

Bath & North East Somerset Core Strategy Consultation

The "Core Strategy" will help guide development in the district over the next 20 years and beyond. It covers all aspect of planning. The full consultation document includes policy proposals on **renewable energy targets, energy efficiency standards for new buildings, and improving the efficiency of old ones.**



YOUR VIEWS ARE WANTED!

To help Timsbury residents, the *Environmental Sustainability Group* (set up in response to the Village Plan consultation) has made available below (thanks to the Postmaster, Sanjeev Pun):

- 1. A Bath & NES leaflet "*Why should you comment on the Core Strategy Options?*"**
- 2. A guidance sheet**
- 3. A response form**

Please take copies and **send your response form** to

Planning Policy team, Bath & N.E. Somerset Council,
Trimbridge House, Trim Street, Bath, BA1 2DP

to arrive by 11th December 2009

or deposit in the box in the Post Office by 10th December 2009

Timsbury Environmental Sustainability Group

Guidance sheet – separate Response Form provided for answers

QUESTION DW6: Do you agree with the [district-wide renewable energy] targets suggested by the research or should we aim for higher targets?

The Government has accepted scientific advice that a 75% reduction of carbon emissions between 2010 and 2050 is essential to keep global warming within a "safe" limit of 2 °C. Renewable targets termed "*targets suggested by the research*" in DW6 would only reduce district-wide CO₂ emissions by around 6%. However the same research also showed that *higher targets were technically feasible* which would give a 28% CO₂ emissions reduction.

QUESTION DW8: Do you think a local policy should be developed to support retro-fitting?

Energy costs are likely to rise very considerably, making domestic energy saving increasingly attractive. Several government projections suggest more than a doubling of oil prices between 2005 and 2020.

- Many old building are incredible inefficient, losing much of the heat put into them through walls, floors, roof and windows. Great improvements can often be made by "retro-fitting"

QUESTION DW9: Do you agree with the targets [for on-site renewable energy generation] suggested by the Research?

Renewable energy generation is easiest to provide when buildings are actually being constructed. The "research" suggests renewable energy should be provided to reduce carbon emissions by 20%, however a 75% reduction between 2010 and 2050 is required to keep global warming within a "safe" limit.

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QUESTION DW10: Do you agree with the threshold (10 dwellings) [above which developers should have to apply the on-site renewable energy generation targets]?

It is easier to provide local renewable energy for larger developments, but should there be targets (perhaps different) for smaller developments?

QUESTION DW11: Do you agree that major development should meet higher targets than national standard?

It is already possible to build "zero carbon" houses, which do not require internal heat sources: these not only cut emissions, but save on increasing heating costs.

- Government Regulations do not require this standard to be met for new buildings until 2016 (residential) or 2019 (non-residential). Should local regulation be better, requiring "zero carbon" building now, or at least, much sooner than 2016?

QUESTION DW12: Do you agree with the threshold or should it be lower? [i.e. what constitutes a major development]

The suggestion is that these better regulations for "zero carbon" should only apply to "major developments": should they apply to all developments?

QUESTION DW13: Should the [sustainability] Checklist be required as part of planning applications?

Sustainability checklists help the developers and the planners to see whether all appropriate aspects of sustainability are considered in a proposed development.

Response form

Name:

Address:

Signature:

Date:

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Either

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