

ABBOTS LEIGH AND PILL/EASTON IN GORDANO NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1 What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

- Community led framework for guiding long-term development of the area.
- Must offer future vision for the area
- Becomes part of the statutory planning framework.
- Must reflect planning policies for the area.
- Must address housing needs, sustainability.
- Must be based on good evidence.
- North Somerset Council must give support in preparation of plan.
- Must have wide consultation – residents, businesses.
- Must be formally agreed by local community by referendum

2 What are the main Issues and challenges?

- Reduce traffic and congestion (overloaded A 369).
- Meet local housing need.
- Avoid development sprawl and merging of local villages.
- Sustain open spaces and environment (maintain Green Belt).
- Support community cohesion/activity (local jobs, services, community groups).

3 Topics to be covered

- Housing – local need as shown by housing survey; housing land supply.
- Movement - road use, public transport, cycling, pedestrians; safety; isolation/accessibility.
- Employment – Business, Retail, Developers, Farms, Garden centres, self employed; working at home;
- Environment – open space, woodland, verges, wildlife.
- Community – community groups.
- Heritage and Culture – local history.

Also Education and training, Health, Leisure, Local Services, Communication

4 What happens next?

- Agreement to main issues and challenges
- Demographic and socio-economic profile
- Confirm land use and planning policy background
- Work on topics to be covered by interested individuals or groups
- Consult main agencies, statutory bodies etc.
- Community wide consultation on findings to date (autumn)
- Prepare draft Neighbourhood Plan
- Consult community and NSC on Plan (Spring 2018??)
- Submit to NSC and Inspector for approval
- Referendum on approved plan

5 How is it being prepared?

- Joint Plan between Abbots Leigh and Pill/Easton in Gordano
- Distinct communities but shared concerns
- Small management team from Parish Councils
- Involvement of communities