



South Somerset District Council is publishing Proposed Main Modifications to the Proposed Submission South Somerset Local Plan 2006 - 2028 for a 6 week period of consultation **beginning on 28 November 2013 and ending at 4.45 pm on 10 January 2014.**

The Proposed Main Modifications, Sustainability Appraisal, Equality Analysis, Habitats Regulations Assessment and further evidence (the Consultation Documents) are available to view online at: www.southsomerset.gov.uk/proposedmainmods (this link will work from 9am on 28 November 2013). Comments can be made:

- Online by visiting www.southsomerset.gov.uk/proposedmainmods (this link will work from 9am on 28 November 2013)
- By emailing comments to planning.policy@southsomerset.gov.uk
- By sending comments to the Spatial Policy Team, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, BA20 2HT.

Copies of the Consultation Documents can also be found in libraries across the district and at the following Council offices:

- Brympton Way, Yeovil, BA20 2HT (Mon to Thurs 8.30am to 5.15pm, 4.45pm on Fri)
- Churchfield, Wincanton, BA9 9AG (Mon to Thurs 9am to 5pm, 4.45pm on Fri)
- Holyrood Lace Mill, Chard, TA20 2YA (Mon to Thurs 9am to 5pm, 4.45pm on Fri)
- Petters House, Yeovil, BA20 1AS (Mon to Thurs 9am to 5pm, 4.45pm on Fri)

A number of informal 'drop in' sessions are being held where all are welcome to come along and discuss the Proposed Main Modifications with District Council Officers:

- Yeovil Market (Bandstand), 29th November 2013, 10.00am until 2.30pm
- The Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, 2nd December, 2013, 4.00pm until 6.30pm
- The Shrubbery, Ilminster, 3rd December 2013, 4.00pm until 7.30pm
- The Town Hall, Wincanton, 4th December 2013, 4.00pm until 7.30pm
- The Market House, Castle Cary, 18th December 2013, 4.00pm until 7.30pm
- Long Sutton Village Hall, 4th December 2013, 4.00pm until 7.30pm

The Proposed Main Modifications address the issues raised by the Local Plan Examination Inspector in his Preliminary Findings of 3 July 2013:

In summary the modifications proposed are:

- Yeovil Sustainable Urban Extension - remove reference in plan to 2500 dwellings being required (within and post plan period), and use 1565 dwellings as the identified greenfield housing need, as the basis for directions of growth for Yeovil.
- Include second Sustainable Urban Extension site to the North East (Primrose Lane / Mudford).
- Ilminster – deletion of Direction of Growth to South East of town (Shudrick Valley) and replacement with Direction of Growth to South West (Canal Way).
- SS3 Delivering New Employment Land – amendments to the additional employment land provision required for Wincanton, the Local Market Towns Rural Centres and Rural Settlements:

Settlement	Proposed Submission South Somerset Local Plan: additional employment land provision required	Proposed Main Modification: additional employment land provision required	Difference
Wincanton	5 hectares	4.38 hectares	- 0.62 hectares
Somerton	3 hectares	5.07 hectares	+ 2.07 hectares
Ansford / Castle Cary	3 hectares	8.9 hectares	+ 5.9 hectares
Langport / Huish Episcopi	3 hectares	3.67 hectares	+ 0.67 hectares
Bruton	2 hectares	2.5 hectares	+ 0.5 hectares
Ilchester	2 hectares	1 hectare	- 1 hectare
Martock & Bower Hinton	2 hectares	1.74 hectares	- 0.26 hectares
Milborne Port	2 hectares	0.8 hectares	- 1.2 hectares
South Petherton	2 hectares	0.66 hectares	- 1.34 hectares
Stoke Sub Hamdon	2 hectares	1.09 hectare	- 0.91 hectares
Rural Settlements	4.5 hectares	6.13 hectares	+1.63 hectares

- SS3 Delivering New Employment Land – introduction of interim guidance on how applications for growth in employment land is determined in Market Towns and Rural Centres prior to adoption of the proposed Site Allocations Development Plan Document (to follow adoption of this Local Plan) (whilst not raised as a concern by the Inspector it is a consequence of his concern expressed in relation to Policy SS5 Delivering new Housing Growth).
- SS5 Delivering New Housing growth – introduction of interim guidance on how applications for housing growth are determined in Market Towns and Rural Centres prior to adoption of the proposed Site Allocations Development Plan Document (to follow adoption of this Local Plan).
- Wincanton Housing growth – provision for review of housing requirement in the event of early build out of current proposed provision.
- A further proposed Main Modification has arisen from the publication of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment Update 2013 which now provides revised pitch (and plots for Travelling Showpeople) requirements covering the period to 2028 (Policy HG7: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople).
- In addition to the above a **minor modification** is proposed to remove reference to non-statutory plans from Local Plan policies PMT2, HW1 and HG5.

These Proposed Main Modifications require in consequence a series of associated changes to policy wording, supporting text, and in some instances to proposals maps.

Should you wish to make representations on the soundness of the Proposed Main Modifications, you **must** submit your representations within the six week consultation period.

Comments may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- (i) the submission of the local plan for examination,
- (ii) the publication of the recommendations of the Inspector, and
- (iii) the adoption of the local plan.

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