

Monthly Planning Update for Backwell Parish Council

April 2023

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North Somerset Executive and Council Meetings

There have been no Council or Executive meetings in April due to the pre-election period.

NSC Local Plan 2038

There has been no progress since February. It remains the case that the revised local development scheme and revised timetable has not yet been published and there is unlikely to be any publications prior to the local elections.

Emerging Planning Policies

The Council is currently consulting on a Gypsy and Travellers Call for Sites. The consultation closes on 9th May 2023.

NSC Stakeholder Workshops

No workshops this month.

Government planning policy updates

At the Levelling Up Select Committee on 24th April the Housing Minister, Rachael Maclean was not prepared to give any timescale for issuing a new version of the National Planning Policy Framework. Following consultation on the National Planning Policy Prospectus earlier in the year, the Government is currently working through the 26,000 consultation response received. She also mentioned that there are other consultations still ongoing which are relevant to the final policy decisions on the planning policy reform. The Chair of the Select Committee suggested that there could be a significant level of uncertainty over the next two years whilst the planning system is reformed.

Link to Select Committee below:

<https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/d113b719-3001-41ad-86e4-79f3ba012fd8>

Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill updates

No further updates.