REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
RESPONSE FORM

Beckington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14

Your opinion matters

Beckington Parish Council is consulting on the draft Beckington Parish Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. We are inviting comments on all parts of the Draft Plan.

This statutory consultation runs for 6 weeks from 4 November 2026 to 16 December 2026 and seeks to ensure that the community and key stakeholders have had the opportunity to review and comment on the emerging Draft Plan.

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision and shape the development and growth of their local area. Neighbourhood Plans allow residents to have a voice in local planning for new homes, facilities and infrastructure. The Plan can only be formally adopted following a process of consultation, examination, and public referendum. Once adopted, it will hold legal weight in deciding planning applications.

The draft Beckington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The draft Beckington Parish Neighbourhood Plan presents a vision for the sustainable evolution of Beckington Parish up to 2045. The Draft Plan covers a wide range of issues that will influence the well-being, sustainability and long-term conservation and improvement of the community. It recommends where future housing might go.

The Draft Plan and its evidence base will be available to view from November 4th on the Neighbourhood Plan website at https://www.beckingtonplan.co.uk/

For those without internet access, a copy of the Draft Plan will be available from November 4th at The Bell in Standerwick, The Full Moon in Rudge and The Woolpack in Beckington.

Please read the Information Pack

Before filling in this response form please do read the Information Booklet that was delivered at the same time as this form. This details the content of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

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How to submit comments

The Parish Council welcomes your comments which should be submitted, preferably electronically, using the link at the Neighbourhood Plan website: https://www.beckingtonplan.co.uk

Alternatively, you can return a completed copy of this Response Form through the letterbox at Beckington Cottage, 20 Frome Road, Beckington, BA11 6TD.

All members of a household are encouraged to respond individually. The deadline for comments is 16 December 2026 at 11.59pm. Please note that anonymous comments cannot be accepted.

Additional copies of the questionnaire can be downloaded and printed from the Neighbourhood Plan website at https://www.beckingtonplan.co.uk/

At the end of the consultation period, the Parish Council will review the responses and use them to amend the Draft Plan if necessary. A revised Plan and supporting documentation will then be submitted to Somerset Council for a further round of consultation (known as Regulation 16) prior to formal examination of the Plan.

If you have any questions, please email neighbourhoodplan@beckington-pc.gov.uk or message 07564 115515 and a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will get in touch.

How we will use your information

A summary of all comments received will be made publicly available, but respondents' names and contact details will be redacted. Comments submitted by organisations will be identifiable by organisation name and organisation type.

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IMPORTANT DATA PROTECTION / GDPR NOTICE

Personal information provided will be handled in accordance with the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal contact details will not be published or made publicly available. Personal information may, however, be shared where necessary for the administration of the Neighbourhood Plan, or where permitted or required by law.

Anonymous comments cannot be accepted.

1 Full name _____

2 Email (if applicable) _____

3 Postal address incl post code _____

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4 In what capacity are you responding to this consultation? *Please tick all that apply*

- ◯ Local Resident
- ◯ Local Business Owner
- ◯ Landowner / Developer
- ◯ Statutory Consultee (eg. Historic England)
- ◯ Other (please specify)
- ◯ None of these

Other please specify: _____

5 The Plan period for the Neighbourhood Plan is 2025 to 2045 to coincide with the emerging Somerset Local Plan. Do you support the Plan period?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

If no, please provide an alternative end date for the Plan period and state your reasons why this date would be more appropriate _____

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Vision and Objectives

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Beckington Parish will be a thriving, friendly and inclusive rural local community and a tranquil and attractive place to live, work and visit. The historic rural setting and rich traditional character of Beckington village, the hamlet of Rudge and part of Standerwick will have been conserved retaining their unique charm.

New sustainable housing development will have met local requirements promoting our development as a compact and sustainable community.

The parish will increasingly recognise the impact of climate change and the need for sustainable upgrades and environmental solutions.

Do you agree with the overall Vision statement set out in Section 4 of the Draft Plan?

◯ Yes ◯ No

Do you have any comments regarding the Vision or core Objectives of the Draft Plan?

Neighbourhood Plan Policies

The draft Neighbourhood Plan includes 9 policies:

1. Policy HE – Heritage and Historic Environment
2. Policy EP – Environmental Protection and Sustainability
3. Policy AT – Active Travel
4. Policy LGS – Local Green Space
5. Policy PV – Protected Views
6. Policy BPL – Beckington Protected Landscape
7. Policy HM – Housing Mix
8. Policy HD – Housing Design
9. Policy HA – Housing Allocation

Landscape, Built Environment, Character and Heritage Policies

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Policy HE – Heritage and Historic Environment

Seeks to ensure that change within the Beckington Neighbourhood Plan Area is managed so that the special character of the built environment of the Neighbourhood Area is identified, conserved and enhanced for the future.

○ Agree ○ Disagree

Do you have any comments regarding Policy HE?

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Policy EP – Environmental Protection and Sustainability

Seeks to ensure that new development that comes forward within the Beckington Neighbourhood Area contributes to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment and does not have a negative impact.

○ Agree ○ Disagree

Do you have any comments regarding Policy EP?

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Policy AT – Active Travel

Seeks to encourage further active travel (e.g. walking, cycling, riding) by those living and working in the Beckington Neighbourhood Plan Area. The policy seeks to ensure that new development protects and enhances the existing active travel corridors and links any new development to the existing network.

○ Agree ○ Disagree

Do you have any comments regarding Policy AT?

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Policy LGS - Local Green Space

The designation of Local Green Spaces that are demonstrably special to the local community and hold particular local significance will help to safeguard their openness, historic and landscape value over the lifetime of the Plan and beyond.

○ Agree ○ Disagree

Do you have any comments regarding Policy LGS?

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Policy PV – Protected Views

Seeks to protect six views that contribute significantly to the character and feel of the Beckington Neighbourhood Plan Area.

○ Agree ○ Disagree

Do you have any comments regarding Policy PV?

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Policy BPL - Beckington Protected Landscape

Seeks to manage change and identify landscape policy opportunities so that the special character of Beckington village and its environs and natural environment is identified, conserved and enhanced for the future.

○ Agree ○ Disagree

Do you have any comments regarding Policy BPL?

Housing Development, Design Objectives and Site Allocation Policies

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Policy HM – Housing Mix

Seeks to ensure that housing Proposals deliver a balance of different housing types and sizes to meet the identified local housing need.

○ Agree ○ Disagree

Do you have any comments regarding Policy HM?

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Policy HD – Housing Design

Seeks to ensure that the design of any new development that is proposed in the Beckington Neighbourhood Plan Area, reflects the character of the area, is of high quality design and does not negatively impact on the Beckington Neighbourhood Plan Area. In addition the policy also seeks to ensure that the design of new development provides for environmental sustainability.

○ Agree ○ Disagree

Do you have any comments regarding Policy HD?

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Site Allocation Policies

It is the intention of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to allocate these sites to meet the balance of the housing requirement over the period 2025-2045.

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Policy HA1.1 – Land North of the Warminster Road (BNDP SA36).
The site measures 0.62 hectares. Based on an indicative density of 25 dwellings per hectare for an edge of settlement site, this could provide up to 19 dwellings to contribute to the balance of the indicative requirement of 95 new homes between 2025 and 2045.

◯ Support ◯ Do not support

Do you have any comments regarding Policy HA1.1?

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Policy HA1.2 - Land between the Warminster Road and A36 (BNDP SA7).
The developable area (excluding the woodland) has been calculated at 2.1 hectares. Based on an indicative density of 25 dwellings per hectare for an edge of settlement site, this could provide up to 53 dwellings to contribute to the balance of the indicative requirement of 95 new homes between 2025 and 2045.

◯ Support ◯ Do not support

Do you have any comments regarding Policy HA1.2?

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Policy HA2 – Windfall and speculative sites

Windfall and speculative sites will be considered providing that they contribute to the housing requirement.

○ Agree ○ Disagree

Do you have any comments regarding Policy HA2?

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Do you have any other comments on the policies? Please ensure you state which policy your comments relate to.



19 Do you have any other comments on the Draft Plan? Please indicate which section of the Plan you are referring to.

20 If you would like to attach any document to this questionnaire, please provide details here:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

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Additional Comments

Please use this page to provide any comments that you feel are relevant and important for this survey.