

Norton St Philip Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation



Pre submission Draft for Community and Statutory Bodies Consultation (under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning(General)Regulations 2012

In accordance with Neighbourhood Planning Regulation 14, Norton St Philip Parish Council (PC) is undertaking a public consultation on its Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan and is inviting comments from organisations and individuals.

The public consultation runs from 12th May 2023 until 25th June 2023.

All comments will be made publicly available on the Neighbourhood Plan website after the consultation period. Comments submitted by individuals will be anonymous on publication. Comments submitted by organisations will be identifiable by organisation name and organisation type. All other personal information provided will be protected according to the Data Protection Act 2018 and will not be made available online or otherwise.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan for NSP

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan was first adopted by Norton St Philip Parish Council in December 2018 and sent for Referendum by Mendip District Council in September 2019. This further Regulation 14 consultation is to provide the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan that has been amended and updated since the first consultation that took place in 2018. Comments and representations that were received at that time have been taken into account and have helped in the preparation of this amended version.

The PC is now seeking to progress the Draft Plan to Parish Referendum.

The Plan contains a vision for the parish along with a set of aims, planning policies and proposals directed at achieving the vision. The planning policies within the plan seek to protect the character and meet the needs of the parish, with policies guiding new housing development, as well as protection and enhancement policies relating to the green environment (including Local Green Spaces) and the built environment. A summary of the Policies contained in the Plan is below.

Following this consultation, the Plan will be reviewed in the light of comments received, and if necessary amended. It will then be submitted to Somerset Council for further consultation and subsequent Examination by an independent Examiner.

If the plan passes Examination and is subsequently sent to Referendum by Somerset Council, a Parish referendum will be held. If the plan receives a majority vote it will then become part of the statutory process for the consideration and determination of planning applications within the parish.

Availability of Documents

The proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan together with supporting documents can be viewed on the Neighbourhood Plan website by following this link:

<https://nortonstphilipneighbourhoodplan.com/>

Hard copies of the Plan can also be read at the Palairet Hall, Parish Church and St Leonards Church in Farleigh Hungerford

How to submit comments

The parish council welcomes your comments. Responses and comments should be submitted, preferably electronically, using the Survey Monkey questionnaire link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CVNXSX6>

If a paper response is preferred, please post direct to the Parish Clerk at:

April Rise, 81 Studland Park, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 3HN,

All members of a household are encouraged to respond individually. The deadline for comments is 23.59 on 25th June 2023.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read and respond.

Ian Hasell
Chair, Norton St Philip Parish Council

11th May 2023

Summary of Policies

Policy 1: Defines the settlement boundary. Within this boundary, development that meets the Neighbourhood and Local Plan criteria will be encouraged. Outside of the boundary is open countryside and development will not be supported unless it complies with Local Plan policies and Policy 3 of this plan.

Policy 2: Allocates the Bell Hill Garage site for housing development subject to design criteria.

Policy 3: Provides for Entry Level Exception Sites subject to criteria.

Policy 4: Details design standards for future development

Policy 5 : Designates 10 Local Green Spaces

Policy 6: Details criteria for protecting wildlife and promoting biodiversity, energy efficiency and sustainable drainage.