

Communities and Site Assessments

In Bath and North East Somerset, and in Cotswold District, Local Authorities and Parish Councils worked collaboratively to identify sites for the delivery of housing requirements.

As part of the move towards greater community input to Planning since the 2011 Localism Act in England, Bath and North East Somerset Council and Cotswold District Council have worked with their local communities more closely in the preparation of their Local Development Plans, specifically in the assessment of sites for housing development.

Both Councils produced professionally rigorous, thorough yet easy-to-use site assessments that local community representatives could use to assess all possible sites that could deliver housing in their area.

In Bath and North East Somerset, a fantastic 90% of local Town or Parish councils assessed their possible sites welcoming the opportunity to "contribute local knowledge and experience before any planning applications were in place".

The detailed site assessment material, produced by community representatives, together with other technical information, forms part of the material that Council Officers are using to assess each specific site submission, and to allocate sites for housing.

Find out more about the [B&NES Council Placemaking Plan](#) here.