



Bath and North East Somerset Local Plan Partial Update

Matter 1 Hearing Statement – Procedural/legal requirements

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1 MATTER 1 – PROCEDURAL AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Plan Review

1.1.1 Bath and North East Somerset (BaNES) resolved to undertake a partial update of the Local Plan addressing policies which no longer reflect national policy and to ensure there is a sufficient supply of housing over the entirety of the plan period but without changing the spatial priorities of the adopted Plan. It is understood through the scoping documents that the Partial Update does not amount to a new Local Plan and does not change the adopted plan period, nor update the strategic policies which are now more than five years old.

1.1.2 BaNES made the decision to undertake a partial update rather than a full update in the context of a new Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) being drawn up in collaboration with the West of England Combined Authorities (WECA). This Strategy proposed to set out the vision for how people will live, work and play in the West of England over the next 20 years and will help us deliver our commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

1.1.3 The SDS was due to be adopted in Winter 2023. However, the work on the SDS has now been halted as a decision could not be agreed with all the Councils. It is unclear whether this plan will come forward at all.

1.1.4 Given that the West of England is now not coming forward within the short-term BANES should undertake a full review of the Plan. BANES should commit to undertaking an immediate review given the SDS will no longer be progressing.

