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## *Local Plan submitted for examination*

On the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017, the Council submitted the Local Plan and supporting documents to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination. Mr Andrew Seaman BA (Hons) MA MRTPI was appointed as the independent inspector.

All submission documents will be collated onto a dedicated examination library page on the Council's website shortly. In the meantime, evidence base studies can be viewed in the [evidence base](#) section of the website and further information on the submission is available at [www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/LocalPlan](http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/LocalPlan)

Hard copies of the Proposed Submission Local Plan, Policies Maps, Regulation 22 Consultation Statement and Sustainability Appraisal Report will be made available for inspection at the Council Offices and libraries listed below during normal opening hours.

- Council Offices - Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR
- Bridgwater Library, Binford Place, Bridgwater, TA6 3LF
- Nether Stowey Library, Castle Street, Nether Stowey, TA5 1LN
- Burnham-on-Sea Library, 1 Princess Street, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 1EH
- Highbridge Library, Alpha House, Market Street, Highbridge, TA9 3BT
- Cheddar Library, Union Street, Cheddar, BS27 3NB
- North Petherton Library, Quantock House, Fore Street, North Petherton, TA6 6TN

Hard copies of other submission documents can also be made available for inspection at the Council Offices upon request.

The Local Plan is now subject to an independent examination conducted by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The examination will involve public hearings, where those invited to attend by the Planning Inspector will have the opportunity to respond to matters raised by the Inspector. Once the Local Plan examination programme - including dates of the public hearings - is confirmed, details will be made available on the Council's website.

A Programme Officer has been appointed to assist the Planning Inspector.

All future correspondence relating to the examination should be addressed to the Programme Officer using the following contact details:

**Post:** Local Plan Programme Officer, Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR

**Email:** [Programme.Officer@sedgemoor.gov.uk](mailto:Programme.Officer@sedgemoor.gov.uk)

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## CHEDDAR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SUBMITTED

The Cheddar Neighbourhood Plan was formally submitted to Sedgemoor District Council in June 2017. It contains local planning policies that, if adopted following Examination and referendum, will steer Sedgemoor District Council's determination of decisions on planning applications and guide future development in the Cheddar area.

Formal public consultation on the Plan is currently taking place for a period of 6 weeks from **13<sup>th</sup> July**, with representations invited by **5pm on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**. Comments can be submitted as below and will then be forwarded to an independent Examiner.

**By email to:** [ldf@sedgemoor.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@sedgemoor.gov.uk)

**By post to:** Planning Policy, Strategy & Development, Sedgemoor District Council, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR

### EVIDENCE BASE UPDATES

#### Viability Study

Viability testing is an important part of plan-making. Following the Regulation 19 consultation the Council has commissioned viability work to assess the deliverability of the emerging Local Plan and the impact on development of policies contained within it. It can be viewed at [www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/2060](http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/2060)

#### Infrastructure Delivery Strategy

The Infrastructure Delivery Strategy assesses the flood risk management, transport and public realm, education, green infrastructure, outdoor sport and recreation and wider infrastructure needs that will be required to support the planned development and growth in the new Local Plan with the aim of boosting housing supply and the economy to ensure that everyone has a decent place to live and work locally. A finalised version of the report is now available on our website. Please visit [www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/1263](http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/1263) for further info.

### BRIDGWATER TIDAL BARRIER UPDATE

A tidal surge barrier has been identified as the long term strategic flood defence solution for Bridgwater to provide protection from tidal flooding.

In March 2017 it was announced that the preferred site for the barrier was between Express Park and Chilton Trinity. Detailed design work is currently taking place on the final appearance of the barrier before formal consent is sought through a Transport and Works act order.

The current programme envisages that work will start on site in 2022 and seeks to complete construction in 2024. Further information can be found at [www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/bridgewaterbarrier](http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/bridgewaterbarrier)

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Or to find out more about planning generally, go to [www.planningportal.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk)

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