

Important Notes

(Please read in conjunction with the rest of the document)

- The West Somerset District Local Plan was formally adopted by resolution of Full Council and publication of the appropriate notices from 17th April 2006.
- The Local Plan only relates to those parts of West Somerset that are outside of the Exmoor National Park.
- Under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and associated Regulations, the Local Plan was automatically saved for a period of three years from the date of adoption.
- In autumn 2008 West Somerset Council made representations to the Secretary of State to extend the period of 'saving' of the Local Plan beyond the three year automatic saved period which was due to expire on 16th April 2009. The Secretary of State issued a Direction letter (dtd. 1st April 2009) that indicated which policies had been saved beyond the initial three year limit.
- All policies that have **not** been saved beyond 16th April 2009 are shown in grey and these no longer have development plan status in the determination of planning applications. They can continue to be used as a 'material consideration' in the determination of planning applications.
- None of the supporting/reasoned-justification text that accompanies any of the policies has development plan status since 16th April 2009, although it can still be used as a 'material consideration' in the determination of planning applications.
- Parts of the supporting/reasoned-justification text and data in tables has been updated from that in the original parts of the plan when it was first presented but only where this does not affect the context and interpretation of that text. Where there have been changes to Government policy subsequent to the original publication of part of the plan this has been mentioned via references to the appropriate publications and/or footnotes.
- Most of the factual changes to policy documents, references and, statistical data relate to the position as at 1st April 2007, although one or two may cite documents and/or sources that became available later that year. These are clearly identified through the footnotes/references. Where references are to web-sites this is identified by title rather than URL as the latter are subject to change. Such references can be identified as follows; (data-set)
- Information relating to relevant national and regional planning policy advice issued by Central Government should be checked against the latest publications (and amendments) available, issued by the respective Departments/Agencies and their successors.
- Information relating to flood risk in the text and on the maps should be checked against the latest data available from the Environment Agency and its successor bodies/organisations.

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- Information relating to the status of heritage buildings and/or sites should be checked against the latest data available from English Heritage and its successor bodies/organisations and local lists held by the relevant Local Authorities.
- Information relating to the status of designated nature conservation sites and/or protected species should be checked against the latest available from English Nature, Department for the Environment, Food and, Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and, any relevant local bodies/organisations, and their successors.

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