

NAILSEA TOWN COUNCIL: VISION FOR NAILSEA

North Somerset Council are preparing a new Local Plan for the period 2018-2036 which will set out detailed policies and allocations to deliver a new planning policy framework. They are encouraging towns and parishes to prepare their own plans with a view to these being incorporated within the Local Plan. Nailsea Town Council has agreed to proceed with the preparation of a Town Plan.

The timetable for the Local Plan is to issue a draft in June 2018 for formal consultation in September with a final plan issued in 2019 following the outcome of the JSP examination. The JSP Examination in Public (EIP) is scheduled for October 2018 and the final report published in mid-2019. The JSP and Local Plan may be adopted in early 2020. These timescales are subject to possible delays. This Town Vision is designed to set out the high level aspirations for the period to 2036. Once approved by Town Council it will be publicized for feedback from residents. Following this and consequent upon developments with the JSP and Local Plan, more detail will be added.

Summary of Town Vision

- Increased and balanced population
- Carefully designed housing developments to a masterplan
- A town with safe access throughout for pedestrians and cyclists
- Effective and responsive public transport throughout the town so as to minimize car use
- Efficient and readily accessible public transport for commuters
- A thriving town centre where residents will want to live, meet and socialize as well as shop
- A range of leisure activities for all tastes and the buildings in which they can be held
- Sports facilities that meet current demands and are adaptable for future demands
- Enhancement of employment areas
- A safe place to live

Outcomes

- A fully planned expanded town that is a place where people wish to live, is easy to access, offers a wide range of activities and where there is a strong community spirit
- New housing built around the town and not to one side
- A new road to the north of the town connecting the B3130 from Bristol (Wraxall road) to the B3130 to Clevedon (Tickenham road) and continuing on to connect up to the B3128/B3130 junction (Tickenham Hill road)
- Develop employment areas at the north east side of the town – based around the existing Southfield Road and Coates trading estates

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- Review green belt boundaries as an integral part of a masterplan for the development of the town
- Create a new sports centre with indoor and outdoor facilities and all-weather pitches; possibly include swimming pool
- Road realignment to suit new housing, sports and employment developments
- In the town centre create pedestrian priority roads with controlled vehicle access
- Identify principle pedestrian routes throughout the town and introduce wayfinder signage and seating – to include routes radiating from town centre and routes to the railway station
- Investing in existing car parks and ensuring they are managed effectively
- Bring metrobus into Nailsea from Bristol via station
- Create park and ride facilities
- Modernise railway station
- Within new housing development provide green spaces with play/exercise areas
- Refurbish existing town, ie. resurface pathways; refurbish existing play areas; replace paving in and around centre; create feature entrances to the town at main points of entry; improve Millennium Park
- Provide for major new community building to include library, to act as a catalyst for further enhancement of the town centre and to encourage investment

Thematic Topics

Education

- Create new primary schools within the town to provide places as the town grows
- New primary schools to be located within walking distance of housing
- Develop Nailsea School as population grows and provide new facilities as necessary
- Consider further education needs and whether it is sensible to make provision within the town
- Support adult education proposals where sufficient need exists

Employment

- Recognise that Nailsea is a town mainly for those who work elsewhere
- Encourage the development and controlled expansion of the existing trading estates to maintain and provide new jobs
- Create places for start-up and small businesses and support entrepreneurs
- Growth in the retail and leisure sectors to bring more jobs

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- The Chamber of Trade becoming the focal point for businesses and commercial growth within Nailsea
- Consider how the town council might be required to provide local services in the future

Culture

- Support new and existing organizations to provide recreation for the residents
- Create a multi function facility for productions and events
- Support art experiences both inside and outside
- Work with larger organizations outside of the town to bring cultural events to Nailsea
Build upon the existing markets and renew and expand
Build on Nailsea's heritage
- Places for worship

Recreation (Sport & Leisure)

- Consider outcome of sport & leisure strategy being prepared through 2018 and implement recommendations
- Assess the viability of providing a swimming pool in Nailsea for the north of the authority
- Consolidate existing facilities to create a "sports village" to bring the benefits of shared facilities and running costs
- Work with existing private sports providers to consider shared/improved/new facilities
- Support growth of clubs to develop their ambitions
- Maintain and improve existing footpath network and woodland areas
- Ensure all new developments keep existing rights of way open and encourage new pathways
- Develop safe cycle routes
- Introduce distinctive signage throughout the town and regular seating

Retail

- Work with the town centre company to continue to improve the retail offering within their area
- Monitor and seek to influence how the west end of the town centre is redeveloped: the Weston College and library buildings to be developed as part of an integrated masterplan, not in isolation from each other
- Create a vision for the High Street and linking it to the centre
- Seek to encourage the best type of development for the town centre through the planning process
- Resist out of town shopping development unless appropriate for the location

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Transport

- Encourage use of public transport
- Bring metrobus into Nailsea
- Upgrade station to accommodate 10 coach trains and improve access and platform width
- Work with Department for Transport to ensure new GWR franchise recognizes the current and future needs of Nailsea
- Electrification of line required to Weston-super-mare
- Work with bus companies to provide services that meet the needs of the expanding town and are affordable
- Provide cycle routes throughout the town and spreading from the town to outlying areas
- Support the growth of Bristol Airport and the potential benefits it may bring to the town

Infrastructure

- Plan and implement required infrastructure in advance of JSP housing being built
- Confirm with all utility companies what additional infrastructure they will need to provide, and when, to meet the demands of new housing, employment and retail developments
- Upgrade existing infrastructure where time expired

Housing

- A full masterplan of all JSP housing is required prior to major planning applications being determined
- Infrastructure to be completed in step with housing development
- Maintain Nailsea's current housing mix policy up to 2026
- Work with developers to prepare a new housing mix policy
- Aim to influence developers to build well proportioned and high quality houses
- Set a higher than regulations standard for thermal insulation of properties
- Encourage modern methods of construction and consider establishing a production unit within the town
- Resist further infilling within the existing town where it represents over-development
- Install cable broadband throughout new developments

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