



# Peasedown St John – Annual Village Meeting 2024

## *Report from B&NES Council Ward Councillors*

### *Cllr Gavin Heathcote and Cllr Karen Walker*



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# Preparation of the Local Plan – Timeline

Stage 1: Launch October	October 2022	Launch Document published and consulted on, to commence the preparation of the Local Plan.
Stage 2: Evidence Gathering, Engagement and Options Formulation	October 2022 – January 2024	Extensive gathering and analysis of data, evidence and information on key issues has been carried out. Engagement has been carried out with community representatives and key stakeholders across the district. Policy and site options have been formulated.
<b>Stage 3: Options Document Consultation</b>	<b>February 2024 – March 2024</b>	<b>Consultation on this Options Document.</b>
Stage 4: Preparation of Draft Plan and Targeted Engagement	March 2024 – December 2024	Having taken account of responses received from consultation, and further analysis of evidence, the Council will prepare a Draft Plan. Additional targeted engagement with key stakeholders will also be carried out.
Stage 5: Draft Plan Consultation	January 2025 – February 2025	A Draft Plan will be published, and consultation on this document will be carried out for a period of at least 6 weeks. The local planning authority may make changes to the Draft Plan following the consultation, and may decide to carry out further consultation if any resulting changes are considered to be significant.
Stage 6: Submission and Examination	March 2025	The final Draft Plan will be submitted to the Government along with the supporting evidence base, following which an independent Inspector will be allocated to assess the soundness of the Plan.
Stage 7: Hearings	January 2025	The independent Inspector will hold an Examination into the soundness of the Plan. The Examination hearings will include evidence from anybody who wishes to make a submission on any of the key issues or questions highlighted by the Inspector. The Inspector will consider all of the evidence and representations made through the Draft Local Plan consultation process.
Stage 8: Inspector's Report	June and July 2025	The Inspector will assess whether the Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements, and whether it is sound. The Inspector will publish their recommendations in a Report. If the Inspector has not recommended adoption, the Council can adopt the Plan in line with any 'main' modifications as suggested by the Inspector.
Stage 9: Adoption	November 2025	The Council will adopt the Plan at a full Council meeting.

# Peasedown St John – Local Plan Site Options

