

Hutton Parish Council response to North Somerset Council Planning – With Regard to the North Somerset Local Plan 2040 Additional Sites Housing Consultation

Emailed to NSC Planning Policy – 19 March 2025

Dear Sirs

My Members duly considered the Consultation at its March Parish Council Meeting and its observations were: -

As detailed in the attached HPC Parish of Hutton Survey Report Feb 2021 - see page 3, 5, 70 and 73 - there was a lack of support and strong opposition for any new housing within the Parish - which was a key Issue in the Survey Conclusion.

- The majority - 86% did not support new housing being built outside or adjacent to the Settlement Boundary of Hutton.
- The majority - 83% did not support any new housing being built in the vicinity of Elborough Village.

As such it was agreed that:

- The Parish Council will monitor all development and continue with it's strategy of protecting the green landscape and open spaces.
- The Parish Council will continue to oppose housing and other developments where it believes it is right to do so.

Therefore Hutton Parish Council **oppose and object** to the NSC Local Plan Additional Housing Consultation for the following reasons:

- The additional housing would be against the majority of wishes, as detailed in the HPC Parish of Hutton Survey Report Feb 2021.
- The additional housing would be against the Parish Council strategy of protecting the green landscape and open spaces, as detailed in the HPC Parish of Hutton Survey Report Feb 2021.
- The strategic gap does not look to have been maintained. The new estates appear to effectively link Elborough and thus the Parish of Hutton to the Parish of Locking - thus removing any strategic gap with Locking.
- No safe walking or safe cycling routes for children or adults to and from the current Parish facilities situated in the village of Hutton - including School, Village Hall, Scout Hut, Children's Play Area, Adventure Play Area, Hutton Football Club and local businesses.
- Lack of facilities and amenities such as shops and community facilities.
- Loss of green landscape and open spaces.
- Lack of sustainable infrastructure to support the new housing.
- Increased road traffic in the vicinity of the new houses and Elborough in Banwell Road.
- Increased road traffic through the village of Hutton 20 MPH Zone to get to the new houses and Elborough in Banwell Road.

- Regarding the road between Hutton and Elborough, not only would it see increased traffic, but the road is very difficult and in places not wide enough for 2 cars to pass (yet alone buses and lorries) which will build congestion etc..
- The proposed developments around Elborough Village are very extensive
- There will be some 400 additional properties added to the existing 180 properties in Elborough Village. These dwellings are in an isolated position there are no existing services within this area neither in Hutton. It seems difficult to see development being sustainable in this area unless there is an increase of facilities.
- There are possible schools at Locking Parklands but there would need to be safe walking or cycle works and an increase in school places would be necessary to cater for the large increase in children
- There are no community facilities at Elborough and if 400 houses are added it would be essential for some community facilities to be provided. There is also the proposal of some 360 houses immediately adjacent to Elborough in the Locking Parish.
- There would need to be Highways upgrading to give suitable access to the A371.
- There would need to be the introduction of public transport to support this development as at present there is none.
- With the high demand on North Somerset for housing it seems that the Elborough Development although we do consider them "Sustainable" they are more sustainable than many other areas proposed in these plans.
- North Somerset is in an impossible situation in having to provide the level of development required by the Government.
- If all this proposed development does take place where are the expected influx of people going to seek employment or will the transient population seek to travel yet even further than at present.

Thank you

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