

Westfield Planning Context

The Core Strategy (2011-2029)

The Core Strategy seeks for the Somer Valley to become more self-reliant, facilitated by economic led revitalisation alongside local energy production and improved transport connections. The roles of

Midsomer Norton, Westfield and Radstock are to be complementary, providing key employment opportunities, services and leisure provision to the communities of the Somer Valley.

Westfield, Peasedown and Paulton local centres will continue to provide for the day to day needs of their local communities.

Core Strategy Policy SV1 sets out the strategy for the Somer Valley as a whole. Amongst a series of requirements is the need to enable the delivery of around 2,470 new homes to be built at Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Westfield, Paulton and Peasedown St John.

The majority of these dwellings have either been built since the start of the Plan period, or are existing commitments (having gained planning permission but not yet built). Additional greenfield sites adjoining Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Westfield, Paulton and Peasedown St John do not need to be allocated in the Placemaking Plan in order to meet the Core Strategy housing requirement

Placemaking Plan

The Parish of Westfield lies between Midsomer Norton and Radstock. It is intrinsically linked to these two settlements but has its own separate identity. It is an important base for services for the population centres of the old Somerset Coalfield area, and hosts important facilities such as Radstock College and Westfield Industrial Estate. There have been a high number of small housing developments in recent years, and one significant project at the former Alcan factory site which is currently being constructed. There are however only a small number of local shops in the immediate area at Westfield local centre.

The Placemaking Plan will focus on potential development sites such as the college grounds and the land adjacent to the St Peters Factory site.

Plans and Strategies in Bath and North East Somerset

It is worth browsing these documents and pulling out any information about Westfield. Then add the data to a table or to a SWOT analysis chart.

1. B&NES Core Strategy (Adopted 2014):
<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/core-strategy-examination>
2. B&NES Placemaking Plan: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/core-strategy-examination>
3. National Planning Policy Framework:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework>
4. B&NES Green Space Strategy: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/sport-leisure-and-parks/parks-information-and-maintenance/green-space-strategy>
5. B&NES Joint Local transport Plan: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/sport-leisure-and-parks/parks-information-and-maintenance/green-space-strategy>
6. B&NES Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment:
http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Planning-and-Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Evidence-Base/SHLAA/shlaa_nov_2013_-_1di_msn_westfield_assessments.pdf
7. B&NES Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment maps:
http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Planning-and-Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Evidence-Base/SHLAA/shlaa_nov_2013_-_1di_msn_westfield_plans.pdf
8. Somer Valley area profile: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/your-council-and-democracy/local-research-and-statistics/wiki/somer-valley-area-forum>
9. B&NES Allotment Strategy:
<http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=7570>
10. B&NES Landscape character Areas:
<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/environment/landscape/landscape-character-assessment>

Policing and Crime Statistics:

11. <https://data.police.uk/data/>

Census data and employment data:

12. Census 2011: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/index.html>

13. NOMIS housing and employment data: <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

Environment and biodiversity

14. Environment Agency (Flooding): <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood/31618.aspx>

15. Bristol Regional Environmental Records Centre: <http://www.brerc.org.uk/>

Parish Online: (<http://gis.getmapping.com/parishonline/register.html>)

Use parish online to look at:

- Listed buildings within Westfield
- Community Buildings and sports buildings
- Public Rights of way
- Ancient Scheduled Monuments
- Conservation Areas