North Somerset Council Local Plan 2038

Yatton Parish Council Draft Comments

Although Yatton Parish Council broadly supports the Local Plan 2038, we would like to see more emphasis on dealing robustly with planning proposals for developments outside settlement boundaries. In Yatton, the Moor Road and Rectory Farm planning appeal inquiries have emphasised the key importance of settlement boundaries in protecting villages from continuous piecemeal development.

We would therefore like to be reassured that there will be robust adherence to, and enforcement of, the requirement in Strategic Policy 6 (Villages and Rural Areas) for developments outside settlement boundaries to be of an appropriate scale and design and without adverse effects on the landscape or character of the area.

In our view, this clause would have precluded both the Moor Road and Rectory Farm proposals from even being considered, and would have set much higher barriers for other developments which have already taken place around our village.