

# Yatton Parish Council

## Consultation Response: North Somerset Council Place and Movement Framework

### Place Categories

#### **Urban Hubs**

Whilst we agree with the general principle of trying to organise and categorise our local transport networks, we believe that the use of the designation “Urban Hub” will be resisted by Yatton residents who are understandably keen to retain their village identity. In the new scheme, villages could have “Village Hubs”, or for simplicity all hubs could be called “Urban and Village Hubs”, but it is inappropriate for smaller settlements like Yatton to have “Urban Hubs”.

In Yatton, the main transport hub is the railway station. However, this is over half a mile from the village centre, where the main shops and Post Office can be found and which is currently designated as an “Urban Hub”. People will not “meet and linger” at the railway station; this long narrow village desperately needs travel links – ideally, electric buses – along its High Street in order to create community cohesion and to encourage use of non-car modes of transport. At present there are no buses at all and this deficiency needs to be addressed as a matter of the greatest urgency.

#### **Urban Routes**

The concerns raised about the use of the word “urban” apply here too. The designation “Main Routes” would be more acceptable.

### Movement Categories

The suggested categories appear to be sensible and appropriate.