

- PC support BANES seeking public consultation on proposed Local plan updates
- PC support BANES declaring an ecological emergency in 2020
- PC support BANES wanting to be 'nature positive by 2030' and their 3 priorities
 - Increase the extent of land and waterways managed positively for nature across BANES
 - Increase the abundance and distribution of key species across BANES
 - Enable more people to access and engage with nature
- PC support BANES 3 principles
 - Preparing for the future – working towards a resilient, sustainable economy which is fair, green, creative and connected
 - Delivering for local residents – continually improving frontline services
 - Focus on prevention – BANES will invest in prevention across all services to tackle inequality and improve local areas
- As an architect, I acknowledge the requirement to build more houses, with an increasing population and people living longer, and there is also a real requirement for affordable houses
- I suggest a good solution for the requirement of additional housing, is the increased density within cities, in areas which can support an increase in population; areas that can support employment, areas which already have good transport infrastructure, and areas which already have good community infrastructure, such as schools, doctors, dentists, supermarkets etc
- However, BATH is a unique World heritage site which makes it difficult to build large numbers of houses within the city boundary
- PC supports the creation of the greenbelt around BATH, but its creation has also resulted in a barrier to the construction of new housing
- PC support the protection of the greenbelt but BATH has a finite number of brown field sites and areas which can support an increased density within the city limits and

it appears that most of these identified sites have been or are in the process of, being developed

- Therefore, for BANES to construct the number of houses required to support the increased population, new houses and affordable houses can only be constructed predominantly outside BATH
- Its imperative that with the construction of new houses, BANES includes the construction of affordable houses. There are legal requirements for developers to construct a certain percentage of affordable houses or first home buyers houses, and its imperative that BANES enforces the construction of these affordable houses
- Its also imperative that community infrastructure is also built as the number of houses within a community increases, again it's imperative that BANES enforces the construction of this community infrastructure by the developers. There are legal requirements for the developer to provide this community infrastructure
- PC supports BANES local plan being specifically written to consider BANES specific requirements, which might move slightly away from the national planning policy
- PC supports the proposed policy options that includes community consultation but with an underlying criterion which is policy based and not community led
- PC supports BANES identification of non-designated areas within the greenbelt, as identified within the local plan
- PC supports the increased density of villages within the greenbelt, as long as the village can support these additional houses with the existing community infrastructure within the village, or that additional community infrastructure is provided as the villages increases in size
- PC supports the on site management of surplus water
- PC supports the restriction of light pollution with the greenbelt and BANES applying for dark sky status of surrounding villages
- PC supports BANES aspiration of controlling blue light within its care facilities