



Bradford on Avon Town Council is looking for an experienced consultant to help review the town's Neighbourhood Plan.

The review must be undertaken in accordance with current planning policy and guidance – and should include a variety of community conversations and conversations with Wiltshire Council, as well as presentations of designs and ideas at public meetings and events in the town.

As required, the review may involve a town referendum (if the changes proposed in the reviewed plan are considered substantial changes)

Aims

The main aims of the review are to:

- Ensure the effectiveness and robustness of the plan's policies in delivering the town's aspirations.
- Ensure the quality and relevance of the local evidence in the plan.
- Identify national policy and legislation changes since the current plan was made, effectively updating the plan to reflect the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- Identify any significant and important changes in local context and local circumstances, including the updated draft of Wiltshire Council's Local Plan and the town's (now adopted) Town Vision.
- Identify the additional housing site or sites in the town required by the emerging Wiltshire Local Plan, including assessments of the land put forward for development following the town council's call for sites - rating and/or scoring the land within the reviewed plan.
- Reflect the town's concerns about the designation of the golf course as a reserve site in Wiltshire Council's draft Local Plan.
- And, as far as possible, reflect the changing landscape of the new government, including the new housebuilding targets and the discussion around development in the Green Belt (and the grey belt)

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Expressions of interest

Expressions of interest would be welcomed from consultants and practices with experience of:

- Neighbourhood planning.
- Urban design and town planning.
- Architecture and landscape.
- Green and blue infrastructure.
- Community engagement.

Experience of neighbourhood planning in Wiltshire would be of particular interest.

Please include the following in your expression of interest:

1. A projected fee for the review – including a breakdown of your rates.
2. A short explanation of your approach to the review, including your approach to community engagement.
3. CVs of key team members who you would expect to work on the review.
4. References from similar projects.
e.g. Drafting or supporting new neighbourhood plans - or reviewing made neighbourhood plans.
5. Your projected timeframe(s) and availability for the review.

Please note that you will also need to complete and return our Questionnaire for prospective contractors.

This questionnaire asks for supporting information and documents.

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Returning your expression of interest

By email

Expressions of interest should be emailed to:

office@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk

Subject line:

Neighbourhood Plan review – confirmed expression of interest

By post

Expressions of interest should be posted to Bradford on Avon Town Council at the following address:

Bradford on Avon Town Council

Kingston Office, Kingston Road, Bradford on Avon

BA15 1ES

All envelopes should be clearly marked:

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Deadline for expressions of interest

Expressions of interest must be received no later than **Sunday 1 September 2024.**

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Council contact

Your main point of contact for the review will be:

Chris Stringer – Deputy Town Clerk

01225 864 240

office@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk

Essential documents

- Bradford on Avon’s current (made) Neighbourhood Plan
- The Town Vision – and its supporting aims
- Bradford on Avon’s Housing Needs Assessment
- Wiltshire Council’s draft Local Plan