

ALCA NORTH SOMERSET GROUP
Meeting Thursday 8th June 2006

Agenda item 6 (b): CPRE North Somerset District report

Consultations

North Somerset Replacement Local Plan

Consultation will start on the 15th June for 6 weeks on the Inspector's Report on the Replacement Local Plan. CPRE had a major input at the Inquiry stage and will be reviewing and commenting on any areas where we still have concerns. In many ways the RLP provides a useful document that proposes employment and infrastructure before housing and we need to make sure it will work for us at least until 2011.

Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)

The consultation period for the RSS started on the 6th June and will finish on the 30th August 2006. CPRE will be developing a local as well as regional response. The implications will have a massive impact for North Somerset in terms of the proposed housing numbers and we have concerns about the lack of any proper environmental assessment of this potentially imposed growth.

Airport

BIA are still to produce their Master Plan and in the meantime the growth is at rates very much beyond that projected. This growth will see passenger numbers at nearly 6m by the end of this year and if this continues the figure of 9m could be reached by 2010 rather than 2015 as proposed. With no prospect of rail or adequate public transport, this is going to have severe impact on local roads and communities. What is needed a proper review of the Aviation White Paper, something that there is a chance of this year. Airportwatch are promoting the ReThink Campaign and more information can be found on www.airportwatch.org.uk

Statement of Community Involvement

This will form part of the North Somerset Local Development Framework – the basis for decisions on land use planning for development within North Somerset. This is an important local document that basically sets out how the community have their say. We need to make sure it genuinely our needs and is accessible in terms of language and methods of communication. Comments to be received by 5th July 2006.

Events

North Somerset Show 1st May 2006 – a great success – lots of people came to meet us.

Still to come:

Garden Party, Tockington Manor 9th July 2006

CPRE North Somerset AGM 24th June 2006 – Speaker Dr Liam Fox MP

All are welcome.

Georgie Bigg on behalf of CPRE North Somerset District Committee