

Sevenside masterplan FAQs

What area does Sevenside cover?

Sevenside includes the communities of Severn Beach, Easter Compton, Redwick, Hallen, Over and Pilning. It approximately follows the rail line eastwards to the M5, then follows the boundary line with Bristol City Council along the south and across to the Severn Estuary, taking in the Sevenside aspect of the Avonmouth Sevenside Enterprise Area.

What is a strategic infrastructure led masterplan?

The draft masterplan is a high-level strategic vision developed with the local community and other stakeholders.

The draft masterplan presented is not an agreed document, its purpose is to present a vision for Sevenside to gather community and stakeholder views. The masterplan builds on the strengths of the coastal communities and rural villages, the strong economic activity based here and the unique natural environment whilst fully recognising the unique circumstances of flood risk and ecological issues in the area. These will need to be the subject of future feasibility testing once the vision for the area has been agreed.

The masterplan will help to set a framework for future development, but it will not provide detailed plans for the area. It is not a formal policy document in itself but it will feed into formal statutory policy, such as the Local Plan [South Gloucestershire New Local Plan | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#) and become a stepping stone for delivering improvements up to 2050.

Will the Sevenside masterplan set out details for specific sites?

The masterplan will not provide detailed plans for the area, but instead is to form the starting blocks from which more detailed projects and schemes can be developed and will help prioritise investment should growth be supported for the area.

How will the masterplan interact with the Neighbourhood Plan for Pilning and Severn Beach?

We will continue to work with the communities in Pilning and Severn Beach to share information and develop a masterplan that addresses the needs of the local community whilst considering the needs of the wider Sevenside area and West of England region. The masterplan is intended to be at a broader, more strategic scale than the Neighbourhood Plan.

How will the masterplan benefit local residents?

The draft masterplan is proposing to investigate growth. This will generate demand for improved services and facilities to justify investment. These improvements will benefit existing and new communities to improve connectivity and accessibility in Severnside and beyond by sustainable modes and enhance the sense of place and community. Future investment could help to improve connectivity to green and open spaces, help make improvements to the area and its unique coastal setting and help to drive demand for improvements to infrastructure such as better public transport services and community facilities.

Is housing growth feasible in Severnside, given the levels of flood risk?

The masterplan intends to set out a long-term vision for Severnside up to 2050. Much of the study area is in areas at risk of flooding which will be the subject of extensive feasibility work to identify if housing growth is possible in any part of the study area should the outcome of the engagement support housing in the area as part of the ambition for growth in Severnside. This work, along with appropriate sequential testing, will need to be carried out before any sites can be considered for housing through formal allocations.

Have the alignments for the strategic link road been fully assessed?

No. The draft masterplan is intended to set out principles for interventions to begin the conversation. Detailed further work will be required to fully establish any alignments of strategic road connections, if they are to progress. The maps shown for the purposes of the engagement are indicative only.

Who have you spoken to already?

We have held a number of workshops with key stakeholders including local members, employers, town and parish councils and community groups to introduce them to the project and to listen to their views. During these discussions we have identified strengths and opportunities for improvements which are built into the draft document. We will continue to work closely with stakeholders as the draft masterplan develops.

What are the next steps in the masterplan process?

Once we have received your feedback on the vision and draft masterplan, responses will be analysed and key findings from the public engagement will be considered. This will inform the final masterplan which will be published in autumn 2022.

How can I have my say?

We want to hear your views on the draft masterplan to help inform the final masterplan that will be published in the autumn. You can find the draft masterplan and the survey on our webpage:

consultations.southglos.gov.uk/SevernsideMasterplan22

How can I stay updated on the progress of the masterplan?

We will keep the project webpage updated throughout the project and will publish an engagement summary report once all the responses have been analysed. The final masterplan will also be available on the webpage when it is completed in the autumn.

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