



## **District Councillor Report August 2016**

South Somerset District Council is still unable to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply with the current identified shortfall of housing put at 998 homes.

This will have implications for Curry Rivel as the local plan is deemed out of date making it more difficult to rebut any planning applications submitted.

The starting point for decision making will now shift to one where a planning application should be granted permission unless it can be shown the adverse impacts of development significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of the proposed housing. This, coupled with the introduction of Government guidelines which prevent local authorities requiring S106 contributions from schemes of 10 dwellings or fewer, means that not only is our village open to more planning but we can no longer seek contributions towards local community and leisure projects.

Thankfully, we still have S106 money available from the builds at Westfield and Heale Lane from which, I am pleased to report, that as of September the village hall will now have an upgraded toilet for the disabled and also a hearing loop.

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