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Community Places of Safety Campaign

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is our intention to develop a network of Community Places of Safety (CPS), to provide a safe environment where the community can go if evacuated by the emergency services when threatened with a risk such as a gas leak, fire or flood.

Therefore we are asking if you could nominate up to three facilities in your local community that you believe would be able to provide a safe environment in such an emergency, for example:

- Village Halls
- Church Halls
- Sports Clubhouse
- Scout Huts

These premises would be used for no longer than a few hours, until the incident is resolved or another venue can be arranged. Bath and North East Somerset Council would supply staff as soon as possible in an incident to support the community during their stay on the premises. As one of the necessities of this campaign is 24-hour access, we would require an out of hours contact for key holder(s). I would like to draw your attention to the fact that any financial cost, including loss of earnings, will be covered by Bath and North East Somerset Council.

Once you have identified premises in your community please if you could fill out the attached form and return to us, if possible, by **Friday 11th March 2017** via email. We are asking for your participation as your knowledge and contacts in the area are vital for getting this project off the ground.

As an example I would like to draw your attention to the similar scheme that has been extremely successful within the Bristol Council district – you can explore this at: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/community-places-of-safety>.

We need to ensure that we have a strong network in place in all areas of Bath and North East Somerset therefore; we do seek your agreement. Please see the documents attached which will only take a few minutes of your time.

For additional information please see the frequently asked questions form attached or contact us at 01225 477735 (Daniel Noad) or by email

businesscontinuity_emergencyplanning@BATHNES.GOV.Uk .

We will be in close contact with you and provide further information on how the project will work and aim to personally visit premises as soon as we have established a connection. If you still have any questions do not hesitate to contact, but to get the campaign off the ground we do require a response as soon as possible and preferably before Friday 11th March.

Yours sincerely,

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