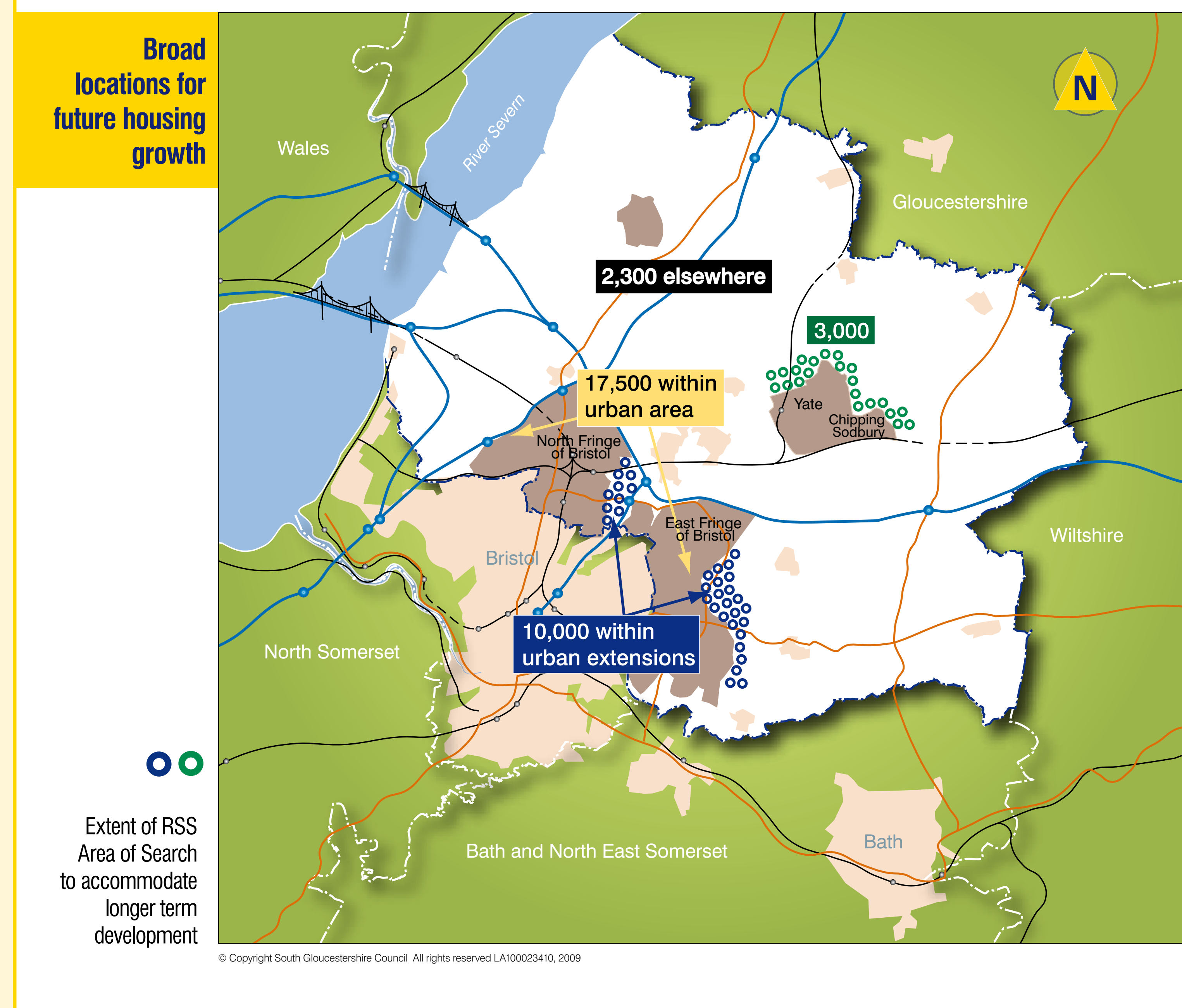


'Designing our **future** communities'



How many homes are allocated to South Gloucestershire?

In July 2008 the Government published the Secretary of State's proposed changes to the draft RSS. This recommended that South Gloucestershire needs 32,800 new dwellings by 2026 in the following locations:

- 17,500 homes should be built in the part of the Bristol urban area which lies within South Gloucestershire
- 10,000 homes on the edge of the existing urban area of Bristol to create two new 'urban extensions' on land which is currently green field, along the M32 and to the east of Kingswood
- 3,000 new homes should be built on green field land at Yate/Chipping Sodbury
- 2,300 homes should be built in other towns and villages across the rest of South Gloucestershire

The Government consulted on its proposals and expects to publish the final document in Summer 2009.

What does the council think?

The Council has strongly expressed its concerns about the level of growth proposed in the RSS to Government. In the meantime, the Council must continue to develop its Core Strategy document, taking account of the possible growth that must be accommodated and the impact it could have. It is important that residents take part in the next step of the process to help shape the way South Gloucestershire grows over the coming years.

Designing our future Communities

Places constantly evolve as the needs of a community change over time. The Council is holding a series of workshops and exhibitions during 2009 to give local communities an opportunity to talk in more detail about how change can be delivered in a way that revitalises the places we live, work and relax. The discussions will cover:

- delivering growth (of both houses and jobs)
- improving existing communities
- tackling congestion and improving accessibility
- continued economic prosperity
- providing housing for all
- protecting and enhancing the environment
- improving health and well-being
- reducing and adapting to climate change

We would welcome residents' views on these issues as well as how they should be used to develop the Core Strategy.

