

What is the Local Plan?

Our Local Plan shapes future growth and development of Chelmsford City Council's area. It sets out a positive vision, identifies where and how new development should take place in the future as well as areas and land uses that will be protected.

We adopted our current Local Plan in May 2020. We need to review the plan at least every five years, to see if we need to update it. We want to make sure that we are planning for new housing, jobs, and infrastructure to meet local needs until 2041.

The review process is expected to result in changes to the adopted Local Plan – but we are not working on a completely new plan from scratch. We will also not be reopening any debates about sites which are already allocated in the adopted Local Plan.

What are we consulting on?

We are consulting on the following two documents:

- Issues and Options Consultation Document
- Issues and Options Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Consultation Document

See the [consultation statement](#) for full details about what these documents cover and how to make your comments.

More information

- [Read our newsletter](#) which summaries the consultation
- [Visit our online exhibition](#), which covers the key consultation topics
- Meet with planning staff face-to-face at a public drop-in exhibition (see the [consultation statement](#) for details)
- [Visit our website](#) for further information such as frequently asked questions
- Email us at planning.policy@chelmsford.gov.uk or call 01245 606330

Paper copies

The consultation documents are all available online from our website links in the attached consultation statement. However, if you require paper copies of any documents please email the team on planning.policy@chelmsford.gov.uk or call us on 01245 606330 and we can make arrangements for paper copies of any documents you require for the Parish Council to be delivered.

Parish publications

If you have any newsletters, magazines or other publications being produced during the consultation period and wish to include something about this consultation please find attached some standard text for inclusion which may be of help. Part A is text that is relevant to all Parish/Town Councils and Part B has optional text to pick from for each Parish/Town Council. An advert is also included.

We would welcome the use of this standard material where possible but if you wish to draft your own, we would be happy to review it ahead of publication.

Posters

Please find attached a pdf of an A3 poster which we would welcome you printing and displaying on your notice boards. If you would like us to send you any printed copies, please email us on planning.policy@chelmsford.gov.uk or call us on 01245 606330 and we can make arrangements for paper copies to be delivered.

Next steps

We will consider all responses received and use them to inform the next stage of the process, the Preferred Options Review Plan. Responses will be published on the Council's Consultation Portal after the consultation in accordance with the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulations.

Using the Consultation Portal

If you need any further information about using the Consultation Portal [please read our 'user guide'](#). If you need a reminder of your username please contact us and we can assist.

Yours faithfully,

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