

CONSULTATION STATEMENT



REVIEW OF CHELMSFORD LOCAL PLAN REGULATION 18 - ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Chelmsford City Council has published its Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation on the Review of its adopted Local Plan. This consultation is accompanied by an Integrated Impact Assessment.

The consultation runs for eight weeks from **10am on Thursday 11 August 2022 until 4pm on Thursday 6 October 2022**.

Regulation 18 Issues and Options Consultation Document

This Regulation 18 Issues and Option consultation is the first formal stage in the preparation of the review of the adopted Chelmsford Local Plan, and the first opportunity for residents, businesses, developers, and other interested parties to get involved.

The main purpose of the document is to ensure that the review of the adopted Local Plan will cover the right issues and that all suitable options for accommodating change are considered. The main areas we are consulting on include:

- Updated challenges and opportunities to address over the reviewed Local Plan period to 2041
- Updated draft Strategic Priorities
- New draft Vision
- The approach to calculating future development requirements, including homes and jobs
- Spatial Approaches for accommodating additional future development growth, and
- The approach to reviewing planning policies.

Regulation 18 Issues and Options Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Consultation Document

The adopted Local Plan was developed alongside a comprehensive Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) process. For this review process, the Council is including other aspects of sustainable development in an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA), which covers the following:

- Sustainability Appraisal
- Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Health Impact Assessment
- Equality Impact Assessment.

Where to view the documents and how to make representations:

View and comment online

You can view and comment on the consultation documents on the City Council's Consultation Portal at: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsult This is our preferred method to comment.

If you have not used this system before or have any difficulties logging in please see our guidance notes at: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-portal-guide or call us (01245) 606330.

View in person

Paper copies can be viewed at the City Council Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm (Please note we are closed on bank holidays).

Comment via email

Comments may be submitted by email: planning.policy@chelmsford.gov.uk

Paper comments

You can submit your comments by post or deliver them in person in the following ways:

Post: Spatial Planning Services, Chelmsford City Council, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE

By hand: Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm - Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE (outside of these hours you can use the post box outside the Customer Service Centre).

If you do not have access to a computer, you can request paper copies. A charge will be made to cover printing and postage costs.

If you have difficulties making representations by e-mail or post due to a disability, please call us (01245) 606330.

How to find out more:

We will be hosting an online virtual exhibition as well as having an in-person exhibition at the Council Offices. Here you can view our exhibition boards which contain a summary of the consultation (please note both forms of exhibition will have the same information available).

Virtual exhibition: Will be available to view via www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-exhibition

In-person exhibition: Drop in exhibitions will take place at the Civic Centre, where you will be able to speak to a representative of the Council. There is no booking required to attend these exhibitions, which will take place at the Chelmsford City Council Chamber, accessed via Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE on the following dates and times:

- Thursday 8th September 2022, 6pm to 9pm
- Friday 9th September 2022, 10am to 1pm
- Friday 9th September 2022, 2pm to 5pm
- Saturday 10th September 2022, 10am to 1pm

Local Plan Website: Please visit our website www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-review for further information on the consultation and the Local Plan review process.

Please note that any representations made by you must be received by the Council no later than 4pm on Thursday 6 October 2022.

The Council will acknowledge receipt of your comments and fully consider them, although we will not enter into individual correspondence.

All duly-made comments will be published on the Council's Consultation Portal in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires that the Council should avoid any form of discrimination and also foster good relations between different ethnic groups. Comments which are deemed to be discriminatory will be inadmissible and will not be accepted.

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