

WORTHING DRAFT LOCAL PLAN OCTOBER 2018 - ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

The policies in this section aim to protect and enhance the natural environment, recognising the valuable services, resources and benefits it provides. It seeks to minimise carbon emissions and ensure development is resilient to the effects of a changing climate.



What You Told Us

Local Plan should:

- Provide a greater emphasis on helping to minimise rising CO₂ emissions and mitigate climate change.
- Address all aspects of sustainable design.
- Commit to conserving wildlife, encourage biodiversity and seek to add natural capital.
- Recognise the value of the habitat network and sites with important biodiversity value.
- Encourage the creation and enhancement of an integrated green infrastructure network.
- Direct development away from areas at the highest risk of flooding and ensure flood risk is not exacerbated.
- Refer to the Water Framework Directive.
- Respond to the challenge of meeting the increased demand for water and waste management without compromising environmental standards.
- Protect the environment and sensitive developments from pollution.
- Promote remediation of contaminated land through redevelopment.

What The Evidence Says

- Worthing is in an area of 'serious water stress' indicating the demand for water exceeds the amount available.
- There is 67.5ha of ancient woodland in the borough.
- Worthing is recognised as a priority 'Wet Spot' in West Sussex with 8,750 properties at surface water flood risk. There are also parts of Worthing at risk of flooding from the sea, the Teville Stream and the Ferring Rife.
- Under the Water Framework Directive the Ferring Rife is classed as 'Good' Ecological Status. However the Teville Stream is classed as 'Bad'.
- There are significant groundwater resources protected for public drinking water supply.
- Bathing Water is classed as good.
- Air Quality is an issue as a result of traffic congestion. The Worthing Air Quality Management Area was expanded in 2014.
- There are several important areas for noise related to transport.

What The Local Plan Is Proposing To Do

- Sets minimum standards for water and energy efficiency.
- Supports renewable, low carbon and decentralised energy schemes.
- Protect, conserve and enhance biodiversity achieving environmental net gains where possible.
- Commits to facilitating the creation of an integrated green infrastructure network.
- Ensure flood risk is safely managed, not increased and opportunities are taken to deliver improvements and reduce flooding.
- Protect and enhance groundwater and surface water, helping to achieve the objectives of the Water Framework Directive.
- Ensure development does not result in, and avoids risks from pollution.

There are a number of ways you can find out more about the Draft Local Plan.

You can visit the Council website or find hard copies of the documents at your local library. There is also an opportunity to come along to a 'drop in' session where you can find more information about the proposals and have a chance to ask questions.

Please visit our Draft Local Plan page for more information about these dates and times for the consultation events: www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-local-plan

You can also keep up to date by following the Council's Facebook and Twitter pages at

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AdurWorthingCouncils

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Find Out More

You can read the planning policies (CP17-CP23) on the Environment and Climate Change and the full Draft Local Plan on our website:

www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-local-plan

Have Your Say

Do you agree with the proposed approach?

Please give us your views by 5pm on Wednesday 12th December 2018. You can find details of how to comment and also information about consultation events by visiting the Draft Local Plan Page at:

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