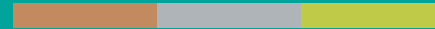


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Submission Draft Local Plan 2020 - 2036



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How To Have Your Say

This is the Submission Draft Local Plan which, when adopted, will provide a strategy for sustainable development and change in Worthing borough up to 2036. The Local Plan provides the broad policy framework and a long-term spatial strategy to manage development, respond to climate change, promote regeneration, protect the environment, deliver infrastructure and support vibrant healthy communities.

This period of public consultation forms the 'Publication stage' of the preparation of Worthing's Local Plan. This is the version of the Plan that the Council considers to be 'Sound' for submission to central government for independent Examination by a government appointed Planning Inspector. At this stage comments should only relate to whether the Plan complies with legal requirements, including the duty to cooperate, and whether the document is sound.

Public consultation runs from 26th January to 23rd March 2021 closing at 5pm. Representations submitted after this time will not be accepted as they will be treated as 'not duly made'.

Persons making representations may request the right to be heard by the examiner. Requests must be made in writing before the end of the consultation period.

Where can I view this document?

You can view the document, associated supporting documents & evidence online and access the comments form at:
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How do I comment?

Online comments can be made using the online consultation form. This is the easiest and most efficient way to submit your representation directly to us. If you are unable to complete the online consultation form, you can download a response form and email it to us.

Alternatively, hard copies of the comment form can be sent to the postal address below. Comments will also be accepted by email or letter. For every representation, please specify the paragraph number or policy reference that you are commenting on within your response.

If you know somebody who would like to take part and doesn't have internet access they can telephone the Planning Policy Team to request a copy of the comment form and information about the consultation.

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Submission Process:

In submitting comments to this consultation we are also required, under The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, to notify you when the independent examination will take place.

At the end of the consultation period, all duly made comments will be made public and will be submitted to the Secretary of State, who will pass them to a Planning Inspector, along with the Local Plan and other relevant supporting documents. Comments and names will be published, but other personal information will remain confidential. By responding to this consultation, you consent to the Council publishing this information.

Comments will be reviewed by the Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the independent examination of the Local Plan. You may be invited to discuss your comments at the examination if you have expressed a wish to do so. If you chose not to provide your data for this purpose, or ask us to erase your data, you will be unable to participate in the Local Plan process.

If you have any queries please contact the Planning Policy Team using the details above.

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Foreword

As you read this Local Plan my sincere hope is that you gain a sense of our determination to craft and grow our town to create a community that can thrive, now and for generations to come. That strongly weaved amongst it is our aim to address local and national issues, whether that be housing provision or climate change.

Like our residents, we have high ambitions for our places, our communities and their futures. We respect the fascinating histories that have made us what we are and we intend to build upon them to develop prosperous, flourishing and healthy communities for the long term. What people tell us matters to them is access to jobs, good education and healthcare, decent housing, safe communities, beautiful open spaces, good natural environment and an opportunity to participate in the communities in which they live. However, real challenges exist and we know that for many people and their families, life is not always easy. In addition, the climate change agenda has rapidly grown in importance. These are uncertain, yet exciting times.

To help meet these challenges, the Council recognises the importance of having an up to date Local Plan that can enable 'local decision making' and guide development that is sustainable, inclusive and resilient. Preparing a new Local Plan provides an opportunity to look afresh at what shape and focus we want the town to be in the future. We want to plan positively, providing for much needed housing and employment and ensuring the delivery of associated

infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing population up to 2036, whilst retaining the important character and features of the town which our residents, businesses and visitors all value.

Work on preparing a new Local Plan has progressed well. Informed by the various studies that make up our evidence base and the consideration of a wide range of responses made during previous consultations the Council has prepared the policies and site allocations set out in this document.

The Local Plan is incredibly important, as it helps us work towards delivering a thriving and stronger town. It is therefore very important to us that we hear your views as this is the final statutory stage to make representations. Consultation on this Regulation 19 submission Draft Local Plan runs for 8 weeks from 26th January to 23rd March. Following the close of consultation, the Council will collate and consider all comments received before submitting them and the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Cllr Kevin Jenkins

Executive Member for Regeneration



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