



WORTHING LOCAL PLAN 2020- 2036

CONSULTATION STATEMENT

June 2021



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I Introduction

- 1.1 Worthing Borough Council undertook public consultation on its Regulation 19 Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan for a period of eight weeks commencing on 26th January 2021 closing on 23rd March 2021. This followed consultation on the Regulation 18 Preferred Approach Draft Local Plan in 2018.
- 1.2 This Consultation Statement provides an audit trail of the consultation, an assessment of what consultation methods worked well and which methods were not so effective. It is essential that the Council undertakes this evaluation to help shape future consultations, have an understanding of best practice as well as to inform the Adur and Worthing Joint [Statement of Community Involvement \(SCI\) \(2019\)](#) which will next be reviewed in 2024 following the legal requirement that an SCI must be reviewed every five years.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Submission Draft Local Plan, when adopted, will provide a strategy for sustainable development and change in Worthing borough up to 2036. The process of preparing a new Local Plan is made up of a number of statutory stages¹ when residents, businesses and other stakeholders are asked to comment on the Council's proposals. The first stage of consultation, the 'Issues and Options' stage was undertaken in 2016 when the Council sought views on how Worthing should grow and develop. The responses informed the Draft Local Plan (published for consultation at the end of 2018) that set out the Council's preferred options to address the issues that had been identified.
- 2.2 This period of public consultation forms the 'Publications stage' of the preparation of Worthing's Local Plan. This is the version of the Plan that the Council considers to be legally compliant and 'Sound' for submission to central government for independent Examination by a government appointed Planning Inspector.

3 Temporary Consultation Practices

- 3.1 In light of restrictions in response to the unprecedented nature of the Covid-19 Pandemic and continuous national lockdown restrictions, Adur & Worthing Councils have implemented temporary changes to public consultation procedures and planning practices. An [Interim Addendum \(January 2021\)](#) on the SCI was published.
- 3.2 The Chief Planner of Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) provided an update in the December edition of the 'Planning Newsletter' (circulated to

¹ Statutory stages comprise of Regulation 18: Preferred Approach and Regulation 19: Pre-Submission

Local Planning Authorities) regarding Plan Making. In response to concerns raised by local planning authorities and other stakeholders about the implications of Covid-19 on plan making, MHCLG published guidance on reviewing and updating statements of community involvement and on how authorities should consider the practical measures needed to ensure fair participation is possible at this time. MHCLG also temporarily removed legal requirements to make certain development plan documents available for inspection at premises and to provide hard copies on request. The documents must, instead, be made available for inspection online. These temporary changes expire on 31 December 2020 and because of the continuing uncertainty about the spread of Covid-19, these Regulations roll forward these changes for another 12 months to 31 December 2021.

- 3.3 The requirement to make documents available in line with Regs 35 and 36 applies to the publication of the plan (Reg 19), the submission of the plan for examination (Reg 22), the notifications relating to the examination under Reg 24 and to the adoption or withdrawal of the plan (Regs 26 and 27). The amended regulations can be found below:

- The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020
- The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

The associated guidance for these changes can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plan-making#coronavirus> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal>

- 3.4 These further temporary changes will support local planning authorities to continue to progress up-to-date Local Plans and spatial development strategies.
- 3.5 The Council at its discretion, considered it appropriate to extend the standard period for consultation to ensure as many interested parties as possible get an opportunity to comment. The Worthing Local Plan Regulation 19 Publication stage was extended to eight weeks (from 6).

4 Overview of Consultation Process

- 4.1 The E-form was prepared by the Council to collect responses and it was used by 19 respondents. The E-form enables representations to be processed in an efficient and timely manner. However, the popular mode of submitting representations was by email with some comments being submitted as hand written forms or letters. The variety of communication methods used to submit comments highlight that it is important to ensure that accessible and flexible range of methods are available.
- 4.2 The campaign co-ordinated by the Council's Communications Team was particularly effective. As an example, during the consultation period:

- 4 Facebook posts were placed that received over 5,858 total impressions (how many times it appears on a screen) with an average reach of 1,465 per post.
- 9 twitter posts were placed which resulted in over 11,467 total impressions with an average reach of 1,147 per post
- 3 Planning Policy blogs posts on the Council's website
- the Worthing Local Plan section of the Council's website received 1,071 page views.

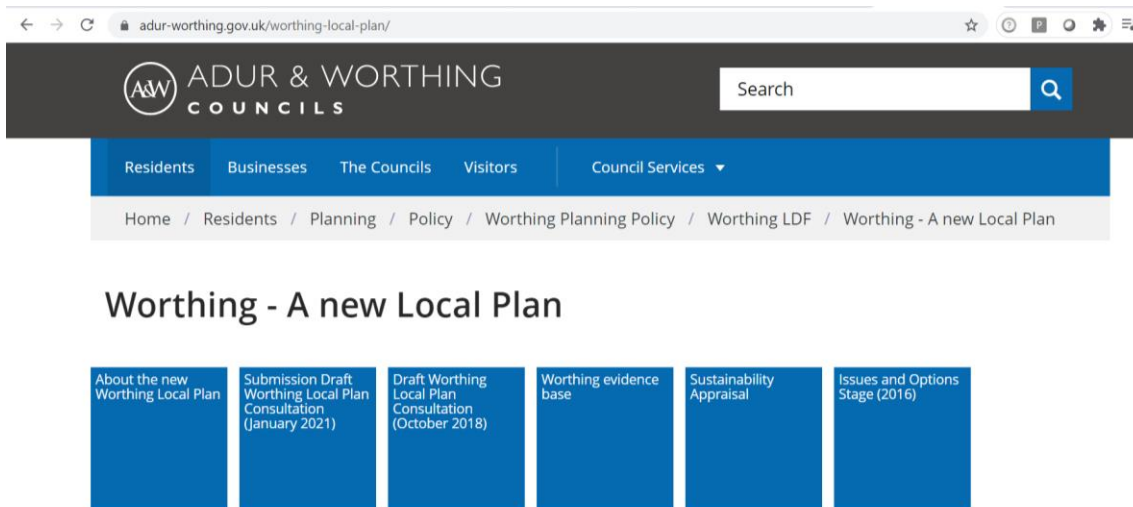
- 4.3 The Council had a dedicated webpage on the Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan (See Appendix 1). The Council also maintains a 'Consultation and engagement' webpage advertising all live Council led consultations (See Appendix 2). During public consultation, a wide variety of social media methods (Facebook, Twitter and Blogs) were used to engage with interested parties. A press release was also issued on the Council's homepage (refer to Appendix 3).
- 4.4 All Worthing Borough Councillors were notified of the consultation as well as those registered on the Worthing Planning Policy 'Keep Informed' database.
- 4.5 Please refer to the Appendix 4 of this report to view screenshots of the consultation posts posted on Facebook, Twitter and Planning Policy blogs.
- 4.6 The local newspaper, The Worthing Herald ran an article on 'Have your say on vision for future of Worthing' (published on 29th January 2021). The online article can be viewed here: <https://www.worthingherald.co.uk/news/politics/have-your-say-vision-future-worthing-3117503>
- 4.7 Whilst the Council were unable to provide hard copies of the consultation documents on deposit, the Council communicated in consultation material that in certain circumstances, the Council will be happy to provide hard copies of the Local Plan to specific groups, particularly those with limited internet access.

5 Level of Response

- 5.1 The Council received 103 written representations, 55 representations from individual members of the public and 48 representations submitted by organisations. The submitted representations can be viewed in full online at on the Councils' website:
- <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-local-plan/submission-draft-consultation-jan-2021/>
- 5.2 In addition, a summary of representations and officer responses can be viewed on the Councils' website: <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-local-plan/submission-examination/>

- 5.3 Overall, whilst lessons can always be learned for future work of a similar nature, it is considered that the consultation was a success despite being a wholly online consultation during a national lockdown. The extension of the statutory six week consultation period to eight weeks was certainly beneficial. The use of an E-form worked well and the Council can clearly demonstrate how a variety of online and social media methods were used to engage with a high number of groups / individuals. Whilst this engagement would have helped to generate the representations received, it should also be acknowledged that the content of the consultation (particularly the inclusion of greenfield sites, the allocation of Lyndhurst Road, the proposed designation Local Green Gaps and Local Green Spaces) is likely to have driven a higher level of interest than would otherwise have been the case.

Appendix I – Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan Consultation – Webpage



Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan Consultation (January 2021)

Introduction

Worthing Borough Council recognises the importance of having an up to date Local Plan in place that can enable 'local decision making' and guide development that is sustainable, inclusive and resilient. After a number of years of preparation the Council is publishing its first version of the Plan for comment by the public to inform the final version.

Full website text can be viewed below:

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Introduction

Worthing Borough Council recognises the importance of having an up to date Local Plan in place that can enable 'local decision making' and guide development that is sustainable, inclusive and resilient. After a number of years of preparation the Council is publishing its final version of the Plan for comment before it is submitted for independent Examination.

The Council appreciates that these are difficult times to undertake this consultation. However, Government advice is clear that Council's should continue to progress their Local Plans and, to support this aim, changes to consultation regulations have been made at the national level to ensure that this can happen. Despite this, the Council wants to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to be involved at this stage. To achieve this and to help mitigate the impacts of Covid-19 restrictions the consultation period has been extended from 6 to 8 weeks. This consultation will run from Tuesday 26th January until 5pm Tuesday 23rd March 2021. Any responses received after this date will not be accepted.

So, what has been done so far ...

The plan has already been through two rounds of public consultation:

- Firstly in 2016 - the ['Issues and Options - 'Your Town - Your Future'](#) (identified key issues and asked for views on how they should be addressed)
- Secondly in Oct 2018 Second ['Draft Local Plan'](#) - (Preferred Options)

The comments submitted at these two consultations have been considered and have helped to shape the Plan. The Plan has also been informed by a comprehensive evidence base and, using this information, Worthing Borough Council considers that the Local Plan that is now published for comment is 'sound' and establishes a clear and robust strategy for the Borough.

What are the key outcomes for the new Local Plan?

The Local Plan will be a key document in shaping the future of the borough over a 15 year period as it provides the strategy for growth, setting out what development will take place and where. When adopted, the new Plan will replace the borough's existing local planning policies and will be an important consideration in deciding planning applications.

The Plan builds on national guidance to provide for more specific local policies for Worthing to create a high quality environment. It has been a very difficult task to balance all the identified needs of Worthing's communities with the scarcity of land that we have within the borough. Some of the key elements of the new Plan are to:

- plan positively for growth and contribute to sustainable development
- balance development alongside protecting jobs, community facilities and valued open spaces
- embed the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- establish: 3 Strategic Policies; 6 Spatial Policies; and 24 Development Management policies
- allocate 15 sites for development (6 on edge of town and 9 redevelopment sites within the existing built up area).

“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.”

Cllr Kevin Jenkins, Executive Member for Regeneration

So, what stage is this?

This is the 'Regulation 19' stage and it is the formal stage of the consultation process, prior to submission to the Secretary of State for Examination. Within a specific remit, this 'Publication' stage provides all interested stakeholders with the opportunity to comment on the policy content of the Council's Plan. At this stage comments should only relate to whether you consider the Plan complies with legal requirements, including the duty to cooperate, and whether the document is sound. For further details please read our:

-  [Submission Draft Consultation Guidance Note](#) (239KB)



How to comment

You can submit your comments:

by using our online eform:

[Comment on the Submission Draft Local Plan](#)

or our paper form:

-  [Comments form - Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan - to type into](#) (86KB)
-  [Comments form - Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan - to hand write](#) (216KB)

or by email:

- planning.policy@adur-worthing.gov.uk






or in writing:

- Adur & Worthing Councils,
Planning Policy,
Worthing Town Hall,
Chapel Road,
Worthing,
West Sussex,
BN11 1HA

All representations received within the statutory consultation period will be submitted to the Secretary of State, who will appoint an Inspector to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan and its evidence base. Representations cannot be made anonymously. Further information about Data Protection Rights in line with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018 is set out on our [Planning Policy - Privacy Notice](#).

Consultation documents:

All key documents relating to this stage of the Local Plan preparation are linked below. At this stage, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Council is unable to place hard copies of the documents on deposit in the usual locations but this will be actioned at such time restrictions are eased. In certain circumstances, the Council will be happy to provide hard copies of the Local Plan to specific groups, particularly those with limited internet access.

-  [Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan \(SDWLP\) - Jan 2021 \(complete document\)](#) (15,694KB)
-  [SDWLP - Prelims and index](#) (1,528KB)
-  [SDWLP - Part 1 - Introduction](#) (2,765KB)
-  [SDWLP - Part 2 - Vision & Strategic Objectives](#) (1,765KB)
-  [SDWLP - Part 3 - Spatial Strategy](#) (2,452KB)

- [!\[\]\(5b5f54d676d0a35b03e6f778221a069b_img.jpg\) SDWLP - Part 4 - Site Allocations \(1,641KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(c0937bcdc8b1a005372f0ff2eb6bf67b_img.jpg\) SDWLP - Part 5 - Development Management Policies \(1,754KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(ee08313ac571c926e091b94ecc254c98_img.jpg\) SDWLP - Glossary & Acronyms \(404KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(a9f6036cb04da926d8990d5f0c5fbae2_img.jpg\) SDWLP Summary Table \(309KB\)](#)

Supporting documents

A number of these documents are still 'live' and being progressed. The finalised version will be provided as part of the Submission process.

- [!\[\]\(e43e4b1050bbff3ab0579ed9f5c72143_img.jpg\) SDWLP - Mapping Extracts Document \(10,477KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(e7d3cee3a7083a6857e0f6e8a0e459d2_img.jpg\) Duty to Cooperate Statement - Worthing Local Plan - Jan 2021 \(8,735KB\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal \(including Health Impact Assessment & Equalities Impact Assessment\)](#)
- [Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#)
- [!\[\]\(9a63baa92001a7c79bbe2079f9b71672_img.jpg\) SDWLP Flood Risk Sequential and Exception Test \(24,600KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(bca03746d1733b80de7b9db49848da6f_img.jpg\) SDWLP Topic Paper 1 - Draft Housing Implementation Strategy \(1,934KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(053f9a1074e44c4b64650195d0753efc_img.jpg\) SDWLP Topic Paper 2 - Land Outside of the Built Up Area Boundary \(2,198KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(7a227884ecc67de856452121832c901f_img.jpg\) SDWLP Topic Paper 3 - Monitoring Framework \(577KB\)](#)

Whole Plan Viability Assessment (WPVA)

- [!\[\]\(58ed99da7c33fbb7c2ccd9af1db2dae7_img.jpg\) SDWLP - Whole Plan Viability Assessment \(Main Report\) - January 2021 \(1,796KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(86cc29bc32749533c5368a008ec99d18_img.jpg\) SDWLP - WPVA - Appendix I - Assumptions Overview \(1,301KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(149194b842a9c7acda80416d5f9ad7b6_img.jpg\) SDWLP - WPVA - Appendix II - Stage 1 Initial Policy Testing \(1,879KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(78a6e0aef6ae741f59eea882234fc43e_img.jpg\) SDWLP - WPVA - Appendix IIa - Stage 2 - Residential Results Summaries \(1,867KB\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(c8c421e4413e9603bc28d5dbde936434_img.jpg\) SDWLP - WPVA - Appendix IIb - Stage 3 - Review of Proposed Site Allocations \(1,938KB\)](#)

- [!\[\]\(eb702bc9266a6d0f19c969ae9e32edce_img.jpg\) SDWLP - WPVA - Appendix III - Market Values Research and Background](#) (8,570KB)

Evidence base

- [Evidence base - Worthing background studies and information](#)

Local Plan Route Mapper

The Route Mapper has been prepared by the Planning Advisory Service to assist Councils as they progress Local Plans. It provides advice on project planning and management which has helped in scoping and developing an approach to the Council's policies update which is appropriate and proportionate to Worthing. This work also provides a detailed assessment of conformity and soundness in line with the requirements of the NPPF.

- Part 1 - Local Plan Review Assessment (not completed as a Local Plan review had commenced prior to the publication of this toolkit)
- [!\[\]\(c13f85b6bd34a0f17d58af3b47648df4_img.jpg\) Part 2 - Local Plan Form and Content Checklist](#) (1,647KB)
- [!\[\]\(01295fe08c78d8fc3e7bc951fc1132bf_img.jpg\) Part 3 - Local Plan Process Requirements Checklist](#) (1,513KB)
- [!\[\]\(482a2be5600b9ff916e087b345667239_img.jpg\) Part 4 - Local Plan Soundness and Quality Assessment](#) (2,027KB)

Statement of Community Involvement and Engagement Strategy

- [Joint Statement of Community Involvement \(2019\)](#)
- [Interim Addendum - Joint Statement of Community Involvement \(2021\)](#)

A 'call for sites'

Given the significant levels of housing need in the Borough the Council is always keen to know of any potential development sites. If you are aware of any sites that are at least 0.25 hectares in size

OR capable of supporting at least 5 dwellings please let us know. In addition, if there are any sites that are currently included within the SHLAA for which you have updated information please also let us know. For more information (including 'Call for Sites' response forms) please see:

- [Strategic Housing Land Availability \(SHLAA\)](#)

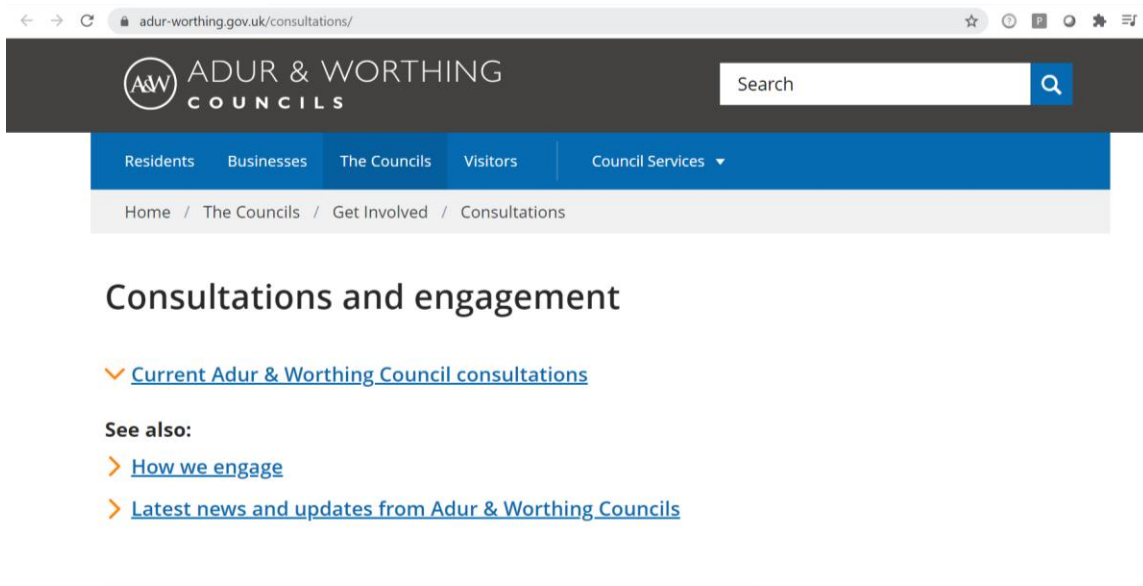
Keeping informed

All respondents at this, and previous stages, will be notified at appropriate times as the Plan progresses towards adoption. Interested parties who might not already be on the Council's Planning Policy database can register for updates by contacting the Planning Policy Team on:

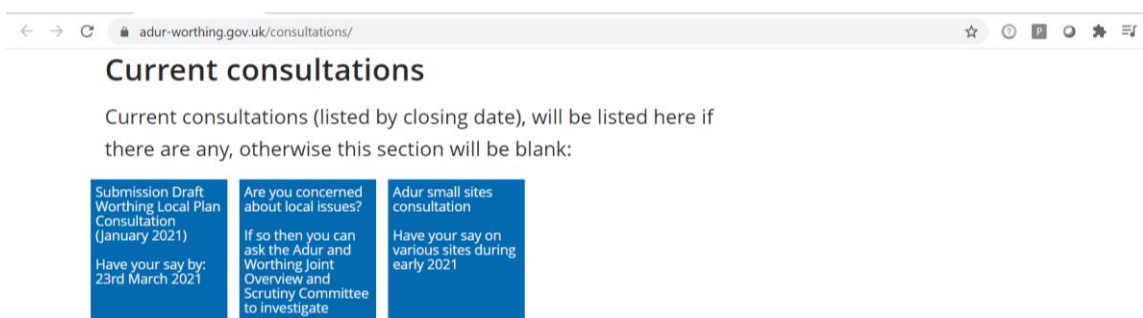
- planning.policy@adur-worthing.gov.uk
- or 01273 263000

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Appendix 2 – Consultations and engagement



The screenshot shows the Adur & Worthing Councils website. The header includes the council logo, a search bar, and navigation links: Residents, Businesses, The Councils, Visitors, and Council Services. A breadcrumb trail reads: Home / The Councils / Get Involved / Consultations. The main heading is 'Consultations and engagement'. Below it is a link for 'Current Adur & Worthing Council consultations'. A 'See also:' section contains two links: 'How we engage' and 'Latest news and updates from Adur & Worthing Councils'.



The screenshot shows the 'Current consultations' section. It includes a heading 'Current consultations' and a note: 'Current consultations (listed by closing date), will be listed here if there are any, otherwise this section will be blank:'. Below this are three consultation cards:

Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan Consultation (January 2021) Have your say by: 23rd March 2021	Are you concerned about local issues? If so then you can ask the Adur and Worthing Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate	Adur small sites consultation Have your say on various sites during early 2021
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Final consultation on draft Worthing Local Plan

Released: Tuesday, 26 January 2021

An ambitious vision to provide high-quality homes, sustainable workplaces and green space for future generations in Worthing is entering its final stage - with interested parties now having one last opportunity to comment on the document.

After five years in the making and input from hundreds of residents, businesses and stakeholders, the draft Worthing Local Plan is now ready to be formally submitted. If adopted, it will guide the development of the town for the next 15 years.

Central to the vision is the creation of 4,600 additional sustainable homes, primarily on brownfield sites such as Teville Gate and Union Place, while large open spaces, such as Brooklands Park, Goring Gap and Chatsmore Farm, will be preserved and enhanced for generations to come.

A key driver to the document is sustainability with Worthing Borough Council one of the first in the country to embed United Nations Sustainable Development Goals into their development plan.

Ahead of the plan being submitted to the government, interested parties are invited to comment on the legal soundness of the final draft plan.

The COVID-safe consultation will run online only for eight weeks (rather than the usual six) until 23rd March 2021.

This input will then be provided directly to the Government appointed Planning Inspector so that they can make a fair assessment on the detailed document.

Cllr Kevin Jenkins, the Council's Executive Member for Regeneration, said:

“The Worthing Local Plan has been years in the making. After considering valuable input from residents and a range of partners, I believe the final document provides a clear sense of our determination to craft and grow our town to create a community that can thrive now and for generations to come.”

“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.”

“It also underlines our ambition to address local and national issues, whether that be housing provision or climate change.”

“I'm pleased we have now reached this final stage and look forward to the government reviewing the final document, along with any further comments, later this year.”

Full details on the consultation and the Worthing Local Plan can be found at:

[Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan Consultation \(January 2021\)](#)

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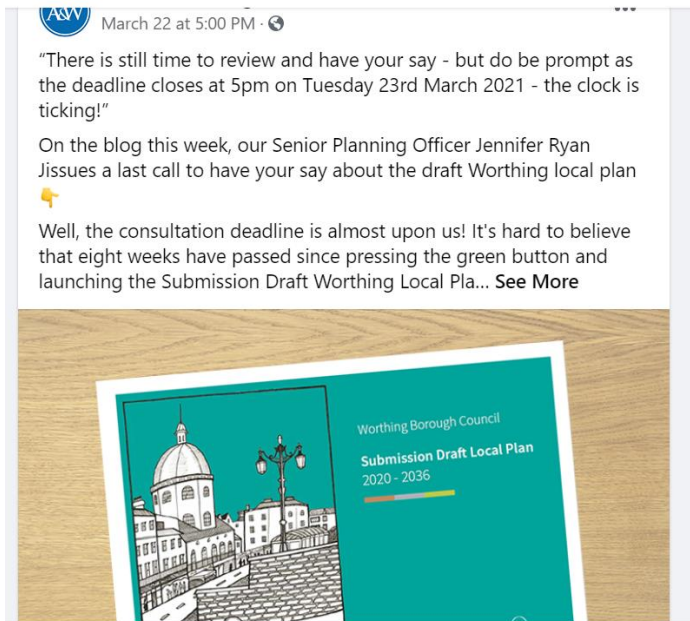
Photo: View across Worthing from the South Downs towards the sea



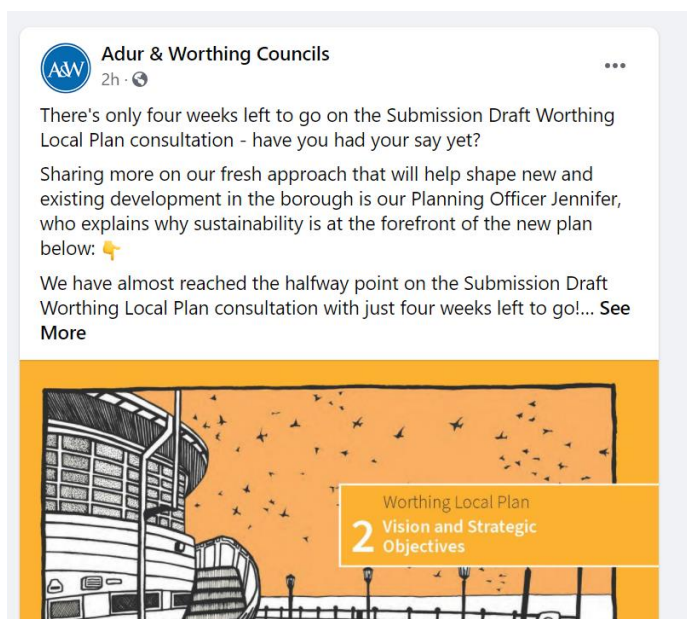
Appendix 4 – Social Media Posts & Planning Policy Blogs

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News Alert - Final Consultation on Worthing Local Plan!

The Local Plan is a key document in shaping the future of Worthing over a 15 year period as it provides the strategy for growth, setting out what development will take place and where. This week our Senior Planning Officer, Jennifer, shares the latest updates and how you can have your say!

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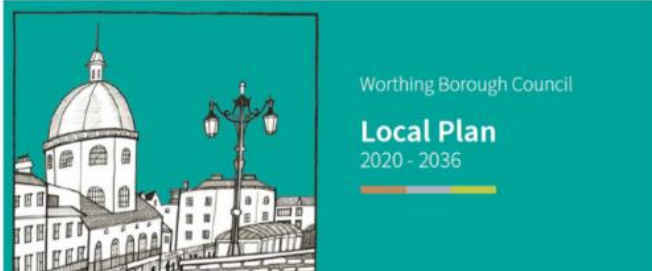


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 **Adur and Worthing**  15.5K Tweets Following

Adur and Worthing  @adurandworthing · Feb 25

Have you had your say on #Worthing's Draft Local Plan?

Sharing more on our fresh approach that will shape future development in the borough is our Planning Officer Jennifer, who explains why #sustainability is at the forefront of the new plan below:

adur-worthing.gov.uk/our-stories-yo...



23.02.2021

 **Adur and Worthing**  @adurandworthing · 21h

There's only four weeks left to go on the Submission Draft #Worthing Local Plan consultation - have you had your say yet?

Our Planning Officer Jennifer shares more on our fresh approach that will help shape new and existing development below:

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**Adur and Worthing** 

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**Adur and Worthing**  @adurandworthing · 28 Jan

After five years in the making and input from hundreds of residents, businesses and stakeholders, the draft #Worthing Local Plan is now ready to be formally submitted. Comment on the legal soundness of the final draft plan until March 23.

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1st February 2021: News Alert - Final Consultation on Worthing Local Plan

It is fair to say that it has been an intense couple of months and weeks getting ready to hit the green button to launch consultation on the 'Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan'. It is quite a milestone to reach this stage of the process especially more so during a pandemic with the Planning Policy team working remotely.

This is an exciting stage to reach as this is the final statutory consultation stage before we submit the Plan to the Government for independent examination. Since the start of the Local Plan-Making journey in 2016, we have undertaken two consultations as well bringing together and reviewing comprehensive evidence which have shaped the Plan that is in front of us today. We have incorporated illustrations of key landmarks drawn by a local artist Emma Bennett as well as applying graphic design which gives the Plan a vibrant look.

You may be aware that the Local Plan is a key document in shaping the future of Worthing over a 15 year period as it provides the strategy for growth, setting out what development will take place and where. When adopted, the new Plan will replace the borough's existing local planning policies and will be an important consideration in deciding planning applications.

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If you would like to find out more about the Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan, then head over to the following webpage where you can view the document in full or download a chapter that you are interested in. While the Local Plan takes centre stage, there are also important supporting documents and evidence base reports which all help to provide context to the policies and allocations contained in the Plan.

Within a specific remit, this 'Publication' stage provides all interested stakeholders with the opportunity to comment on the policy content of the Council's Plan. At this stage comments should only relate to whether you consider the Plan complies with legal requirements, including the duty to cooperate, and whether the document is sound. For further details please read our Guidance Note.

If you would like to comment, then there are a number of ways you can do this. You can:

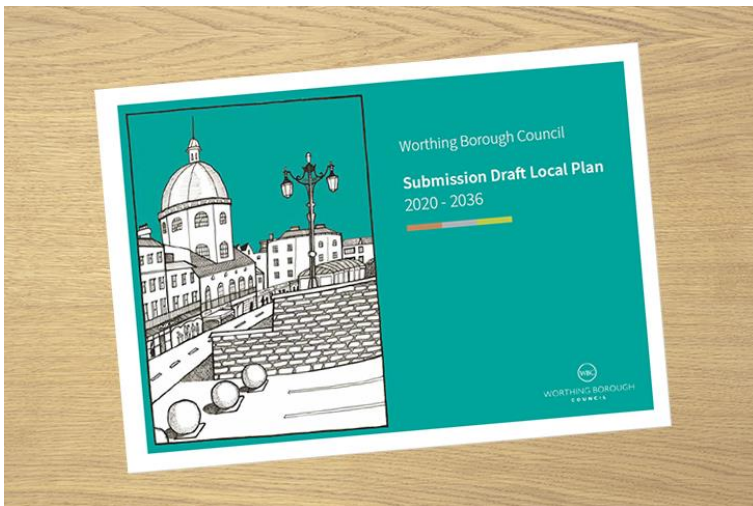
- use the online e-form
- download a paper form
- by email
- or in writing

The consultation closes at 5pm on Tuesday 23rd March 2021.

Full details on the consultation, how to have your say and the Worthing Local Plan can be found at:

[Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan Consultation \(January 2021\)](#)

[Worthing Local Plan](#)



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22nd February 2021: Only four weeks left to go ...!

We have almost reached the halfway point on the Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan consultation with just four weeks left to go!

You may be interested to hear that the Council has taken a visionary and new approach of including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) within the Plan.

The SDGs consist of 17 interconnected goals underpinned by targets designed to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. The goals form part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which is a call for action by all UN member states. It is considered that the UN SDGs will enhance the sustainability credentials of the Plan and thus will provide a more robust monitoring framework.

The UN SDGs are becoming increasingly recognised and adopted by numerous public, private and voluntary sector organisations, therefore working towards a common and shared consensus for sustainable development.

I would also like to shine a spotlight on 'Strategic Policy SP2: Climate Change' which is an overarching policy designed to ensure that the impacts of climate change are fully considered at an early stage to ensure that future development and associated infrastructure is future proofed and resilient to recover from extreme weather conditions.

The planning system is one of many tools that can be used to help minimise vulnerability to all sectors of the community. The way in which we shape new and existing development in Worthing can make a significant contribution to adapting and mitigating the effects of climate change through carbon reduction (decarbonisation) and sustainable design and construction. Green infrastructure will have a major role to play in this, helping to mitigate the impacts of high temperatures, reduce flood risk, and maintain / restore biodiversity.

If you haven't yet taken a look at the Plan, then please do have a flick through and have your say!

Head over to the Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan webpage to find out more. The closing date for comments is Tuesday 23rd March 2021 (5pm) so don't delay! Please do check out the guidance note (on the page below) to help inform your response - see:

[Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan Consultation \(January 2021\)](#)



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22nd March 2021: Final chance to have your say

Well, the consultation deadline is almost upon us! It's hard to believe that eight weeks have passed since pressing the green button and launching the Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan.

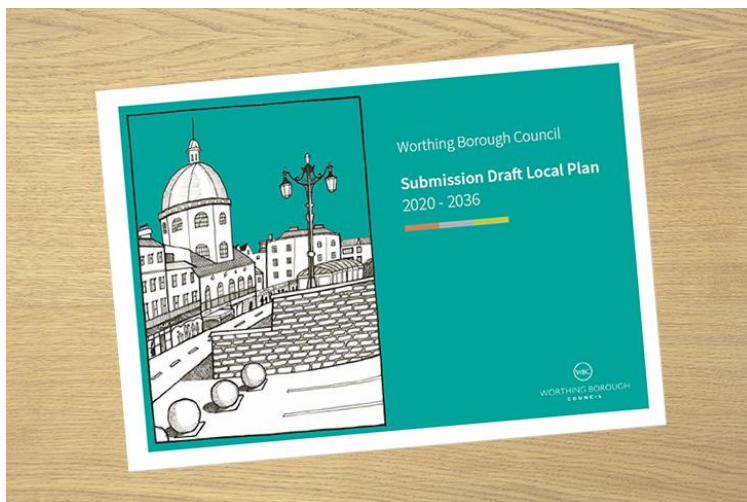
There is still time to review and have your say - but do be prompt as the deadline closes at 5pm on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 - the clock is ticking!

Following close of consultation, the policy team will review all submitted comments before submitting the final Plan for independent examination in the coming months ahead.

Watch this space!

Head over to the Submission Draft Worthing Local Plan webpage to find out more. The closing date for comments is Tuesday 23rd March 2021 (5pm) so don't delay! Please do check out the guidance note (on the page below) to help inform your response - see:

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