

What is a Local Plan?

A local plan sets out a **vision and framework** for the future development of an area. It will address the needs and opportunities in relation to **housing**, the **economy**, **regeneration**, **community facilities**, and **infrastructure** through the implementation of planning policies & proposals.

The Local Plan must also consider how to safeguard **the environment**, adapt in line with the vital **climate change agenda**, and secure **high quality design**. The Local Plan is an essential tool for guiding decisions on individual planning applications, but will also set an **overall strategy** for how to meet the unprecedented challenge of delivering the governments required **new homes**.

Our Local Plan 2020—2039

The Hinckley & Bosworth Local Plan 2020-2039 will set out the **vision and spatial planning strategy** for the borough.

We are asking for comments and observations on our **draft plan**. You will find questions throughout the plan where we ask for feedback.

Our draft Local Plan will:

- » Provide land for around 9,300 **new homes**, including **affordable** housing and different sizes & types of housing to reflect the needs of our community;
- » Focus new development where it is most **sustainable** in our main towns and key rural centres whilst minimising development in the countryside;
- » Set out policies to mitigate and **adapt to climate change** and to support sustainable development;
- » **Conserve and enhance** networks of green spaces, promote biodiversity, and landscape character;
- » Support good quality design to ensure we are '**building better, building beautiful**' for longevity and inclusivity;
- » Deliver employment land & premises to **support our economy** and improve education & skills;
- » **Support our town and village centres** by encouraging retail and leisure, recognising their rich and varied historic & cultural significance; and
- » Ensure new development is supported by **new infrastructure** such as schools, open spaces, and transport improvements.

Where can I get more information?

Planning officers will be available to answer your questions at a number of arranged events during the consultation period.

Please visit our website for further information and current coronavirus restrictions.

How can I view the consultation documents?

The Draft Local Plan Consultation June 2021 (Regulation 18) document can be viewed and downloaded on our website —

www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/localplanreview

Printed copies will be available in a number of libraries and at the Hinckley Hub.

Please get in touch on 01455 238141 and ask for Planning Policy to inquire about your nearest location and how to arrange viewing and/or collection.

How can I have my say?

You can respond to this consultation by:

- Completing our online survey
- By email: planningpolicy@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk
- By post to: Planning Policy, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, Hinckley Hub, Rugby Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 0FR.

Consultation Period

9am Wednesday 30 June to 5pm Friday 27 August 2021

Hinckley & Bosworth Local Plan 2020 - 2039

Draft Local Plan Consultation June 2021 (Regulation 18)



Informational Leaflet

People

Helping people to stay healthy and active in inclusive well-planned communities.



Our Local Plan will aim to

Healthy Communities and Places

Support and create **strong, healthy and self-reliant** urban and rural communities where the identities of existing settlements are respected. Ensure communities have access to the **facilities** and services they need, which help them to thrive, **grow sustainably** and improve health, social & cultural wellbeing **for all**.

Safe and Inclusive Communities

Develop **strong and safe communities** by designing out crime, creating safe spaces and encouraging involvement and interaction. Improve life chances by providing **fair access to resources**.

Infrastructure and Transport

Ensure that **future infrastructure needs** of the Borough's new and existing communities are assessed, planned for and delivered **at the right time**. Promote a **sustainable transport system** which enables reliable access by a **choice of transport modes** and mitigates impacts on the highway network.

Tourism & Leisure

Support **sustainable tourism and leisure developments** within the Borough, which respect the landscape and the local surroundings, support local communities and their economies.

Places

Building better, building beautiful; creating clean and attractive places to live and work.



Our Local Plan will aim to:



Natural Environment

Conserve and enhance the natural environment, protect **biodiversity** and deliver a **network of green infrastructure**.

Climate Change

Mitigate climate change and reduce the effects of new development on **air quality** by promoting the use of sustainable **materials, low carbon** technologies, sustainable transport options, **renewable** energy and **energy efficiency** measures.

Achieving Good Design

Ensure that new development is designed to a **high standard** to help meet the Borough's current and future needs and, make a positive contribution to maintaining and enhancing local **character, distinctiveness** and an **attractive** environment. **Innovative** design and construction methods will be supported.

Built Environment and Townscape

Conserve and enhance the historic environment and the **unique** townscape character of the Boroughs towns and villages

Prosperity

Encouraging growth, attracting businesses, improving skills, and supporting regeneration.



Our Local Plan will aim to:

Positive Planning

Have a **positive and proactive** approach to development proposals which accord with the policies of the Local Plan.

Land for Development

Plan for **suitable, sustainable, available, deliverable, and well-located** land to meet all identified development needs and maintain a **balance** between housing and employment

Economic Growth and Resilience

Ensure that suitable buildings, sites and quality infrastructure are provided, in accordance with sustainability considerations, to support **strong economic growth**, tourism, agriculture, and a **varied local economy**. These should provide **flexibility** and be able to **adapt** to changing economic needs.

Town and Village Centres

Plan for the **continued regeneration** and the identification of **opportunity sites** in Hinckley Town Centre to accommodate a range of uses to **support and expand its role** as the Borough's main retail, leisure and cultural centre. To support and develop the **vitality and viability** of all other identified retail centres within the Borough.