

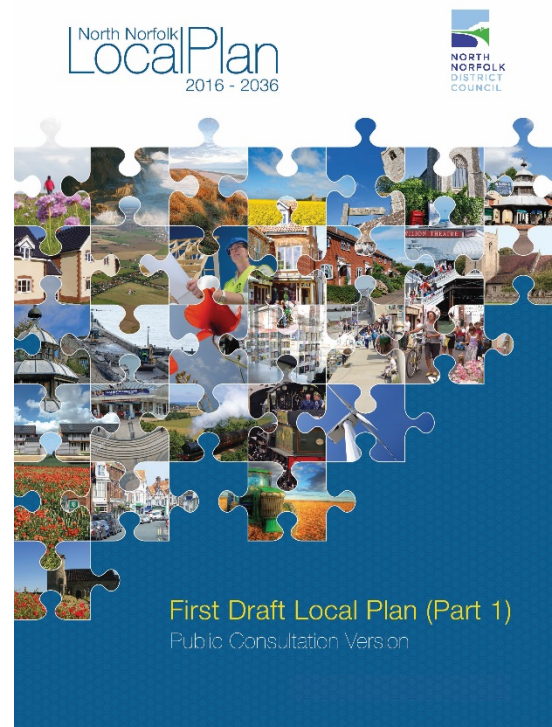
## Notice of Draft Local Plan Consultation

The Council is producing a new Local Plan which will guide development in North Norfolk up to 2036. This note explains how you can get involved in the preparation of the Plan.

The purpose of the Local Plan is to ensure there is clear detail on where development should be provided, how it should be provided (through suitable development policies), and to identify appropriate development sites to meet needs. It ensures that good quality, sustainable development takes place which respects the environment and heritage of North Norfolk while improving the lives of residents.

We are inviting residents, businesses and organisations to consider the content of the **First Draft Local Plan** and to let us know if any changes are considered necessary. As part of this consultation we will also publish details of the **Alternative Options** that have been considered, along with the supporting evidence we have taken account of when preparing the draft document.

A six week consultation period will take place from **Tuesday 7 May to Wednesday 19 June**.



### What is the 'Development Plan?'

The existing Development Plan<sup>1</sup> is nearing the end of its lifetime and needs to be replaced.

When adopted, the new Local Plan, along with any approved Neighbourhood Plans, the Broads Local Plan and Norfolk County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan will form the Development Plan for the District. Along with National Planning Policy & Guidance, the content of the Development Plan is the principal planning documentation that the Council uses to determine planning applications.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/planning-policy/local-plan-current>

## What does the Local Plan do?

The Plan identifies the key land use **issues** facing the district such as climate change, the need for more homes including affordable homes, and strengthening the local economy. It includes a **vision** for North Norfolk in 2036, and the **aims & objectives** which the Council expects to achieve during the Plan period. The Plan includes new **policies** which are proposed to be used to determine future planning applications, and also proposes a number of **development sites** around the district which are intended to help to meet the housing, employment and other needs of the area.

The Plan covers a broad range of topics such as housing construction standards, design, affordable housing, development in the countryside, coastal erosion, green spaces and access, renewable energy, infrastructure, retail, tourism and more.

## How can I get involved?

From Tuesday 7 May visit <http://consult.north-norfolk.gov.uk/portal> to submit comments.

The Local Plan is the key planning document for North Norfolk. This is your chance to influence its content.

## Will my opinion matter?

Yes! The local knowledge of residents and expertise of local organisations can help to make the Plan better. Whether you object to or support an element of the plan, or wish to make some general comments, we are keen to have your feedback.

## Additional Information

- We have also updated the North Norfolk **Design Guide** and produced new **Landscape Character & Sensitivity Assessments** which the Council intends to adopt as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). These guidance documents are also available for comment during the consultation.
- Please note that comments made outside of the advertised consultation period will not be accepted.
- We will be holding a number of drop-in events in the first few weeks of the consultation period where you can discuss the proposals with planning staff. Further information will be available prior to the consultation at [www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplan)
- To sign up for future updates on the Local Plan and other Planning Policy matters you can subscribe at: [www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplanupdates](http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplanupdates)

**We look forward to hearing from you.**