



## Eastbourne Local Plan - Growth Strategy Consultation

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is a local plan?

The Local Plan is one of the most important documents shaping the future of Eastbourne. It is the key planning document that will plan and manage growth, regeneration and development across the Borough, based on a vision of how we want Eastbourne to be in 20 years' time.

The Local Plan is used to guide decisions on the location, amount and type of development that the Borough needs. This includes ensuring that new development contributes towards the town becoming carbon neutral; identifying land and uses that are required to create a prosperous economy; protecting what we value in terms of the environment and heritage of the area; creating thriving communities that meet the needs of local residents; delivering the right types of homes in the right locations; and providing effective infrastructure to sustain future growth.

The new local plan will set out a vision and development strategy for the whole of the Borough covering the period 2019 to 2039, alongside a range of policies that will guide development to ensure that it helps to deliver that vision and strategy. The plan will also include allocations for various land uses such as residential and employment. The local plan will help provide certainty to local residents, developers and other stakeholders about what will happen in the Borough over the next two decades. Once adopted, it will replace the existing local plan that was adopted in 2013.

### What stage is the local plan at?

Below are the broad stages to the preparation of a Local Plan and the anticipated timeframes as set out in the [Local Development Scheme 2022-2025](#):



This consultation is a Regulation 18 consultation that follows the Issues and Options consultation carried out in 2019/2020.

Comments from this consultation will be used to inform the full draft plan which will include all the draft allocations and policies.

### What happens next?

Whilst this document focuses on housing and employment growth, work is also progressing on the other policy issues to be covered by the local plan. For example, a series of evidence base documents are currently being prepared covering a range of policy areas. This work, alongside the outcomes of this consultation, will feed into the development of the next stage of the local plan.

A full draft Local Plan will be published and it is expected that this will be subject to public consultation in late 2023.

Following this the plan will be submitted to Government to commence the examination process, and it is anticipated that the Local Plan will finally be adopted in late 2024.

### When will the new local plan be adopted?

The timetable for the local plan is set out in the Local Development Scheme which is available on our website at; <https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-development-scheme/>

This sets out the timeframe for the preparation of the Local Plan, adoption is anticipated towards the end of 2024.

## Can I submit a site for consideration in the Land Availability Assessment?

You can submit a site for consideration in the next iteration of the Land Availability Assessment at any point in the process. There is a 'Call for Sites' currently live on our website, this is the easiest way to submit a site;

[https://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/ELP\\_GS/consultationHome](https://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/ELP_GS/consultationHome).

You can also use this process to update on a site already contained with the LAA, please ensure you provide the site reference and name to ensure the information provided is recorded correctly.

Alternatively, please contact [LocalPlan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:LocalPlan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk) and we can send you a form to complete and return.

## How can I provide an update on a site within the Land Availability Assessment?

The easiest way to provide updated information on a site already within the LAA is to use the 'call for sites' questionnaire on our consultation website;

[https://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/ELP\\_GS/consultationHome](https://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/ELP_GS/consultationHome).

Please ensure you provide the site reference and name to ensure the information provided is recorded correctly.

Alternatively, please contact [planning.policy@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk) and we can send you a form to complete and return.

## How do I submit comments on the consultation?

You can respond to the consultation by:

- Submitting comments directly via our online [consultation portal](#);
- By sending comments by email (preferably as an attached PDF or Word document) to: [LocalPlan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:LocalPlan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk); or
- By sending comments by post to: Planning Policy, Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG.

Please note that comments are only accepted in writing we cannot take comments over the telephone.

It should also be noted that although the consultation will be publicised using social media, comments made via these routes cannot be considered as a formal response to the consultation. Therefore you are encouraged to make your comments via the channels identified above.

### Can I submit comments by letter?

Yes, you can submit comments by post to Planning Policy, Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG.

Questionnaires are available on our [consultation website](#) which can be downloaded and returned by post. There are also hard copies of the response form available at Eastbourne Town Hall reception which you can complete and return.

### How long does the consultation run for?

The consultation is open for a 10-week period between Friday 11th November 2022 and Friday 20th January 2023. All consultation responses should be received by 5pm on the closing date.

### Where can I view the consultation documents?

The consultation, supporting documents and evidence can be accessed through the Council's on-line consultation portal [https://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/ELP\\_GS/consultationHome](https://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/ELP_GS/consultationHome).

If you do not have internet access, the Growth Strategy Consultation document and the Sustainability Appraisal are also available to read as a paper copy at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG.

Please note Officers are available by appointment only.

### Who can I to speak to about the Consultation?

Only comments submitted in writing can be considered as a response. However if you have questions about the consultation or are having any issues with viewing the documents you can contact the Planning Policy Team via email at [LocalPlan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:LocalPlan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01323 410000 quoting 'Eastbourne Local Plan'. Please note Officers are available by appointment only.