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Local Plan Examination Update

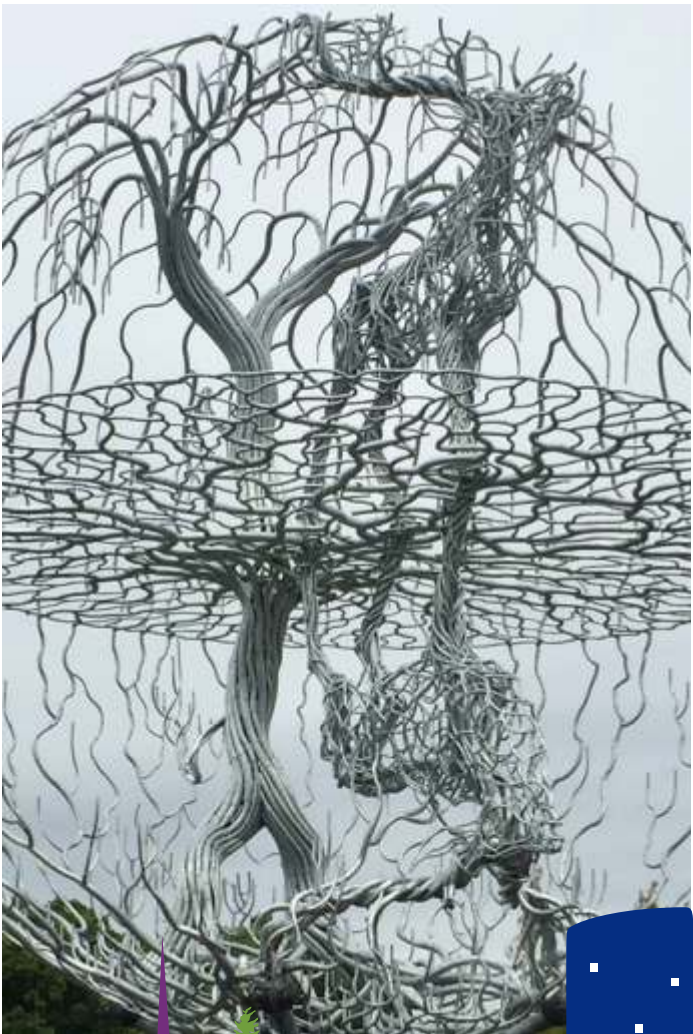
What stage are we at?

The Chelmsford Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 29th June 2018. An Inspector (Mrs Yvonne Wright BSc (Hons) Dip TP MSc DMS MRTPI) was appointed to undertake an independent examination into the soundness of the Local Plan and then to issue a report with her conclusions.

The examination hearing sessions took place in November and December 2018 and the examination process is still ongoing. You can view the Examination documents at: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan

The Inspector indicated at the hearing sessions and through a Post Hearing Advice Letter, the changes needed to make the Plan 'Sound'. These are called main modifications. A Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications has been produced for consultation. The Inspector will need to take into account the consultation responses before any final conclusions are made on the Local Plan.

Further consultation details within



Modifications Consultation

This consultation will run from 1 August 2019 to 19 September 2019.

Representations are invited on the following documents:

- Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications
- Schedule of Proposed Policies Map Changes
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Addendum (2019)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (2019)

The main modifications are required to make the Local Plan sound. They involve changes or insertions to policies and text that are essential to enable the Plan to be adopted. Main modifications are therefore significant changes that have an impact on the implementation of a policy.

Some main modifications result in consequential changes to the Policies Map. These are shown on the Schedule of Proposed Policies Map Changes which includes the changes in map form.

In addition, the Council is proposing a number of Additional Modifications to the submitted Local Plan. These do not affect the soundness of the Local Plan but are in the main factual updates of the supporting text.



How do I get involved?

Representations should only relate to the changes contained in the Schedule of Main Modifications, Schedule of Policies Map Changes, SA and HRA consultation documents.

We prefer receiving comments online, using our specially designed Consultation Portal. Using the Consultation Portal helps us to record your comments accurately and process them quickly. Go to www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsult to:

- Read the consultation documents
- Make your comments
- Sign up for alerts to future consultations

Otherwise, a specially designed response form is available online. Responses can also be made in writing and returned to the email or postal address below.

You can also find more information and documents for downloading at: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan.

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The Local Plan process

Issues & Options
2015 / 16



Preferred Options
Spring 2017



Pre-submission
January - March 2018



Submission
29 June 2018



**Examination Hearing
Sessions**
November & December 2018



**Main Modification
Consultation**
Summer 2019



Adoption
Late 2019

Issues and Options consultation - 2015/16 – As the first stage of the new Local Plan, known as Issues and Options, this consultation focused on the planning issues that face Chelmsford over the next 20 years and options for the way they could be addressed, the amount of new development needed and possible areas for growth.

Preferred Options - Spring 2017 - The Preferred Options Local Plan stage took onboard comments from the previous consultation and proposed how and where growth could be distributed, including identifying specific sites for development and draft policies to be used for decision making on planning applications. Consultation took place on this document in early 2017.

Pre-Submission – January to March 2018 – Feedback from previous consultations and background studies, research and surveys were used to prepare the Draft Local Plan. The 'evidence base' supporting the Local Plan has been expanded throughout the process. Consultation took place in early 2018 and focused on legal compliance and consistency with national policy, known as the 'Tests of Soundness'. This was the final stage before submitting the Local Plan to the Secretary of State.

Submission – 29 June 2018 – the Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for an Independent Examination.

Examination Hearing Sessions – Took place in November and December 2018 - The Secretary of State appointed Yvonne Wright BSc (Hons) DipTP MSc DMS MRTPI as the Inspector.

Main Modification Consultation – summer 2019. To consult on the main modifications which are required to resolve issues in order to make the Local Plan sound or to ensure its legal compliance. They involve changes or insertions to policies and text that are essential to enable the Plan to be adopted.

Adoption – Late 2019

What's the next step?

Following the close of the consultation, representations will be sent to the Inspector for consideration. The Inspector will consider the responses and will either require further work to be carried out or issue the final report on the soundness of the Local Plan.

Only on receipt of the Inspector's final report to the Council which finds the Plan sound, can the Council adopt the Local Plan.

Masterplanning

Where identified under the relevant Strategic Growth Site policies within the Local Plan, the Council requires a masterplan for each site to be submitted for approval.

The masterplan sets out the expectations from a new development, helps ensure the developments delivers what the area needs and how it meets the requirements of the site policy.

The masterplan is used to help create excellent places to live, work and enjoy and will be subject to further consultation. Further details on the progress of site masterplanning can be found at:

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/masterplans-for-new-developments-in-chelmsford/

Neighbourhood Plans

Neighbourhood Plans are being prepared in some parts of Chelmsford by the local community. These can influence detailed policies and shape development proposals in their area. You can get involved – visit our website for more details

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/communityplans



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