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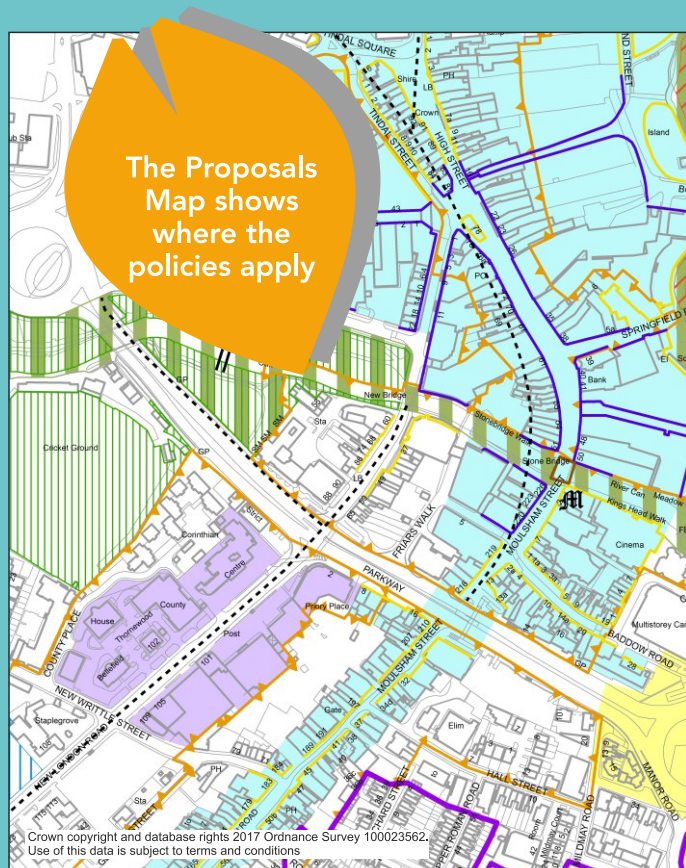
Welcome

to the latest edition of the Chelmsford Local Plan newsletter. This newsletter covers the most recent consultation and the next stages of the Local Plan.

What is the Local Plan?

The new Local Plan will shape future growth and development of the City Council's area until 2036. It will identify land for housing, schools, shops, community facilities and businesses.

The Local Plan will also include draft planning policies which will be used to determine future planning applications.



Recent Consultation

The most recent consultation on the 'Preferred Options' Local Plan took place over a six-week period from 30 March to 11 May 2017. This was the second formal stage in the Local Plan preparation.

This consultation outlined new proposed development within three Growth Areas as well as identifying new jobs and infrastructure.

The consultation also covered the Sustainability Appraisal which assesses the proposals against a range of social, environment and economic indicators, and the Habitat Regulations Assessment which assesses whether the draft Local Plan will adversely affect a European habitat site.

A total of **2,801** comments were received to the consultation from **1,683** different respondents.

All the responses can be read in full on the Council's Consultation Portal at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsult

Comments have also been summarised in two Feedback Reports which will be available on the Local Plan website

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/preferred-options
One report summarises the main issues from the comments received to the Local Plan and another the main issues in responses to the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment.

What happens next?

Work is continuing for the next stage of the new Local Plan, the 'Pre-Submission' document. Consultation is now expected to take place on this document in early 2018 (not Autumn 2017 as previously anticipated). This allows time to complete the new evidence base, fully assess the consultation responses and to undertake further engagement with other Councils and key partners. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is due to be updated to reflect this change in the timetable.

The Pre-Submission document will be informed by the responses received to the Preferred Options consultation in addition to a range of technical documents such as background studies, research, and surveys. This 'evidence base' is being developed and expanded all the time, and can be viewed on the Local Plan website:
www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan

The Pre-Submission consultation is the final stage before submitting the Local Plan to the Secretary of State in Summer 2018 for an Independent Examination.

This consultation will focus on legal compliance and consistency with national policy. Comments received will be collated and submitted alongside the Pre-Submission Local Plan, together with any proposed modifications, to the Planning Inspector holding the Independent Examination.

If you have registered on the Council's Consultation Portal, we will automatically contact you when the consultation is launched. If you have not previously registered and would like to sign up for alerts, please register on the consultation portal:
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Local Plan Timetable Update

The full timetable is set out in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) which is available on our website: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/local-developmentscheme-lds

The LDS is due to be updated at the next Development Policy Committee on 28 September 2017 to reflect the changes in the timetable for the Local Plan preparation. The Committee will be asked to approve the following new timetable:

28 September 2017	Development Policy Committee - Local Plan matters including Local Development Scheme Update, Strategic Land Availability Assessment and evidence base update
30 November 2017	Development Policy Committee - Approve Pre-Submission Local Plan for consultation (Regulation 19 Consultation)
January - February 2018	Pre-Submission Local Plan public consultation (six-weeks)
Summer 2018	Submit Local Plan for Examination
Autumn 2018	Examination

The Committee agenda and papers will be available online five working days before the Committee meeting:

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/committees-and-meetings/calendar-of-meetings

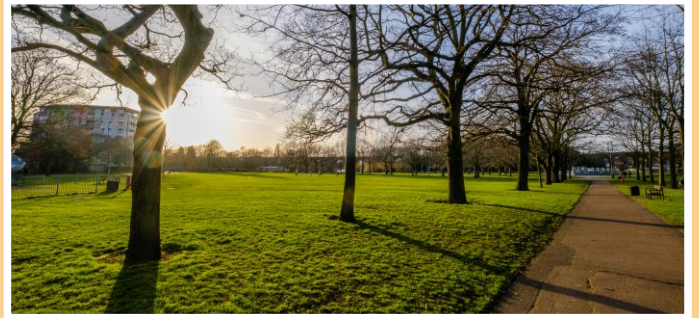


The revised timetable will be reported to Development Policy Committee on the 28th September 2017

Evidence Base Update

In preparing a new Local Plan, an 'evidence base' is required to inform and support the Local Plan. This comprises several background studies, research, and surveys. It is important to ensure that the evidence base is adequate, relevant and up to date as possible and therefore the Council is working with partners to complete or update the following evidence base documents:

-  Traffic and Junction Modelling
-  Air Quality Assessment
-  Sustainability Assessment (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)
-  Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment
-  Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Level 2
-  Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)
-  Local Plan Viability
-  Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SLAA) 2017
-  Green Infrastructure Strategy



More Information

You can find more information or contact us:

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