

REVIEW OF CHELMSFORD LOCAL PLAN

REGULATION 18 – PREFERRED OPTIONS

Chelmsford City Council has published its Regulation 18 Preferred Options consultation on the Review of its adopted Local Plan. This consultation is accompanied by a Preferred Options Integrated Impact Assessment.

The consultation runs for six weeks from **10am on Wednesday 8 June 2024 until 4pm on Wednesday 19 June 2024.**

Regulation 18 Preferred Options Consultation Document

This Regulation 18 Preferred Option consultation is the second formal stage in the preparation of the review of the adopted Chelmsford Local Plan, and a further opportunity for residents, businesses, developers, and other interested parties to get involved.

This is a full draft of the reviewed Local Plan. It includes updated and new policies and sets out proposed sites where new homes, employment and other facilities could be located. It also contains policies that we would use to decide planning applications.

Regulation 18 Preferred Options Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Consultation Document

The adopted Local Plan was developed alongside a comprehensive Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) process. For this review process, the Council is including other aspects of sustainable development in an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA), which covers the following:

- Sustainability Appraisal
- Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Health Impact Assessment
- Equality Impact Assessment.

We are consulting on the Integrated Impact Assessment which assesses the Preferred Options against a range of social, environmental and economic indicators.

Broomfield and Danbury Neighbourhood Plans Regulation 16 Consultations

We are also consulting on two Neighbourhood Plans. These have been developed by Broomfield and Danbury Parish Councils, and cover a wide range of issues such as landscape, transport, recreation, heritage, building design, and business. When they are adopted, both Neighbourhood Plans will become part of the Local Plan and will be used for planning decision making.

Find out more at:

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/broomfieldplan and www.chelmsford.gov.uk/danburyplan.

Where to view the documents and how to make representations:

View and comment online

You can view and comment on the consultation documents on the City Council's Consultation Portal at: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsult. This is our preferred method to comment.

If you have not used this system before or have any difficulties logging in, please see our guidance notes at: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-portal-guide or call us on (01245) 606330.

View in person

Paper copies can be viewed at the City Council Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm (Please note we are closed on bank holidays).

Comment via email

Comments may be submitted by email: planning.policy@chelmsford.gov.uk
Please include your name and postal address in your message.

A specially designed response form can be downloaded at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-review or made available on request by telephoning (01245) 606330 or emailing planning.policy@chelmsford.gov.uk.

Paper comments

You can submit your comments by post or deliver them in person in the following ways:

Post: Spatial Planning Services, Chelmsford City Council, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE

By hand: Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm - Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE (outside of these hours you can use the post box outside the Customer Service Centre).

If you do not have access to a computer, you can request paper copies. A charge will be made to cover printing and postage costs.

If you have difficulties making representations by e-mail or post due to a disability, please call us (01245) 606330.

How to find out more:

We will be hosting an online virtual exhibition for the Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation as well as having in-person exhibitions at the Council Offices. Here you can view our exhibition boards which contain a summary of the consultation (please note both forms of exhibition will have the same information available).

Local Plan Virtual exhibitions: Will be available to view via www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-exhibition

Local Plan in-person exhibition: Drop in exhibitions will take place at the Civic Centre, where you will be able to speak to a representative of the Council. There is no booking required to attend these exhibitions, which will take place at the Chelmsford City Council Chamber, accessed via Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE on the following dates and times:

- Thursday 16 May 2024, 6pm to 8pm
- Friday 17 May 2024, 1pm to 3pm
- Saturday 18 May 2024, 10am to 12noon
- Thursday 13 June 2024, 6pm to 8pm
- Friday 14 June 2024, 1pm to 3pm
- Saturday 15 June 2024, 10am to 12noon (*with British Sign Language interpreter available on this date*).

Further Local Plan exhibitions will be on display as follows. These will not be staffed.

- Monday 20 May to Friday 24 May, 7am to 6.30pm at High Chelmer Shopping Centre, 15a Exchange Way, Chelmsford, CM1 1XB
- Thursday 30 May, Friday 31 May, Monday 3 June to Friday 7 June, Monday 10 June and Tuesday 11 June, 9am to 4pm, South Woodham Town Council, Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road, SWF.

Local Plan Website: Please visit our website www.chelmsford.gov.uk/lp-review for further information on the consultation and the Local Plan review process.

Please note that any representations must be received by the Council no later than 4pm on Wednesday 19 June 2024. We are unable to accept anonymous representations and any comments received after the closing date cannot be accepted.

The Council will acknowledge receipt of your comments and fully consider them, although we will not enter into individual correspondence.

All duly-made comments will be published on the Council's Consultation Portal in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires that the Council should avoid any form of discrimination and also foster good relations between different ethnic groups. Comments which are deemed to be discriminatory will be inadmissible and will not be accepted.

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