

Local Plan Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 – Regulation 20

City of York Local Plan (2025 to 2045) (regulation 20)

The Council has published, for comment, the City of York Local Plan Scoping Consultation (Sept 2026). This forms part of the preparation of a new City of York Local Plan, which will set out the authority's approach to planning policy and development across the authority to 2045.

This consultation represents the first stage in preparing the City of York Local Plan under the new plan-making system introduced through the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026. It invites views on the proposed scope and content of the Plan (in fulfillment of the requirement to notify and invite representations as part of Local Plan preparation under Regulation 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026), and on how the Council should engage with communities and stakeholders as the Plan progresses.

Purpose of this consultation

This consultation relates to the early scoping stage in the preparation of the City of York Local Plan. The purpose of this Scoping Consultation is to invite representations on:

- (i) Such matters relevant to the preparation of the Local Plan as the Council or body considers appropriate, including what the Plan should contain; and
- (ii) How the Council should engage with them in the preparation of the Local Plan. Any person or organisation may make representations on these matters.

The views expressed through previous consultations on the Plan will continue to be used to inform and shape the Plan.

Scope of the City of York Local Plan

The City of York Local Plan covers a wide range of planning matters. This consultation seeks views on whether the Plan should address the following topic areas:

- Spatial Strategy: the overall approach to locating new homes, businesses and other types of development;
- Housing and specialist accommodation: meeting needs for new homes across the authority, including homes of different types and tenures
- Economy, jobs and investment: supporting employment by planning for the needs of businesses
- Education and skills: supporting providers and ensuring all ages have access to learning to equip them with the skills to succeed
- Retail, Tourism and Culture: encouraging sustainable growth in the visitor economy and supporting the role of our centres and high streets.
- Design: ensuring that new development helps create well-designed and sustainable places
- Heritage: ensuring that future change in the city is rooted in an appreciation of its heritage significance, sense of place and high-quality built environment.
- Environment, Climate and Green Infrastructure: protecting valued green and blue spaces and the natural environment. Planning to avoid, reduce and mitigate the risk of floods. Supporting the creation of resilient places that use energy and other resources efficiently, increase energy security, reduce the shocks associated with global climate change and support legally binding carbon emission reductions
- Health, wellbeing and inequalities: maintaining people-friendly environments that support physical activity, social interaction, and mental wellbeing, and securing the delivery of key infrastructure

- Transport, Movement and Active Travel: planning for future investment in transport infrastructure and helping enable people to travel more sustainably
- Minerals and Waste: managing waste through the waste hierarchy and safeguarding minerals resources and infrastructure for the future, ensuring an adequate supply of minerals to support economic growth,

Representations are invited on whether these topic areas are appropriate and whether there is anything to add to, or exclude from, the scope.

The scoping consultation document also seeks specific feedback on the types of consultation and engagement methods that people consider work best for them, so that this can help inform and shape future engagement on the Plan.

Period for submission of comments

Comments are invited on the City of York Local Plan Scoping Consultation document for a period of 6 weeks, from:

Monday, 28 September 2026 until 11.59pm on Sunday, 8 November 2026

This statement provides details on how to make comments.

How to view the documents

The dedicated consultation website will host all information relating to the City of York Local Plan.

This allows people to:

- view the consultation material online;
- submit comments using the consultation portal.

You will also be able to access consultation material at West Offices, Station Rise by appointment, and at all Explore Libraries.

Submitting your comments

We welcome comments from all stakeholders and you can make comments in any of the following ways:

- Online: <https://www.york.gov.uk/ScopingConsultation>
- Email: localplan@york.gov.uk
- In person by appointment only. Please phone to arrange (01904) 552255

Next stages

This consultation represents the first stage in the preparation of the City of York Local Plan under the new plan-making system.

Following this consultation the council will consider all representations received and will:

- finalise the scope of the Plan
- agree an approach to future engagement

The Local Plan [timetable](#) shows key dates in preparation of our new City of York Local Plan, which will include:

- draft policy approaches
- supporting evidence
- Site Options

Notification

In making a representation to this consultation you will be able to choose when we will notify you of future stages of Local Plan preparation.

This may include notification of:

- further consultations
- submission of the Plan for independent examination
- publication of the Inspector's recommendations
- adoption of the Local Plan

Accessibility

If you need help or support to take part in this consultation, please let us know and we will do our best to assist. We can be contacted on (01904) 552255 or write to us at localplan@york.gov.uk

Privacy notice

To comply with its statutory obligations, the Council must make representations available for public inspection, including publication online.

This may include:

- your name
- your address
- the content of your representation

To protect personal data, any information not required by law (such as telephone numbers or signatures) will be removed before publication.

Further information is available in the [Strategic Planning Policy Privacy Notice](#)