



York's Local Plan

Making your comments to the government

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CITY OF YORK
LOCAL PLAN



SHAPING OUR CITY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



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York needs a Local Plan to support the city's economic growth and shape how the city changes over the next 15 years and beyond. We have prepared a 'publication draft' of the city's Local Plan. This May we will submit the plan to the government, which will then ask a planning inspector to assess it. The planning inspector will only consider comments made during this consultation to help with that assessment. **So even if you've responded before, it is important that you tell us what you like and don't like about the plan during this consultation.**

This booklet sets out why the Local Plan is important, and how you can tell us what you think is good and bad about it during the consultation which runs from **Wednesday 21 February until midnight on Wednesday 4 April 2018**. It also explains how this consultation is different to other times you've had your say, including the types of comments which can be considered. See page 7 for more information about the different stages of consultation.

Why this consultation is different

All comments you make during this consultation will go to the government and planning inspector. They will now only consider two questions about the plan. The inspector will consider whether the plan is within the law, and whether it can be considered 'sound'.

See page 6 for more information on what this means, and how to use the comments forms.



Local Plan: Publication Draft 2018

During previous consultations we've asked for your views in order to help develop and refine the plan, and we've used this information to make changes over the past few years.

We have summarised the main policy areas which the plan covers, together with what has changed since the last consultation, on **pages 4 and 5** of this document.

You can view a full copy of the Local Plan: Publication Draft 2018

- Online: www.york.gov.uk/localplan
- At West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA
- At libraries across York

Making comments

The Planning Inspectorate has provided standard forms to help you offer comments which they can consider as part of the assessment. These forms are easy to fill in but are too long to include in this booklet.

The forms are available online at www.york.gov.uk/consultations. You can also download a form at www.york.gov.uk/localplan, collect one from the places above or request one by calling **01904 552255**.

Please send completed comment forms to us by:

- **FREEPOST RTEG-TYYU-KLTZ**, Local Plan, City of York Council, West Offices, Station Rise York YO1 6GA
- Email: localplan@york.gov.uk



City of York Local Plan: Publication Draft

The Local Plan includes all the rules and principles which will help to achieve the vision for York: 'A city with special qualities and distinctiveness that are recognised worldwide.'

It allocates the sites where new development should take place, taking into account factors like the green belt, the historical and natural environment, flood risk and access to public transport. The plan also covers what type of development can take place.

Providing a prosperous city for all

The plan looks at what type of development can provide jobs and employment opportunities for everyone in York and improve the overall attraction of the city.

Providing good quality homes and community facilities

The plan outlines how much and what types of housing the city needs, including affordable housing and homes for groups such as students and older people. It also highlights the need for development which strengthens communities, including quality education, sports, healthcare, childcare and community facilities. It encourages design which promotes healthy lifestyles.

Protect the environment

The plan protects York's outstanding heritage by promoting development which respects our city's special character and culture. It sets out and protects the city's green belt. The plan includes important aspects of the environment, like conserving and enhancing wildlife sites and open spaces. It also considers the opportunities offered by the York's natural resources whilst protecting current and future residents from environmental impacts like flooding.



Efficient and affordable transport links

The plan promotes good and affordable transport links and considers ways to reduce the need to travel. It will make sure that new development is close to high quality public transport, cycling networks and promotes walking.

What has changed since the last consultation?

Following the consultation in Autumn 2017 the council's Executive approved some changes in January 2018:

Housing numbers on the **York Central** (ST5) site increased from 1,500 to 1,700-2,500 and employment floorspace from 60,000 sqm to 100,000 sqm. This reflects consultation discussions with the York Central Partnership.

Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Strensall (ST35) sees a reduction from 578 to 500 houses, and an additional open space, following a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

There have also been changes to some policies, but the broad approach stays the same. The changes have been made to avoid confusion or to reflect consultation responses, updated evidence or national policy. These include:

- Site-specific changes to reflect ongoing work and emerging evidence.
- Emphasising that culture can and does contribute positively to York's local character.
- Conservation policies reflect the national shift to place more emphasis on the enhancement of historic assets rather than just protection.
- The timescales to deliver transport infrastructure have changed to align with the Local Transport Plan.



Using the comment form

We ask you to use the comment form because it structures your response in the way the inspector will consider comments at the public examination. You can find out where to get the comment forms on page 3.

Using the form to submit your comments also means that you can register your interest in speaking at the public examination, although this is optional. Remember the planning inspector needs comments which respond to key questions about whether the plan is within the law and whether it can be considered ‘sound’.

What makes a plan ‘sound’?

The planning inspector is asking whether the plan is ‘sound’. A plan is sound if it is:

Positively prepared: The plan should be prepared in a way that meets the need for housing and other development, including infrastructure like transport and business development.

Justified: The plan should be based on evidence, and be the best option when considered against other reasonable alternatives.

Effective: The plan should be deliverable, meaning that the development can realistically be achieved.

Consistent with national policy: The plan should encourage ‘sustainable’ development which improves the city and doesn’t damage the environment. It also has to be in line with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework available from www.york.gov.uk/localplan.



How you've helped to shape the Local Plan

Since 2013 we've been asking for your views on our ideas about why, where and how much land we allocate for development and how best to safeguard our natural, built and historic environments. We have consulted over:

- 2013: Preferred Options
- 2014: Further Sites
- 2016: Preferred Sites (asking which housing and employment sites should be allocated for development)
- 2017: Pre-Publication Draft (full plan taking into account barracks sites after Ministry of Defence announced they would close)
- 2018: Publication Draft (this consultation)

**Over
11,000
respondents
and over
27,000
comments
since
2013**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Local Plan since 2013.

Next steps

The plan and your comments will be considered by the council's Local Plan Working Group, Executive and then Full Council in May 2018. We will submit all the comments we receive, together with the plan, to the government in May 2018 who will pass them to the Planning Inspectorate. An inspector will then set a date for a public examination of the plan.



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Please let us know if it would help to have this information in a different format. We can offer it by email, in large print, as a spoken word CD or in another language.

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Polish

To jest roczny raport z działu usług mieszkaniowych ukazujący osiągnięte rzez nas wyniki oraz plany wdrożenia udoskonaleń.

Niniejsze informacje mogą zostać dostarczone w Państwa własnym języku.

Turkish

Bu, konut hizmetlerinin performansımızı ve iyileştirme planlarımızı gösteren yıllık raporudur. Bu bilgiler sizin kendi lisanınızda sağlanabilir

Cantonese

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