

# Local Plan NEWS LP\*

GREEN BELT  
CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
DESIGN  
HERITAGE

HOUSING  
JOBS  
BUSINESSES  
SHOPS



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Consultation special

## Welcome to Newsletter 11

The meeting of the Council's Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel (CHPP) agreed the Proposed Submission Local Plan document on 20 July 2016 and at its meeting on 2 August 2016 Cabinet ratified the decision to publish the Local Plan for consultation.

## Local Plan consultation

The consultation on the proposed submission version of the Local Plan runs for 8 weeks from **Tuesday 30 August** until **5:00pm on Monday 24 October**. Details of the dates and venues of our drop-in consultation events can be found overleaf. This is the final opportunity to make representations before the Local Plan is submitted for independent examination by a government appointed Planning Inspector.

This consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan differs from previous consultations as legally, at this stage, you may only make representations on whether the Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with legal requirements and whether it is "sound". The Inspector will look at whether the Council has met the legal requirements for the preparation of the Plan and whether it meets what are known as the "tests of soundness", as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

You may wish to consider the following before making a representation on the soundness of our plan:

- **Positively Prepared:** This means that we have objectively assessed the need for homes, jobs, services and infrastructure. If you think that our assessments are not objective or do not take sufficient account of unmet need in neighbouring authorities then your comments should relate to whether our Local Plan has been positively

prepared or not.

- **Justified:** This means that the Plan is based on a robust and credible evidence base. If you think that the evidence doesn't support the choices made in our Local Plan or there are realistic alternatives then your comments should relate to whether it is justified.
- **Effective:** This means that the Plan will deliver what it sets out to. If you think that what we are proposing in the Local Plan will not happen, or our Local Plan does not join up with the strategies of our neighbouring authorities, then your comments should relate to whether our Local Plan is effective or not.
- **Consistent with national policy:** Do you consider that our Local Plan accords with the NPPF and other policies or includes clear and convincing reasons for doing something different? Alternatively, you may think that the Local Plan should depart from national policy due to an identified and justified local need.

Representations will be sent to the Planning Inspector and will be made public. It is the Planning Inspector, not the Council, who will consider your representations at this stage. A guidance note will be available to help you to complete the response form. Responses must be made on the form, either through the Council's [online portal](#); or by [emailing](#) or posting the form to us at the address overleaf.

You can also comment on the Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan which identifies infrastructure requirements, such as education, roads and sewerage, that arise in order to meet identified needs for housing, employment and shops.



WELWYN  
HATFIELD

## Local Plan Consultation Events

**Wednesday 31 August**

**Green Lanes Primary School,**  
Green Lanes, Hatfield, AL10 9JY  
3:30pm-7:30pm

**Tuesday 6 September**

**United Reformed Church,** Oaklands  
Avenue, Brookmans Park, AL9 7UJ  
3:30pm-7:30pm

**Wednesday 14 September**

**Civic Centre,** Prospect Place,  
Welwyn, AL6 9ER  
3:30pm-7:30pm

**Thursday 22 September**

**Fairway Tavern,** Old Hens Lane,  
Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2ED  
3:30pm-7:30pm

**Friday 30 September**

**Cuffley Hall,** Maynard Place, Cuffley,  
EN6 4JA  
3:30pm-7:30pm

**TBA**

**Hatfield**

Additional date and venue to be  
arranged

### Panshanger Airfield

At the meeting of the Council's Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 20 July 2016, it was agreed that a slight change be made to the Plan to allow scope for a relocated grass runway to be provided by a third party. It was proposed that Policy SP18 and the Policies Map be amended so that the land currently designated as an Area of Special Restraint is allocated for 650 dwellings, the Green Belt boundary to the north remains unchanged, the 75 dwellings proposed on that Green Belt land are deleted from the Plan, and an addition to the policy is made stating that land to the north of the existing Green Belt boundary is to be left undeveloped and made available for a relocated grass runway. This will be incorporated into the Draft Local Plan Proposed Submission when it goes out to public consultation.

## INFORMATION

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Completed technical studies are available on the council's website, and as new studies are completed, they will also be published. Copies of all documents can be found on our website: [www.welhat.gov.uk/evidencebase](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/evidencebase)

The latest reports to Cabinet Housing and Planning Panels (CHPP) updating progress on the Local Plan can be found at:  
[www.welhat.gov.uk/cabinethousingplanningpanel](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/cabinethousingplanningpanel)

Copies of the Statement of Community Involvement and Local Development Scheme can be found at:  
[www.welhat.gov.uk/localplanningframework](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/localplanningframework)

Details of the latest planning consultations can be found at:  
[www.welhat.gov.uk/planningconsultations](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/planningconsultations)

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