

Dear Sir/Madam

City of York Local Plan

Work is currently underway on preparing a new Local Plan for the City of York. The Local Plan is a citywide plan which will help shape future development in York up to 2030 and beyond. It sets out the opportunities and policies on what will or will not be permitted and where, including new homes and businesses.

Local Plan Update

In June and July 2013 we undertook public consultation on the Local Plan Preferred Options. In total we received responses from 4,945 individuals, businesses and organisations, covering around 17,500 comments. All of the responses received have been published on the Council's website for the public to view. As a key part of processing the responses, officers have summarised the comments received by section and policy. These summaries can also be viewed on the Council's website and can be used to interpret the full responses. For more information, please go to www.york.gov.uk/localplan.

Further Consultation

We are now seeking your views as part of a supplementary sites consultation. During the Preferred Options consultation, additional information on sites was submitted by landowners and developers. This included the submission of new sites and further evidence on existing sites. This information, alongside an assessment of new evidence, has led to a number of potential changes to the sites consulted on at the Preferred Options stage. Namely, the identification of:

- potential new sites;
- the reconsideration of some sites that were previously rejected; and
- potential boundary changes on some of the strategic allocations.

Further work has also been carried out in relation to sites for safeguarded land and Gypsy, Roma & Traveller and Travelling Showpeople.

Before making any final recommendations on sites to include and making other changes to the draft Local Plan following last summer's consultation, the Council would like to understand your views on this additional information and associated work.

You can view the Local Plan Further Sites Consultation documents on the council's website at www.york.gov.uk/localplan. Alternatively you can view the document at the council reception at West Offices and in Libraries across York. During the consultation we will also be holding a number of exhibitions where you can view the sites and speak to an officer. The exhibitions are as follows:

- B&Q Foyer, Hull Road (Tuesday 10th June from 2.30pm to 7.30pm)

- Monks Cross Shopping Park – Car Park (Thursday 26th June from 2.30pm to 7.30pm)
- City Centre – Parliament Street (Wednesday 2nd July from 10am to 4pm)

Comments can be made by completing a Local Plan Further Sites Consultation comments form available on the website at www.york.gov.uk/localplan (this can be printed out and posted or completed online), or pick up a form from the libraries, West Offices reception or any of the exhibitions. Alternatively you can email your comments to localplan@york.gov.uk or post them to FREEPOST RTEG-TYYU-KLTZ, City of York Council, West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA.

The closing date for comments is **Wednesday 16th July 2014**.

Next Steps

The comments received as part of this consultation will help inform future recommendations on the portfolio of sites for inclusion in the final draft Local Plan (Publication). There will be a further opportunity to comment on the whole of the final plan later in the year before it is submitted to the Secretary of State to be examined by an independent inspector.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely

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