

Lichfield Local Plan 2040  
Draft Submission Plan  
Regulation 22 (1) (c) Statement  
Statement of Consultation  
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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement has been prepared to support the submission of the Lichfield Local Plan 2040, in accordance with Regulation 22 (1) (C) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Statement is a statutory requirement for a Local Planning Authority in the process of submitting a Local Plan to the Secretary of State. It outlines how the Council has complied with government requirements, in line with Regulations 18 and 19.
- 1.2 Regulation 22 requires a statement setting out:
- (i) which bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations under regulation 18,*
  - (ii) how those bodies and persons were invited to make representations under regulation 18,*
  - (iii) a summary of the main issues raised by the representations made pursuant to regulation 18,*
  - (iv) how any representations made pursuant to regulation 18 have been taken into account;*
  - (v) if representations were made pursuant to regulation 20, the number of representations made and a summary of the main issues raised in those representations; and*
  - (vi) if no representations were made in regulation 20, that no such representations were made;*
- 1.3 The statement sets out how Lichfield District Council (the Council) has involved the community and stakeholders in preparing the Draft Submission Plan and how this meets the requirements set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (2020) and national Regulations.
- 1.4 The report provides information on the following:
- An overview of the Council's engagement activities, across all individuals, groups and stakeholders during each stage of the Local Plan making process, including which bodies and persons were invited to make representations under regulation 18 and 19.
  - Which engagement activities were used during each stage of the Local Plan making process (both informal and formal).
  - How individuals, groups and stakeholders were invited to make representations to inform the Local Plan process.
  - A summary of the main issues raised by representations received through the engagement activities.
  - How those main issues have been addressed in the local plan
- 1.5 Table 1 shows the different stages of plan preparation leading up to the publication of the Draft Submission Plan.

Table 1: Local Plan Consultation Stages

Date	Consultation Stage
April 2018	Scope, Issues and Options (Reg 18)
January 2019	Preferred Options and Policy Directions (Reg 18)
November 2019	Preferred Options (Reg 18)
July 2021	Publication (Reg 19)

## 2. Consultation Methodology

- 2.1 The Council is committed to involving stakeholders and the local community in the development of Lichfield’s Draft Local Plan. It has adopted an approach that views consultation as an on-going activity that is integral to the plan making process. The Council has used a range of methods to engage and consult with stakeholders and the local community, in accordance with the [Statement of Community Involvement](#) 2019 and the revised version adopted in September 2020 published in light of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.
- 2.2 The Council has a comprehensive consultation database of consultees, and other stakeholders including residents associations, parish councils, elected representatives, community and voluntary groups, developers and businesses, infrastructure providers, government agencies and individuals.
- 2.3 Cross boundary consultation has been carried out with adjoining local authorities and parish councils.
- 2.4 Persons or organisations wishing to be included on the Council’s Local Plan consultation database can sign up via the Council’s website and are able update their details. Stakeholders and the local community have been informed by email or in writing of opportunities to get involved in plan making, and given a variety of options for responding, including in writing, email and using the on line consultation portal.
- 2.5 A range of different approaches has been undertaken, including the following methods:
- Stakeholder meetings and briefings
  - Seminars and presentations
  - Conferences and workshops
  - Drop in sessions
  - Exhibitions at libraries
  - Emails/ letters to those on the Council’s consultation database
  - Leaflets and posters
  - Press releases, media interviews and newspaper articles
  - FAQ document
  - A dedicated phone line to members of the planning policy team
  - Online video clip to explain how to comment on the plan
- 2.6 The following chapters set out the consultations undertaken at each stage of plan preparation and further details on the consultation processes are set out in within the appendices of this statement.

### 3. Scope, Issues and Options Consultation – April 2018

- 3.1 This initial stage of the Local Plan review commenced in April 2018 and involved setting out the broad scope of the Local Plan Review and sought views on a number of topics such as:
- the period that the Local Plan Review should cover
  - the evidence base to be prepared
  - cross boundary and strategic issues that will need to be addressed
  - the key challenges that the District faces
  - the level of growth that should be provided for
  - the opportunities that exist to accommodate this growth.
- 3.2 The Scope Issues and Options document identified the key challenges the District faces and posed a series of questions throughout the document. A number of broad possible options to deliver both housing and employment growth were included within the document to seek stakeholder’s views.
- 3.3 Consultation on the Scope, Issues and Options took place over a six week period between April and June 2018. As part of the consultation letters and emails were sent to all stakeholders on the Local Plan consultation database, including Duty to Cooperate partners and Parish Councils. Meetings with residents groups, stakeholders and private sector organisations were held. An executive summary document was produced and a duty officer was available during office hours. Documents were made available in local libraries and Council offices and manned exhibitions were held at various locations across the District.
- 3.4 Publicity included use of corporate social media, press release, press adverts and emails to Parish Council clerks ahead of the consultation period offering a presentation.
- 3.5 In total 1,637 responses were received from 260 individual consultees to the Scope, Issues and Options consultation.
- 3.6 The main issues raised from representations and the Councils response to these are detailed in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Preferred Options and Policy Directions Consultation responses

Summary of main issues raised	Summary of analysis
The review should provide explicit consideration of the needs arising from the Greater Birmingham Housing Market Area (GBHMA) and this should be reflected throughout the vision, objectives and strategic priorities.	The Review does acknowledge the needs arising from the GBHMA. The needs of neighbouring authorities warrant reference within the Plan. However further consideration needs to be given as to whether this needs to be explicitly set out within the vision, objectives and strategic priorities.
There needs to be greater emphasis on economic growth and the needs associated with employment.	Economic growth is considered to be a fundamental component of the plan review process. In drafting the next stage of the review consideration will be given to ensure appropriate focus is provided to economic growth.

Summary of main issues raised	Summary of analysis
There is a clear requirement to release Green Belt land in order to meet future growth needs.	The Council will undertake a Green Belt review which will assist in determining Green Belt release (if required).
Some of the proposed locations for growth are in unsustainable locations, growth should be focused in and around the existing built up area.	This scale and distribution of growth and the implications for areas of the district and specific sites will be addressed as part of the consideration of options for a suitable spatial strategy.
The existing urban areas are at capacity which triggers the needs to focus growth in other areas of the District.	This scale and distribution of growth and the implications for areas of the district and specific sites will be addressed as part of the consideration of options for a suitable spatial strategy.
The needs associated with housing requires a more thorough analysis. In particular there should be greater reference to self-build/ custom build and housing for the elderly.	These additional areas warrant further consideration and will be considered as the Review is progressed. It is noted that a number of respondents suggested that a policy requiring self-build is not appropriate.
There are infrastructure deficits across much of the District.	Infrastructure is a challenging matter which is best addressed through a Local Plan rather than piecemeal planning applications. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will be the primary mechanism for identifying infrastructure needs. The evidence base being developed will assist in informing this work. In addition involvement of key stakeholders such as Staffordshire County Council will assist in developing the IDP.
Some respondents considered the plan period to be appropriate, others considered there to be a need to align with the other GBHMA Authorities.	This will need to be considered, however it is agreed that there is logic in aligning the Plan period with other Local Plan Authorities conducting Plan Reviews.
There is limited justification to include a density policy.	It is recognised that there needs to be flexibility within a Plan regarding density. Notwithstanding this it is important the District achieves suitable density delivery. This is something that is common across the GBHMA, arising from the GL Hearn and Wood Strategic Growth study.
Residents from Shenstone/ Stonnall and Little Aston made a significant amount of generic objections opposing growth in this area. This is	From a planning policy perspective the number of respondents should not be a reason to halt progress with considering areas for growth.

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comparatively higher than other areas across the District.	Growth in this area will need to be tested in line with the other options.

#### 4. Preferred Options and Policy Directions Consultation – January 2019

- 4.1 Following consideration of representations on the Draft Local Plan work continued on the Draft Local Plan. This involved commissioning of evidence, development of the Plan vision and spatial strategy and consideration of options for site allocations.
- 4.2 Following consideration of representations on the Scope Issues and Options and publication of the Summary of Representations in January 2019, work commenced on the Draft Local Plan. Work to update the evidence base supported the Draft Local Plan was undertaken and resulted in updated evidence in relation to Duty to Cooperate, Habitat Regulations Screening Assessment, Settlement Hierarchy Assessment, Land Availability Assessment by way of an active call for sites process and Sustainability Appraisal.
- 4.3 The above evidence combined with the previous consultation responses and changes to national planning policy informed this stage of the consultation document.
- 4.4 The Preferred Options and Policy Directions document where possible set out the preferred policies that are being suggested. These policies were based on the concluded evidence and/or the consultation responses. Where more work was required a preferred policy direction was identified.
- 4.5 The January 2019 document included a preferred settlement hierarchy, based upon evidence available at that point in time. This identified a broadly similar hierarchy to that set out within the currently adopted local plan.
- 4.6 Consultation on the Preferred Options and Policy Directions document took place over a seven week period between January and March 2019. As part of the consultation letters and emails were sent to all stakeholders on the Local Plan consultation database, including Duty to Cooperate partners and Parish Councils. Meetings with residents groups, stakeholders and private sector organisations were held. An executive summary document was produced and a duty officer was available during office hours. Documents were made available in local libraries and Council offices and manned exhibitions were held at various locations across the District.
- 4.7 Publicity included use of corporate social media, press release, press adverts and emails to Parish Council clerks ahead of the consultation period.
- 4.8 In total 5,045 responses were received from 1,630 individual consultees the Scope, Issues and Options consultation. Of the 1,630 responses 1,230 were from Burntwood Action Group in relation to the proposed settlement hierarchy.

4.9 The main issues raised from representations and the Councils response to these are detailed in Table 3 below:

Table 3: Preferred Options and Policy Directions Consultation responses

Summary of main issues raised	Summary of analysis
The vision provides no commitment to protect the Green Belt or an approach of favouring non green belt locations in advance of Green Belt. This is not consistent with the NPPF.	The vision provides a broad overarching statement at district wide level. The evidence base is being updated and will include a comprehensive Green Belt Review having regard to national policy. Green Belt policy is currently addressed in Chapter 17 of the POPD.
The vision should confirm a commitment to meeting a proportion of the unmet housing need from the wider HMA and be updated to acknowledge the requirement for release of green field Green Belt land to plan positively for the level of growth needed.	The vision provides a broad overarching statement at district wide level. Chapter 14 considers housing requirements and the evidence base is being updated and will include a HEDNA which has regard to meeting unmet need and a comprehensive Green Belt Review. LDC is working with other authorities in the wider Housing Market Area through the duty to cooperate.
The Local Plan Growth proposals for Shenstone, Stonnall and Little Aston contradict the vision. Growth needs from the wider HMA are not justified and housing needs are not comprehensively assessed. Housing pressures are not identified.	The vision provides a broad overarching statement at district wide level. The evidence base is being updated and LDC is working with other authorities in the wider Housing Market Area through the duty to cooperate in meeting housing needs identified through the Strategic Growth Study.
Strategic objectives should include commitment to meeting housing needs across the wider HMA of Birmingham and the Black Country.	Strategic objective 6 indicates housing need will be met for existing and new residents. The need for wider HMA unmet need to be met is a specific issue considered in Chapter 14 of the POPD. The evidence base is being updated and LDC is working with other authorities in the wider Housing Market Area through the Duty to Cooperate.
Assessment of Shenstone, Little Aston and Stonnall in the settlement hierarchy is flawed as services and facilities and station car parking considered deficient to support future development.	The settlement hierarchy in chapter 10 identifies Shenstone and Little Aston as level 3 centres and Stonnall as a level 4 settlement recognising their attributes (services +facilities) relative to other settlements within Lichfield District and neighbouring towns and settlements. A wide range of evidence base is being assembled to support the local plan review and to further refine the settlement hierarchy and spatial strategy.
The issues affecting Burntwood must not be understated, nor unrealistic reliance placed on urban capacity and upping densities. Green Belt releases are justified to provide the economic growth levels required to uplift Burntwood and its infrastructure	Specific sites will be considered as part of the local plan review. The evidence base is being updated and LDC is working with other authorities in the wider Housing Market Area through the duty to cooperate in preparing a comprehensive Green Belt review and in meeting housing needs. The evidence base being assembled will



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as well as addressing the identified housing needs from the District and neighbouring authorities.	help to further refine the settlement hierarchy and spatial strategy.
Burntwood's infrastructure and amenities do not adequately cater for the past growth and any significant increase in its population is not sustainable.	The proposed settlement hierarchy is informed by the Settlement Sustainability Study which assessed all settlements within the District including Burntwood. The evidence base being assembled will help to further refine the settlement hierarchy and spatial strategy.
There are no 'exceptional circumstances' in which Burntwood's Green Belt could be justified for housing when suitable sites for new settlements outside the Green Belt have been put forward.	The Local Plan Review will be supported by an extensive evidence base including an updated HEDNA, SHLAA, Urban Capacity Assessment and a comprehensive Green Belt Review which will inform the next stages of the plan.
The preference for growth option 2 in the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is questionable. It would almost certainly require the further release of Green Belt land, when a viable proposal for growth option 4 has been submitted. The SA process is imprecise and relies on assumptions and subjectivity and cannot be relied upon. It tries to justify the extension of Burntwood which is barely sustainable now.	A wide range of evidence is being assembled to support the review of the local plan. The SA process is iterative with the Local Plan Review and will be applied consistently as the plan evolves.
Neither the spatial strategy nor the settlement hierarchy should seek to preclude development from coming forward in level 5 settlements where development would contribute to the vitality and viability of rural communities.	The settlement hierarchy is informed by the settlement sustainability study. The evidence base being assembled will help to further refine the settlement hierarchy and inform the spatial strategy.
The document has not considered the reasonable option of smaller new settlements and has missed a key opportunity of growth in well-connected and sustainable new villages. In this regard, Lichfield District Council's approach is inconsistent with national policy by setting out a preferred strategy which most likely relies on Green Belt releases before all other options outside of the Green Belt have been considered.	A wide range of evidence is being assembled including a comprehensive Green Belt Review to support the review of the local plan and will help to further refine the settlement hierarchy and spatial strategy.
Fradley should be a higher tier settlement than level 3 due to its unique offer of significantly greater and unique scale of housing and employment opportunities. There should also be a distinction between rural settlements that lie within the Green Belt and those rural settlements that lie outside of	Fradley is identified as level 3 in the settlement hierarchy based on the settlement sustainability study. The evidence base being assembled including a Green Belt Review will help to further refine the settlement hierarchy and inform the spatial strategy.

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the Green Belt. The plan does not take a sequential approach to Green Belt release in line with the NPPF.	
There are exceptional circumstances that warrant further release of Green Belt. Namely to allow for necessary proportionate growth which fits with a sustainable hierarchy and assists existing and proposed services.	The evidence base being assembled including a Green Belt Review will help to further refine the settlement hierarchy and inform the spatial strategy.
The Strategy should recognise that a site being brownfield land does not automatically render the site sustainable, it may be in an isolated location or there may be difficulty in delivery because of site contamination / constraints.	The Local Plan Review will be supported by an extensive evidence base including a SHLAA and Urban Capacity Assessment which will inform the next stages of the plan.
BREEAM sustainability assessment is not mandatory and should be left to discretion of the developer.	Comments in relation to BREEAM and preferences towards the proposed approach are noted.
The greatest sustainable transport potential for the growth options would come from electrification of the railway line to the north east of Lichfield. The reliability of the Cross-City line is also key to its use by commuters.	The consultation document sets out the preferred settlement hierarchy and growth option. Locations for growth will be considered as the local plan progresses.
The residential growth options approach in the POPD is inconsistent with approach of other Local authorities, e.g. South Staffs and Cannock Chase. A consistent approach would suggest the option of Local Housing Need plus minimum requirement of recommended areas of search in the Strategic Growth Study should also be tested. That is for the provision of 13,000 dwellings.	The Council have commissioned a HEDNA which will be prepared in accordance with national planning policy and practice guidance and test housing and employment growth scenarios. In addition further evidence base documents including an Urban Capacity Assessment will be prepared to inform the next stages of the Local Plan Review.
Housing mix should not be overly restricted and should be dependent on local circumstances, character, local need and the market signals.	The Local Plan Review will be supported by a range of evidence base studies including a HEDNA and plan wide viability assessment. This will inform the next stage of the review and help define policies relating to housing mix.
LDC should not impose a blanket density, but take into consideration local characteristics and site constraints.	The GBHMA Strategic Growth Study recommends authorities across the HMA increase housing density. The Local Plan Review will be supported by a range of evidence base studies including a HEDNA and plan wide viability assessment. This will inform the next stage of the review and help define the policy approach relating to housing mix and housing density.
A blanket requirement for the provision of self-build plots on major development sites would not boost	This will be considered further as the Local Plan Review progresses. The Council maintains a self-build register in accordance with its legal requirements and monitors the

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housing supply and could prove difficult in respect of delivery.	demand for self-build plots within the District. The Local Plan Review will be supported by a plan-wide viability assessment.
It is important that the new criteria identified in the consultation document in respect of the A5 and A38 corridors for Gypsies and travellers, does actually enable a more proactive approach to provision given past shortfall in delivery.	The Local Plan Review will be supported by a range of evidence including a Gypsy and traveller needs accommodation assessment which will inform the next stage of the plan process.
Drayton Manor Park should be recognised as major employer and key tourist attraction. Specific support should be given for the site's future development and flexibility to the policy restraint of Green Belt.	Specific sites will be considered as part of the Local Plan review. A comprehensive Green Belt review is proposed as the evidence base for the Local Plan review is assembled.
The creation of Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs) to settlements within Lichfield District will assist in providing green infrastructure, opportunities for the provision of indoor and outdoor sports and recreation facilities, support sustainable transport measures and contribute towards health care facilities, which will encourage healthy lifestyles and thereby assist in tackling obesity.	Noted – Specific sites will be considered as part of the local plan review.
Shenstone, Little Aston and Stonnall have several protected green spaces which are actively used within their Neighbourhood Plan. Greenfield amenity land adding to overall well-being should not be considered for housing.	Noted, the comments will be considered as part of the local plan review as the evidence base is assembled
Green Belt is not a natural resource but an artificial constraint and therefore should not be included within a policy on natural resources.	Noted, the comments will be considered as part of the local plan review as the evidence base is assembled
It is considered that a policy which seeks to impose a blanket protection for the countryside does not comply with national guidance. Landscape is only valued if it has physical attributes which take it out of the ordinary having regard to the Landscape Institute Guidelines.	Noted, the comments will be considered as part of the local plan review as the evidence base is assembled.
Masterplans are not justified with regard to small scale and medium scale schemes. Such initiatives add cost to the development process and make development less viable and reduce flexibility and slow down delivery.	Noted. Any impact upon viability / delivery will be tested through the Local Plan review process.
Neighbourhood Plans are mechanisms for the protection of a quality environment and open space	Not all areas have a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood Plans are required to be kept up to date as are Local

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and for identifying appropriate housing need, density and housing mix. They should have a stronger role in any future Local plan. This should be a stated recommendation.	Plans and will continue to provide local opportunities for protection of the environment. A Neighbourhood Plan should support the delivery of strategic policies set out in the Local Plan.
Requirements for heritage statements should be in the validation policy not the Local Plan.	A heritage statement is currently a requirement of the local validation process.
The Plan should define what precisely the heritage assets are, where they are, their character and then relate policies to these elements in order to ensure explicit requirements to preserve and enhance them.	The Local Plan provides a strategic role within a suite of documents that will seek to preserve and enhance heritage assets.
Table 19.1 is principally based on potential constraints, however the scope for mitigation should not be ignored.	Mitigation will be considered in relation to specific sites considered as part of the Local Plan Review.
In Table 19.1, there is seemingly little regard for the consideration of transport and infrastructure matters that are critical to the deliverability of the broad options or the potential benefits that strategic growth can realise.	The Settlement Sustainability Study used to identify the settlement hierarchy had regard to access to services and facilities. A wide range of evidence is being assembled to support the review of the local plan and will help to further refine the settlement hierarchy and spatial strategy.
Green Belt purposes should be assessed at site level not broad parcels due to site specific factors.	A wide range of evidence is being assembled to support the review of the local plan including a Green Belt review. The Green Belt Review will be undertaken having regard to National policy and agreed principles through the duty to cooperate within the wider HMA.
Alternative options including a new settlement / large sites have dis-benefits including requiring significant investment in infrastructure, long lead in times and uncertainty over delivery.	Comments noted. Site specific proposals will be considered as part of the local plan review.
The Little Aston to Shenstone Green Belt strategic gap, is one of the most important in the Greater Birmingham area. The Council are not able to demonstrate exceptional circumstances exist to develop in the Green Belt when there are potentially large sustainable development areas outside the Green Belt north-east of Lichfield city and to the north of Tamworth.	Site specific proposals will be considered as part of the local plan review process. A wide range of evidence is being assembled including a comprehensive Green Belt review and HEDNA to support the review of the local plan and to further refine the settlement hierarchy and spatial strategy.

## 5. Preferred Options – January 2020

- 5.1 The Preferred Options version of the draft Local Plan provided additional detail based on newly updated evidence and responses received to the previous consultation of the Preferred Options & Policy Directions version held between January and March of 2019.
- 5.2 It proposed changing the plan period to 2040 to align better with evidence base time periods. It also included a revised approach to delivering a potentially achievable level of growth of approximately 11,780 new homes including a shortfall of 4,500 contribution towards the Greater Birmingham and Black Country housing Market Area and an additional buffer of housing sites of around 20% – 25 %. It sought to accommodate this growth whilst causing minimal impact on the Greenbelt. It therefore proposed changes when compared to the previous version of the emerging local plan in respect of how growth could be distributed across the district and its settlements. Most particularly, instead of proposing a distribution pattern allocating sites broadly in line with the settlement hierarchy, it sought to allocate a significant proportion of the growth through the release of land for development via:
- Growth north of Lichfield City
  - Growth of the sustainable villages of Fradley, Fazeley, Mile Oak & Bonehill and Whittington
  - Sustainable growth of Burntwood
  - Marginal growth of the rural settlements
- 5.3 The Preferred Options consultation took place between November 2019 and January 2020 for 8 weeks. As part of the consultation letters and emails were sent to all stakeholders on the Local Plan consultation database, including Duty to Cooperate partners and Parish Councils. Meetings with residents groups, stakeholders and private sector organisations were held and a duty officer was available during office hours. Documents were made available in local libraries and Council offices and manned exhibitions were held at various locations across the District.
- 5.4 Publicity included use of corporate social media, press release, press adverts and emails to Parish Council clerks ahead of the consultation period.
- 5.5 Representations were received from approximately 460 individuals or organisations with a further 685 individual members of the public submitting a standard response regarding proposals for Burntwood.
- 5.6 The main issues raised from representations and the Councils response to these are detailed in Table 4 below:

Table 4: Preferred Options Consultation responses

Summary of main issues raised	Summary of analysis
<p>Objection and concern at the consultation process undertaken by the Council. Suggestion that not enough was done to promote the consultation, particularly in those areas where strategic development is proposed.</p>	<p>The approach taken for the consultation was reported to members prior to the beginning of the consultation (Cabinet 12/11/2019). The consultation was conducted in accordance with the Council’s adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out how the Council will undertake consultations. The approach to consultation (set out below) was in excess of the requirements of the adopted SCI.</p> <p>The consultation lasted for eight weeks (extended from six weeks to account for the Christmas and New Year period) during which;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters (approx.3,200) and emails (approx. 2,400) were sent to all registered stakeholders on the Councils ‘planning policy portal’ to advise of the consultation;</li> <li>• Nine ‘drop-in’ events/exhibitions were held at venues across the District, including in those communities where development was proposed, these were attended by at least three members of the Spatial policy &amp; Delivery Team where exhibition materials and copies of all relevant documentation were available;</li> <li>• ‘Un-manned’ exhibition was set up in Burntwood Library and posters advertising the consultation were placed in Lichfield Library;</li> <li>• Consultation was advertised in the local press and online via the Council’s website and social media platforms;</li> <li>• Members of the team were made available each day throughout the consultation for queries over the phone and in person at District Council House.</li> </ul>
<p>The proposed allocations and strategy within the preferred options document has moved away from the settlement hierarchy and approach set out within the previous consultation document (Preferred Options &amp; Policy Directions 2019). Such</p>	<p>Preferred options document includes four strategic development allocations and further allocated housing requirements to settlements within the settlement hierarchy. Locations identified for growth and the associated supporting evidence will be considered as the</p>

<p>an approach does not appear to be based upon the supporting evidence and results in development being directed away from certain settlements identified as sustainable within both the evidence and earlier consultation documents. In particular, some representors make the case that Burntwood should be allocated a greater level of growth given its location within the settlement hierarchy and that other settlements considered to be ‘less sustainable’ within the evidence and settlement hierarchy are receiving a higher level of growth.</p>	<p>Local Plan progresses and the additional evidence work is completed.</p>
<p>There is a lack of clarity/justification as to how the allocations and housing requirements for settlements have been arrived at.</p>	<p>A site selection paper discusses the approach to identification of proposed strategic sites. A Suite of evidence is used in forming a planning judgement as to the appropriate distribution and location of growth to meet requirements. The location of proposals will be considered as the Local Plan progresses and the additional evidence work is completed.</p>
<p>Consideration should be given to the distribution of housing in particular wider distribution to ‘service villages’ identified within the settlement hierarchy. Plan as written only allows for allocated sites, development within village settlement boundaries or as rural exception sites. Where settlements are allocated a housing number the presence of a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood area designation does not necessarily mean sites will be allocated.</p>	<p>Preferred options document includes four strategic development allocations and further allocated housing requirements to settlements within the settlement hierarchy. Where neighbourhood plans do not progress and/or do not seek to allocate to meeting housing requirements such issues will be addressed through a local plan allocations document.</p>
<p>The Council should provide less homes to meet the unmet needs arising from within the wider housing market area and that the contribution within the preferred options document has not been justified.</p>	<p>The previous consultation document suggested the Council consider testing a contribution of between 3,000 and 4,500 homes to meet unmet needs. The preferred options document refines this and suggests a contribution of 4,500 homes could be accommodated and be deliverable within the plan period. LDC is working with other authorities in the wider Housing Market Area through the duty to cooperate.</p>
<p>The Council should provide more homes to meet the unmet needs arising from within the wider housing</p>	<p>The previous consultation document suggested the Council consider testing a contribution of between 3,000 and 4,500 homes to meet unmet needs. The preferred</p>

<p>market area and that the contribution within the preferred options document has not been justified.</p>	<p>options document refines this and suggests a contribution of 4,500 homes could be accommodated and be deliverable within the plan period. LDC is working with other authorities in the wider Housing Market Area through the duty to cooperate.</p>
<p>Support for a new settlement approach in future plan period. However, this is unclear at this stage.</p>	<p>Preferred Options document sets out the approach to look for and support a new settlement within the District in future plan periods.</p>
<p>Objection to proposed strategic housing allocation to the West of Fazeley (Policy SHA2). Concern is raised with regard to the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing infrastructure, in particular roads, health facilities and schools, will not be able to cope with the level of growth.</li> <li>• Pressure will be on infrastructure within Tamworth Borough.</li> <li>• The scale of the allocation (800 homes) when compared to the current size of the village and that such growth is disproportionate.</li> <li>• No 'exceptional circumstances' to release Green Belt for development.</li> </ul>	<p>The preferred options document details the supporting infrastructure which would be required to be delivered alongside the strategic housing allocation. This includes provision of appropriate school facilities, access and highways infrastructure. The District Council will continue to engage with infrastructure providers to ensure appropriate infrastructure can and will be provided and planned for.</p>
<p>There are no 'exceptional circumstances' demonstrated to release Green Belt within the District.</p>	<p>Green Belt Review 2019 makes clear that 'exceptional circumstances' would need to be demonstrated if changes to the Green Belt boundary are proposed. This has been judged to be the case in the preferred options document as stated at paragraph 16.5 in terms of meeting development needs and the identification of new Green Belt to the north of Lichfield City.</p>
<p>Objection to the release of Green Belt around Burntwood for safeguarded land (at Coulter Lane). A number of responses were also related to this issue but considered that Green Belt was being released for development.</p>	<p>The preferred options document does not propose to release Green Belt at any location around Burntwood for development within the plan period. The document identifies land at Coulter Lane to be identified as 'Safeguarded Land' as defined within national policy. National policy states that consideration should be given that where changes to the Green Belt boundary are being proposed then areas of land between the urban area and the Green Belt (Safeguarded Land) should be identified to</p>



	ensure the Green Belt boundary is capable of enduring beyond the plan period. The preferred options document identifies areas of such safeguarded land in conformity with national planning policy.
Objection to Green Belt release for development in Hammerwich off Norton Lane & Hospital Road and the 'downgrading' of Green Belt in the area.	There is no allocation or development proposed within the Green Belt in this location. The Green Belt has not been 'downgraded'. The Green Belt Review provides an assessment of parcels of Green Belt as required by national guidance but does not change the status of Green Belt land.
The Green Belt Review 2019 is not a robust piece of evidence and should be removed from the evidence base supporting the Local Plan Review.	The Green Belt Review 2019 has been conducted based upon the methodology set out within the document. The methodology was subject two consultation with external stakeholders and the public prior to the commencement of the assessment work. The Green Belt Review has been subjected to a 'critical friend' (ARUP) review to ensure the evidence is sound.
Burntwood's infrastructure and amenities do not adequately cater for the past growth and any significant increase in its population is not sustainable.	The proposed settlement hierarchy is informed by the Settlement Sustainability Study which assessed all settlements within the District including Burntwood.
Identification of a strategic housing allocation in Whittington is a different approach to many other villages. Why has the opportunity to identify through a review of the neighbourhood plan not been afforded to the village.	Site identified was considered to be strategic in the context of the village of Whittington. Evidence has been prepared which details the site selection process.
There is a lack of a specific affordable housing requirement (set out as a percentage) within the policy. This does not provide sufficient clarity for development proposals.	Evidence within the HEDNA suggests the Council will be justified in seeking to achieve as much affordable housing as viably possible on appropriate development sites. Further viability evidence is being collected which will inform the policy and provide a clear position in terms of the appropriate level of affordable housing to be sought.
With regard to employment land it should be made clear where new allocations are to be made and where existing allocated employment areas area. Council should consider whether a higher	Existing allocated employment areas are identified on the policies maps which accompanied the Preferred Options document. Current evidence suggests there are limited additional options for locating employment growth, this

employment requirement is required considering the level of housing growth being proposed.

is explicitly referred to within the consultation document. All possible options will need to be considered as the local plan review progresses.

## 6. Regulation 19 Consultation – July 2021

- 6.1 Following consideration of representations on the Preferred Options Consultation and publication of the Summary of Representations, work continued on the Draft Submission Plan.
- 6.2 The document included a number of Strategic Policies, including the levels of development to be delivered to 2040 (and sites to deliver these requirements), and a suite of 'Local Policies' which were principally focussed on development management issues relevant to the determination of planning applications.
- 6.3 In February 2021, Cabinet agreed to the publication of the Local Plan 2040 publication document and associated evidence base documents for the purposes of public consultation with dates for public consultation to be confirmed at a later date due to ongoing restrictions relating to Covid-19.
- 6.4 The Publication version consultation took place over eight weeks between July and August 2021 as Covid-19 restrictions were eased. The document provided additional detail based on updated evidence and responses received to the previous consultation version held between November 2019 and January 2020.
- 6.5 The Council produced and published a standard representation form, guidance on how to make representations including the use of the online consultation system and a frequently asked questions paper.
- 6.6 As part of the consultation letters and emails were sent to all stakeholders on the Local Plan consultation database, including Duty to Cooperate partners and Parish Councils. Meetings with stakeholders and private sector organisations were held. Virtual drop in sessions were offered to Parish Councils and resident groups. A Frequently Asked Questions document was produced and a duty officer was available during office hours. Documents were made available in local libraries and Council offices on request and Covid secure manned exhibitions were held at various locations across the District.
- 6.7 Publicity included use of corporate social media, press release, press adverts and an online video clip explaining how to comment on the plan.
- 6.8 The range of techniques used raised awareness of the consultation and the District Council consider the consultation process fully met the requirement of the SCI and is in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Regulations.
- 6.9 In total 718 responses were received from 213 individual consultees to the Local Plan 2040 Regulation 19 Consultation.
- 6.10 Having regard to regulation 20 of the Town & Country Planning regulations 2012, a summary of all of the representations received and the Council's summary responses can be seen on the following link: [Summary of Representations](#). The main issues are set out in table 5 below:

Table 4: Regulation 19 Consultation responses

Summary of main issues raised	Summary of analysis
<p>There is a disproportionately low level of housing proposed for the tier two settlement of Burntwood. Such an approach does not appear to be based upon the supporting evidence and results in development being directed away from certain settlements identified as sustainable within both the evidence and earlier consultation documents. In particular, Burntwood should be allocated a greater level of growth given its location within the settlement hierarchy and that other settlements considered to be 'less sustainable' within the evidence and settlement hierarchy are receiving a higher level of growth.</p>	<p>The publication version includes four strategic development allocations and further allocated housing requirements to settlements within the settlement hierarchy. Locations identified for growth and the associated supporting evidence have been considered and the Regulation 19 version of the plan at paragraphs 4.14 to 4.43 together with supporting evidence sets out the rationale.</p>
<p>There is a lack of clarity/justification as to how the allocations and housing requirements for settlements have been arrived at. There is an over reliance on the large north of Lichfield Strategic allocation with concern over deliverability and viability, particularly when significant infrastructure will be required to deliver the site.</p>	<p>The selection of strategic sites has been considered through previous consultations and the rationale for it including a site selection paper discusses the approach to identification of proposed strategic sites. A Suite of evidence is used in forming a planning judgement as to the appropriate distribution and location of growth to meet requirements. The Regulation 19 plan and associated published evidence base sets out the rationale in paragraphs 4.14 to 4.43 and is supported by published evidence.</p>
<p>The Council should provide less homes to meet the unmet needs arising from within the wider housing market area and that the contribution within the publication document has not been justified.</p>	<p>The Regulation 19 plan has set out that 2665 homes are to be made available to meet unmet need, with a capped contribution of 2000 dwellings to be made for the Black Country Authorities needs starting after 2027. This takes account of when anticipated need will begin. LDC is working with other authorities in the wider Housing Market Area through the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>The Local Plan 2040 seeks to plan for the Councils established local housing need and contribute to unmet need from the wider housing market area in accordance with national policy and guidance and the plan's supporting evidence.</p>

<p>The Council should provide more homes to meet the unmet needs arising from within the wider housing market area and that the reduced contribution from the preferred options version now within the publication version of the document has not been justified.</p>	<p>The Regulation 19 plan has set out that 2665 homes are to be made available to meet unmet need, with a capped contribution of 2000 dwellings to be made for the Black Country Authorities needs starting after 2027. This takes account of when anticipated need will begin and evidence of likely delivery rates. LDC is working with other authorities in the wider Housing Market Area through the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>The Local Plan 2040 seeks to plan for the Councils established local housing need and contribute to unmet need from the wider housing market area in accordance with national policy and guidance and the plan's supporting evidence.</p>
<p>Objection to proposed strategic housing allocation to the West of Fazeley (Policy SHA2). Concern is raised with regard to the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing infrastructure, in particular roads, health facilities and schools, will not be able to cope with the level of growth.</li> <li>• Pressure will be on infrastructure within Tamworth Borough.</li> <li>• The scale of the allocation (800 homes) when compared to the current size of the village and that such growth is disproportionate.</li> <li>• No 'exceptional circumstances' to release Green Belt for development.</li> </ul>	<p>Local Plan 2040 includes policies to ensure appropriate infrastructure is delivered across the plan period. SHA2 was included within the Preferred Options document. The District Council works with neighbouring authorities including Tamworth Borough Council through the duty to cooperate. Local Plan 2040 includes policies to ensure appropriate infrastructure is delivered. The plan includes proposals which relate to changes to Green Belt boundaries. NPPF makes clear that changes to Green Belt boundaries can only be made where exceptional circumstances exist to justify such changes. Proposals relating to the Green belt are based upon a range of evidence and planning judgement including the Green Belt Review. The Green Belt Review has been prepared based upon a methodology which has been subject to consultation and has taken account of best practice.</p>
<p>There are no 'exceptional circumstances' demonstrated to release Green Belt within the District most particularly at Fazeley and Whittington.</p>	<p>The Green Belt Review has been conducted based upon the methodology set out within the evidence base supporting the Publication version of the Local Plan. The methodology has been subject to consultations with external stakeholders and the public prior to the commencement of the assessment work. The Green Belt Review has been subjected to a 'critical friend' (ARUP) review to ensure the evidence is sound and has been further updated by ARUP to support the Regulation 19 plan. The regulation 19 version of the plan sets out the spatial strategy and the rationale for it in those locations</p>

	where strategic release of Green Belt is being made and which is supported by the Green Belt evidence review.
Objection to the removal of safeguarded land in the regulation 19 publication version of the plan.	The Local Plan 2040 sets out how it will meet its housing requirements with appropriate buffer to allow flexibility in delivery. Safeguarded land is not considered to be required within the Local Plan 2040 given the government's stated aims in protecting the Green Belt, the regularity of Local Plan review.
The Green Belt Review is not a robust piece of evidence and should be removed from the evidence base supporting the Local Plan Review.	The Green Belt Review has been conducted based upon the methodology set out within the document. The methodology was subject two consultation with external stakeholders and the public prior to the commencement of the assessment work. The Green Belt Review has been subjected to a 'critical friend' (ARUP) review to ensure the evidence is sound. Further evidential work has been updated by ARUP in support of the Regulation 19 plan.
Neither the Reg 19 Plan nor HEDNA provide a justification as to why the spatial strategy for Lichfield District has not considered accommodating unmet strategic employment needs or aspirations, and why this has not been considered in the evidence base	Local Plan 2040 identifies sufficient land to provide for the District's employment land requirements. Local Plan 2040 and supporting evidence note there is limited deliverable employment land within Lichfield District with only sufficient land to meet the District's needs. Note that the site promoted is allocated for employment uses within the adopted Local Plan
The strategy as proposed realises on three large urban extensions and a smaller site at Whittington. It makes no smaller allocations in large villages beyond the plan period to allow for growth. It is considered that the plan is flawed in its reliance on this limited selection of very large development sites Failure of these sites to come forward early in the plan period will lead to a lack of available land. This type of site allocation does not meet the requirements of local and regional housebuilders who require a range of smaller sites which can be delivered by that sector and gives a choice of land and product in the housing market. The plan should be changed to allow for the inclusion of sites within the large villages which can provide smaller scale development opportunities. These sites	Local Plan 2040 seeks to plan for the Councils established local housing need and contribute to unmet need from the wider housing market area in accordance with national policy and guidance and the plan's supporting evidence. Spatial Strategy of the plan, including proposed allocations, are supported by evidence base.

<p>should either be in addition to the proposed allocations or by replacement of one of the proposed sites at Fradley or Fazeley.</p>	
<p>The HRA cannot rule out in the conclusion that for those European sites in the area of search with features sensitive to air pollution, adverse effects on their integrity, alone or in combination, cannot be ruled out due to a lack of evidence</p>	<p>LDC and Natural England as representatives in the Cannock Chase SAC partnership are working together to establish the evidence base and to develop an approach to tackle any concerns that might be raised in the evidence. A Statement of Common Ground between LDC and NE is being drafted.</p>

6.10 As a result of the consultation and comments received, a list of minor modifications to the plan have been identified which is to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to address factual corrections and any spelling and grammatical errors highlighted by the representations received to the Regulation 19 consultation. The list can be viewed here: [Schedule of Minor Modifications](#).

6.11 Cabinet agreed on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 that the Local Plan 2040 and accompanying Proposals Map should be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

## 7. Conclusion

7.1 The Council has been committed to involving stakeholders and the local community in the development of the draft local plan. This is clearly demonstrated by the range and breadth of consultation and involvement since work commenced in 2018. Stakeholders and local communities have had the chance to influence the development of the Draft Submission Local Plan.

7.2 The Council is satisfied that it has complied with the requirements of Regulation 22(1)(c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). It is also satisfied that it can demonstrate that consultation and involvement has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

7.3 The Council has used a comprehensive range of consultation techniques to keep stakeholders and the local community informed and involved. These have taken advantage of the opportunities presented by web based consultation in particular during the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as using traditional methods such as direct mailing, press releases and articles, exhibitions and drop in sessions.

## Appendices

### Appendix 1 – List of Specific and General Consultees

Specific Consultees	General Consultees
County Councils	Residents
All adjoining Local Authorities	Local Economic Partnerships covering the District, namely the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Economic Partnership and the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Economic Partnership
All Parish Councils within Lichfield District and those adjoining our boundaries	Voluntary bodies
Environment Agency	Bodies representing the interests of: -businesses within Lichfield District - various racial, ethnic or national groups -people with disabilities -young or older people -religious groups
Natural England	
Historic England	
Highways England	
Health and Safety Executive	
Homes and Communities Agency	Developers, Agents and Landowners
The Coal Authority	Various schools
Network Rail	Transport providers
British Pipelines Agency	Charities
British Telecom/ EE/T-mobile/Three/Vodafone& O2	
Civil Aviation Authority	Community groups including residents associations
Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS England	Housing bodies
Office of Rail Regulation	Sports bodies and groups



South Staffordshire Water Plc	Environmental bodies and groups
Staffordshire Police	Other specialist interest groups
Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service	Design advice groups
Western Power Distribution	National Forest Company
Severn Trent Water Plc	Cannock Chase AONB Partnership
National Grid	Government Office for the West Midlands
Marine Management Organisation	Aggregate operators
	The Theatres Trust

## Appendix 2 - Letters and sample consultation material

Your ref LP2040Reg19  
 Our ref DP1/  
 Ask for Spatial Policy and Delivery  
 Email [developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk)



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 Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 6YX**

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5 July 2021

### **Have your say: Lichfield District Local Plan 2040 Regulation 19 Consultation 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 –30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

We are writing to you because you have previously made comments or asked to be kept updated about our planning policy consultations.

We would like to invite you to have your say on the new Local Plan 2040 listed below. The consultation period will last 8 weeks from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 5pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

#### **Local Plan 2040: Final Draft – Regulation 19 Consultation**

The Lichfield Local Plan 2040 sets out where new homes, workplaces and other developments should be built to meet the district's future needs, whilst protecting the quality of our unique historic, natural and built environment.

Following on from previous consultations held in November 2019, January 2019 and April 2018, we are consulting on the final draft version of the plan (known as the Regulation 19 version) before it is submitted to the Government for examination in public. This consultation is the final opportunity for you to comment on the plan's soundness and legal compliance.

The purpose of this consultation relates to receiving comments on:

- **Legal Compliance** – does the plan meet the legal requirements made under various statutes?
- **Soundness** – has the plan been positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy?
- **Meets the Duty to Cooperate** – has the Council engaged and worked effectively with neighbouring authorities and statutory bodies?

Please note that comments made during the Regulation 19 consultation period will be passed to the appointed Planning Inspector for consideration as part of the examination in public. The use of the standard representation form is strongly recommended as this will ensure that all comments are related to matters relevant to the subsequent examination by a Planning Inspector. The representation form available online from the Council's website [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040) or a paper copy can be provided by phoning 01545308192.

### How to View the Local Plan 2040 Documents

The Local Plan 2040 documents will be available to view online at [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040).

Hard copies of the Local Plan and associated documents will be available to view at the following locations throughout the consultation period:

- Friary Grange Leisure Centre
- Burntwood Library, Sankeys Corner, Bridge Cross Road, Burntwood, WS7 2BX
  - Burntwood Leisure Centre

The document will also be made available in hard copy at the Lichfield District Council House in a Covid secure manner, on request. Subject to Covid restrictions lifting, the plan will be available at the District Council House between 9am and 5pm.

### Drop in Sessions

We will be holding drop in sessions in Lichfield and Burntwood where members of the planning team will be available to talk to you. Further information on when and how these will be held in a Covid secure way will be made available online at [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040) or by calling 01543 308192. The potential for further drop in sessions will be kept under review subject to Covid restrictions and updated information on these will be provided at the link above.

If you would prefer to discuss matters by telephone our planning officers are available to help clarify any queries you may have before submitting written comments. Planning officers are available during working hours Monday – Friday by calling 01543 308192.

### How to Comment on the Local Plan 2040

There are a number of ways to submit your comments:

- Online via the consultation portal: <https://lichfielddc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal>.
- Email: [developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk)
- In writing to: Spatial Policy & Delivery, Lichfield District Council, Frog Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6YZ.

Where possible we encourage you to submit comments online but if you are unable to comment using the online system, a representation form is available to download from the website at [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040). This can be completed and sent via email to [developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk) or sent by post to Spatial Policy & Delivery, Lichfield District Council, Frog Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6YZ.

We will consider all responses received by 5pm on 30 August 2021. Late responses will not be accepted under any circumstances and individual acknowledgement of receipt will not be possible.

### **Your Personal Details**

It is important that the Planning Inspector and all participants in the examination process are able to know who has given feedback on the plan. Therefore, all comments received, including contact details, will be passed onto the Inspector. In addition, all comments will be made public on our website including the names of those who submitted them. All other personal information will remain confidential. For more information on how your data will be processed please see the enclosed [Privacy Notice](#).

You will be added to our database online at <https://lichfielddc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal> and may be contacted at future stages of the Local Plan process. If you do not wish to be contacted further please advise us.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Stray  
**Spatial Policy and Delivery Manager**  
Economic Growth

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### Data Protection Officer

Our 'Data Protection Officer' can be contacted by email at [dpo@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:dpo@lichfielddc.gov.uk).

### Purpose of processing

As an organisation the council is required to prepare development plans (local plan or neighbourhood plan) and we process (collect retain and use) your personal data to enable us to perform those statutory functions. This includes registering you as a consultee so that the council can receive and consider your views on our local plan consultations. We also process your information to enable us to let you know about any future consultations.

### Legal basis

Our legal basis for processing your personal data will be either that it is necessary to do so to perform a task carried out in the public interest or it is the exercise of official authority by us.

### Sharing your data

We will share your information with officers within the local plans team, members of the public and certain other organisations such as statutory and non-statutory consultees and the Planning Inspectorate to the extent required by law or to the extent necessary to allow the council to perform its function. We will make every effort to blank out personal information such as signatures, email addresses and telephone numbers on documents submitted to the spatial policy and delivery teams before your information is displayed on the council's website, but may publish names and addresses.

### Retention

We will store your information for as long as it is necessary for the purposes for which it is held.

### Your rights in brief

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) gives rights to you about your personal data:

- Access - you have a right to know if we are processing your data. We will tell you either way. If we are processing your data you have further rights such as to be provided with a copy of it.
- Rectification – if we are holding inaccurate information you can ask us to correct it.
- Erasure- in certain circumstances you can ask us to destroy or delete your information
- Restriction – in certain circumstances you can ask us to put a hold on the processing of your information
- Objection – again you can ask us to stop processing your personal data.

We encourage those wishing to make representations and be kept informed of future consultations to use the online facilities available <https://lichfielddc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal>

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### Complaints

Please speak to a member of the local plans team or our Data Protection Officer in the first instance but if you still have concerns, then you can contact the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or by email at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

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Our ref DP1/LPR  
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Direct Line 01543 308192  
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29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Have your say: Lichfield District Planning Policy Consultations**

We are writing to you because you have previously made comments or asked to be kept updated about our planning policy consultations.

We would like to invite you to have your say on the new Local Plan Review listed below. The consultation period spans 8 weeks from the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 to the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.

#### **Local Plan Review: Preferred Options 2018 - 2040: 29 November 2019 – 24 January 2020**

The Lichfield Local Plan is a district wide plan which provides a clear framework to guide and promote development as well as protect the quality of our unique historic, natural and built environment.

Following the Local Plan Review: Preferred Options & Policy Directions of January 2019, we are consulting on the next stage of the local plan review process the preferred options and policy directions.

For each consultation, the consultation documents will be available to view online at [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/planningpolicy). The relevant documents will also be available to view in the reception of the District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6YZ during office hours.

For the Local Plan Review: Preferred Options consultation we will be holding some drop in sessions at locations and details of these will be advertised as soon as they have been finalised. Look for details on our website, the local newspaper or on local noticeboards.

5<sup>th</sup> December 2019: Fradley Village Hall, 1:30pm – 5:30pm  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2019: Fazeley Town Hall, 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2019: Armitage Village Hall, 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2019: Shenstone Methodist Church, 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
16<sup>th</sup> December 2019: Burntwood Memorial Institute, 3:00pm – 6:30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2019: Colton Village Hall, 1:00pm – 3:00pm  
18<sup>th</sup> December 2019: Thomas Spencer Hall, Whittington, 2:30pm – 5:30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2020: Alrewas Village Hall, 4:00pm – 6:00pm  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2020: Lichfield Council Chamber 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Once the consultations are live, there are a number of ways for you to send us your comments:

- Online via the website: <http://lichfielddc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

- Email: [developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk)
- In writing to: Spatial Policy & Delivery, Lichfield District Council, Frog Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6YZ.

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Yours faithfully

Ashley Baldwin  
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### **Recipients**

We will share your information with officers within the local plans team. Your name and views will be made available to the public and possibly the Planning Inspectorate.

### **Retention**

We will store your information for up to 30 years.

### **Your rights -in brief**

If we process your personal data you may, depending on your circumstances have a right of access to it; to correct inaccurate information; to restrict our processing of it or to have your personal data erased. If you wish to exercise a right please contact the spatial policy and delivery team. The spatial policy and delivery team can be contacted via email: [developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk) or by telephone 01543 308000 or Spatial Policy and Delivery, Economic Growth, Lichfield District Council, District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6YZ.

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Public Notices



ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a) THE M42 MOTORWAY AND A5 TRUNK ROAD (DORDON TO WEEFORD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (Company No. 9346363) has made an order on the M5 Motorway and the A5 Trunk Road, between Dordon and Weeford, in the Counties of Warwickshire and Staffordshire, to allow resurfacing, inspections and maintenance works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to -

- (1) close, at different times, - (a) the westbound carriageway of the A5 from its roundabout junction with Green Lane, Trinity Road and the slip roads leading to and from the M42 at Junction 10 (M42 Junction 10 Roundabout), at Dordon, to its junction with the entry slip road leading from the roundabout junction with the B5440 Marlborough Way, near Tamworth; (b) the eastbound carriageway of the A5 from its junction with M42 Junction 10 Roundabout, to its junction with Danny Morson Way, at Dordon; (c) the circulatory carriageway of M42 Junction 10 Roundabout; (d) any slip road or link road leading to or from the A5 between its junction with M42 Junction 10 Roundabout and its roundabout junction with the A38, Roman Road and the M6 Toll slip roads at Weeford; (e) any slip road leading to or from the M42 at Junction 10; (f) the layby adjacent to the westbound carriageway of the A5 approximately 320 metres southeast of its junction with M42 Junction 10 Roundabout; and (g) the layby adjacent to the eastbound carriageway of the A5 approximately 240 metres southeast of its junction with M42 Junction 10 Roundabout; and (2) prohibit any vehicle from entering or leaving M42 Junction 10 Roundabout at its junction with Trinity Road.

The work will be carried out overnight between 20:00 hours and 06:00 hours with some full daytime closures at weekends and is expected to start on Thursday 22 July 2021 and continue for approximately six weeks. The laybys are expected to be closed from 20:00 hours on Wednesday 21 July 2021, for twenty-four hours per day, for the duration of the works. The Order will come into force on 19 July 2021. Vehicles being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures and prohibition.

Diversion routes via the B4116, Rowlands Way, Sheepy Road, the B5000 and the B5440 and vice versa, or via the M42, the A448 and the A38 and vice versa will be signed. Local diversions will also be in operation.

For further information please contact Ryan Davies on 07712 544 302.

Karen Eustace, an officer in Highways England Company Limited.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a) THE M42 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 9, CURDWORTH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (Company No. 9346363) has made an order on the M42 Motorway, in the County of Warwickshire, to allow survey works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order, will be to close the northbound carriageway of the M42 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 9, to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 9.

The work will be carried out overnight between 21:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 26 July 2021 and continue for 2 nights. The Order will come into force on 19 July 2021.

Vehicles being used for police, fire and rescue authority, ambulance or traffic officer purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closure.

A diversion route via the M42 Junction 9 northbound exit and entry slip roads will be signed.

Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 Warwickshire County Council has made the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

HARPERS LANE, MANCETTER

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic westbound between the junctions of the A5 and central reservation.

Reason for Order: Carriageway white-lining and associated works, 09:30hrs-15:30hrs.

Order Commences: 19 July 2021 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 19 July 2021.

Access & Diversion: Watling Street, Mancetter Road, Harpers Lane. Contractor: Ballour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH A6133 ANSLEY/MANCETTER

Order Effect: Footpath closed to ALL traffic at GR 42974 29399.

Reason for Order: To avoid the likelihood of danger to the public because of a collapsed bridge along its route.

Order Commences: 16 July 2021 for up to 6 months.

Contact: WCC Rights of Way Team, Tel: 01926 412 909.

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

EDGE HILL LAND, TAMWORTH ROAD, WOOD END

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic between the junctions of Trinity Road and Sherwood Close.

Reason for Order: Carriageway patching and associated works, 09:30hrs-15:30hrs.

Order Commences: 2 August 2021 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 2 August 2021.

Access & Diversion: Trinity Road, A5, Gypsy Lane, Lower House Lane, Boutlers Lane, Tamworth Road and vice versa.

Contractor: Ballour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

HOLLIES ROAD, TAMWORTH

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic between property number 2 and the junction with St Helena Road.

Reason for Order: To enable works for the renewal of a water pipe.

Order Commences: 3 August 2021 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 6 August 2021.

Access & Diversion: St Helena Road, Park Road, Park Avenue, Hollies Road and vice versa.

Contractor: For Severn Trent Water, Morrisons Utility Services, Tel: 0800 763 4444.

SECKINGTON LANE, NEWTON REGIS

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from its junction with Main Road.

Reason for Order: To enable works for the laying of a new domestic gas service.

Order Commences: 3 August 2021 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 6 August 2021.

Access & Diversion: Seckington Lane, Newton Lane, Hangmans Lane, Shuttlington Lane, Main Road and vice versa.

Contractor: For Cadent Gas, Headway Road Services Ltd, Tel: 0800 111 999.

WESTWOOD ROAD, ATHERSTONE

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: To enable works for new pipe connection.

Order Commences: 2 August 2021 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 4 August 2021.

Contractor: For Severn Trent Water, Gallagher's, Tel: 07880 034 069.

For all of the above temporary orders, pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.

S Duxbury, Assistant Director of Governance & Policy, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4RL Date 15 Jul 2021

LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 REGULATIONS 19 AND 20 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

NOTICE OF THE REPRESENTATION PROCEDURE AND PERIOD FOR MAKING REPRESENTATIONS ON LICHFIELD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN 2040 PUBLICATION (PRE-SUBMISSION) VERSION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lichfield District Council's Local Plan 2040 Publication Version, Policies Maps, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitat Regulations Assessment and other supporting documents will be available for inspection under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 from Monday 5th July 2021. The documents will be available in the following locations:

- Lichfield District Council's website www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040
  - Lichfield District Council's offices (by appointment): Lichfield District Council, District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6YZ
  - Friary Grange Leisure Centre, Eastem Avenue, Lichfield, WS13 7EW
  - Burntwood Leisure Centre, High Street, Chasetown, Burntwood, WS7 3XH
  - Burntwood Library, Sankey's Corner, Bridge Cross Road, Chasetown, Burntwood, WS7 2BX
- Representations on the Lichfield District Local Plan 2040 Publication Version are invited under Regulation 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The period for making representations on the Lichfield District Local Plan 2040 will last for 8 weeks, from 5th July to 5pm on 30th August 2021. Only representations received within this period have a statutory right to be considered by the Planning Inspector at the subsequent Examination in Public. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Representations should be submitted using our Regulation 19 stage online consultation portal at https://lichfielddc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal Alternatively, representations may be submitted on the Representation Form which is available electronically on the Council's website and in paper form from the District Council's offices (by appointment), Burntwood Leisure Centre, Burntwood Library and Friary Grange Leisure Centre. Representations during Regulation 19 can be made:

- Online through the consultation portal (https://lichfielddc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal)
  - By completing a representation form (which is available to download from the website, or available in hard copy from the District Council offices, Burntwood Leisure Centre, Burntwood Library and Friary Grange Leisure Centre) and emailing it to developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk.
  - By completing a representation form and posting it to Spatial Policy & Delivery, Lichfield District Council, District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6YZ.
- All representations received will be submitted to the Secretary of State and considered as part of the independent examination of the Plan by the planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

For further information, please contact the Spatial Policy & Delivery team on 01543 308192 or email developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk



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# Local Plan - looking to the future



**Everyone is invited to give their views in the latest stage of our local plan review.**

The new local plan will guide how Lichfield District is developed up to 2040.

This pre-submission stage looks at whether the Lichfield District Local Plan 2040 is sound and legally compliant. All comments received will be sent to an independent planning inspector who will carry out a public examination of the plan.

To read the plan and find out how to give your views go to:  
**[www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040)**

## **Fazeley drop-in session**

See the plans and talk to council planners at:

**Fazeley Town Hall on Tuesday 27 July, 2pm to 5pm**

**The deadline to give your views is by 5pm on 30 August 2021.**

*Lichfield*  
district council

# Emerging Local Plan

give us your views



**Your chance to influence our new Local Plan through  
our preferred options consultation.**

When approved, the new Local Plan will shape how Lichfield District is developed up to 2040. Please give us your views to make sure it reflects local growth needs and desires.

**See the plan and talk to our planners at our sessions at:**

- **Fradley Village Hall** - 5 December from 1.30pm to 5.30pm
- **Fazeley Town Hall** - 9 December from 3pm to 6pm
- **Armitage Village Hall** - 10 December from 3pm to 6pm
- **Shenstone Methodist Church** - 11 December from 3pm to 6pm
- **Burntwood Memorial Institute** - 16 December from 3pm to 6.30pm
- **Colton Village Hall** - 17 December from 1pm to 3pm
- **Thomas Spencer Hall in Whittington** - 18 December from 2.30pm to 5.30pm
- **Alrewas Village Hall** - 10 January from 4pm to 6pm
- **Lichfield District Council's Council Chamber** - 16 January from 3pm to 6pm

To read the draft Local Plan Preferred Options document and give your views, go to [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2040)

The plan will also be available at Lichfield District Council's Frog Lane reception and at Lichfield and Burntwood libraries.

**This consultation is running from  
29 November 2019 to 24 January 2020.**

