

PROPOSED SUBMISSION DRAFT HARBOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2020-2041 (DRAFT LOCAL PLAN) – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The public consultation on the Proposed Submission Draft Harborough Local Plan 2020-2041 (Draft Local Plan) and supporting documents starts on Monday 10th March and will run until Tuesday 6th May 2025 in accordance with Regulation 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. All links will be live from 9am on Monday 10th March.

The Draft Local Plan covers the whole administrative area of Harborough District. It details our vision and framework to guide development within the district for the period between 2020 and 2041. It sets out a strategy for the amount, location and design of new built development (such as homes, schools, employment and retail) in a way that helps to ensure the vitality of communities, protect the district's rural character and unique built and natural heritage, as well as improve the natural environment and tackle climate change.

This consultation is an essential stage of Local Plan preparation. It represents the final opportunity to comment on the Draft Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination.

PERIOD OF PUBLICATION FOR REPRESENTATIONS

Representations are invited on the Draft Local Plan and associated documents between 9am on 10th March and 9am on 6th May 2025. Should you wish to make representations on the consultation documents you must do so within the consultation period. Any representations submitted outside the statutory consultation period will not be accepted.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Local Plan and associated documents are available to view electronically at <https://harborough.oc2.uk/> on Harborough District Council website.

You can view and comment on the following documents:

- Proposed Submission Draft Harborough Local Plan 2020-2041
- Policies Map
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
- Sustainability Appraisal Non-Technical Summary
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

MAKING A REPRESENTATION

All comments must be submitted in writing using the representation form. This can be accessed and submitted in a number of ways.

The easiest and quickest method is through our dedicated online consultation page. This will ensure your representations are accurately logged and easily submitted to the Inspector. To make a representation you will need to login. If you cannot remember your password, please follow the link provided on the web page.

However, if you are unable to make your representation using the online consultation page, you can make your comments by downloading a Word version of the Representation Form from www.harborough.gov.uk/representation-form. Alternatively, you can request a representation form by contacting the Strategic Planning Team on telephone 01858 821160 or email: planningpolicy@harborough.gov.uk.

Completed representation forms can be returned electronically to localplan@harborough.gov.uk or by post to: Strategic Planning Team, Harborough District Council, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7AG.

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING A REPRESENTATION

Representations at this stage should only be made on the legal and procedural compliance of the Draft Local Plan and if it is sound. Guidance notes have been prepared to help you make representations and these can be viewed on the Council's website at www.harborough.gov.uk/representations-guidance-notes

Please note that you must include your full name and contact details. The Council cannot legally accept anonymous submissions during this representations period as these cannot be considered by the Planning Inspector. Please note that your name and response will be made public as part of the examination process and that this is required by legislation and therefore complies with GDPR legislation.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

A wide range of supporting evidence has been prepared to inform the policies set out in the Draft Local Plan. This is available alongside the all the Proposed Submission documents on the Councils' website.

Proposed Submission Documents and Evidence Library

FURTHER INFORMATION

You can view the main documents and speak to Planning Officers at the following drop-in events. You do not need to register, please come along on the date and times listed:

- **Wednesday 19 March, 4pm to 7pm**
Scraptoft Community Hub (Lounge), Malsbury Avenue, Scraptoft, Leicestershire, LE7 9FQ
- **Tuesday 25 March, 3pm to 7pm**
The Wycliffe Rooms (Community Room), Lutterworth LE17 4ED
- **Tuesday 1 April, 3pm to 7pm**
Great Glen Village Hall, Main Street, Great Glen LE8 9GG
- **Wednesday 2 April 2pm to 7pm**
Harborough District Council, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough LE16 7AG
- **Monday 7 April, 4pm to 8pm**
Broughton Astley Village Hall (Alan Talbot Room), Station Road, Broughton Astley LE9 6PT
- **Wednesday 9 April, 3pm to 7pm**
Kibworth Grammer School Hall (Main Hall), School Road, Kibworth LE8 0JE

The display boards for the drop-in events, Frequently Asked Questions and a non-technical executive summary will be available on our website.

The Statement of Representations Procedure and Statement of Fact explains the procedure for making representations, including where the documents are available for inspection. This is available on the Council's website at www.harborough.gov.uk/statement-of-representations

Further background about the new Local Plan is available online at the following web address:

www.harborough.gov.uk/localplan.

NEXT STEPS

Once the consultation closes, all representations received will be submitted to the Secretary of State, who will appoint an Inspector to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan. We are expecting submission to be later in 2025.

Any person who makes a representation during the consultation period will be provided with updates on the progress of the Local Plan. Updates regarding the status of the Local Plan will also be published on the Council's website. If you have any queries regarding the Draft Local Plan or associated documents, please do not reply directly to this email.

Please contact us by any of the following means:

- Telephone the Strategic Planning Team on 01858 821160
- Email at planningpolicy@harborough.gov.uk
- Post to Strategic Planning, Harborough District Council, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough, LE16 7AG

Yours sincerely,

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