

Draft North Warwickshire Local Plan

Additional information now available



**Closing date for consultation
responses is 31 March 2017**



North Warwickshire
Borough Council

What is new?

The Borough Council published the Draft Local Plan back in August 2016. Since then, we have been working to provide additional information to sit alongside the Draft Plan.

Some additional information is now available:

Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) **page 3**

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) **page 4**

In addition further drop-in exhibitions have been arranged. You can find out where and when on **page 8**

Don't worry if you have already sent us some comments on the Draft Local Plan you can still send us your views on these new documents – follow the instructions on page 8.

What is the Local Plan?

A Local Plan sets out the planning policies for future development and allocates land for housing and employment.

It has been shaped by previous consultations on the Draft Site Allocations (2014) and Draft Development Management Plan (2015). It also incorporates the adopted Core Strategy. The new Local Plan brings together all of these documents into one single plan.

The Draft Local Plan looks forward to 2031 and beyond. It provides the houses and jobs that the Borough and the wider area needs and aims to provide the right infrastructure. The Draft Local Plan directs development to the larger settlements.

The Draft Local Plan is made up of a range of general policies, policies about sites and then a series of maps showing where the suggested allocations will be.

Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)

NEW

Infrastructure is very important to ensure that developments are successful. The Draft Infrastructure Plan or Draft IDP sets out the infrastructure that is required to deal with the amount of development being proposed. It includes:

- › Health (including GP surgeries)
- › Education
- › Flooding and drainage
- › Roads
- › Open spaces including parks and play areas
- › Shops, community halls/centres

The Draft IDP provides the information that we have to date. It will be updated on a regular basis as more detailed information becomes available.

Let us know of any issues you are concerned about?



Draft Sustainability Appraisal (SA)

NEW

A sustainability appraisal is a process that must be carried out during the preparation of a Local Plan. Its role is to promote sustainable development by assessing the extent to which the emerging plan, when judged against reasonable alternatives, will help to achieve relevant environmental, economic and social objectives. It incorporates the requirements of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (commonly referred to as the 'Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulations').

We want your comments on the document

The document is over 1000 pages long as each proposed site and any reasonable alternatives have been assessed. There is an Executive Summary. The full report and appendices are available on our website – www.northwarks.gov.uk/planningconsultations and copies are available in each of the venues where the Draft Local Plan can be viewed.



So how much development is being proposed?

Housing

Overall Housing Number

Minimum housing requirement for North Warwickshire taking into account a redistribution from Coventry and Warwickshire	5280
Testing redistribution from Greater Birmingham	3790
Overall amount we are looking to deliver	9070

But we have already provided for:

Completions	706
Sites with planning permission	1056
Windfall allowance – these are sites that come forward over the Plan period without being allocated in the Local Plan. Normally they are small sites of less than 0.2 hectares	900

(As at 31st March 2016)

We then look to add a 5% flexibility factor.

This means we are looking to allocate land for at least **6,728** in the Draft Local Plan.

Allocations equal around 6,800.

We're not alone!

All local planning authorities are under pressure to deliver more housing. Evidence has been produced to support the amount of housing. We prepare Strategic Housing Market Assessments with other local Councils and they are the basis of these targets. We also have to consider the needs of adjoining areas where they have indicated they cannot deliver the amount of housing they require. We also need to maintain a five year housing supply on a continuous basis.

The number of houses needed for the Coventry & Warwickshire sub-region is 88,140. The number for Birmingham is 89,000. These are all minimum housing figures.

As part of the "Duty to Co-operate" we have a duty to try and assist neighbouring areas. A Government Inspector will not allow the Council to adopt a Plan if it hasn't dealt with this Duty. This Draft Local Plan is looking to see what can be achieved. It is expected that 5280 will be the minimum that we will have to deliver. This consultation will test whether all or part of the further 3790 can be delivered and completed.

Employment

We need to deliver at least 91 hectares of employment land. We are keen to offer more opportunities for manufacturing and research and development. The main site being proposed is up to 42 hectares to the south of MIRA on the A5. This will build on the exciting opportunities underway on the MIRA site to the north of the A5. There is also some additional land at Birch Coppice. Planning permission has recently been granted for 20 hectares at Hams Hall and 25 hectares to south-east of junction 10 M42 and A5.

There is pressure for more employment due to the Borough's excellent location.

How can you get involved?

The consultation period runs until Friday 31st March 2017.

Once all the consultations have been considered the Council will consider what changes are needed to the draft Plan. There will then be a further consultation later in the year.

All the latest documents and supporting evidence can be viewed and downloaded from the Borough Council's website at www.northwarks.gov.uk/planningconsultations

Alternatively copies of the documents can be viewed at:

- › Main Reception, Council Offices, South Street, Atherstone, CV9 1DE,
- › The Borough Council Leisure Centres
- › The following HUBS and local libraries:
 - › Atherstone Library, Long Street, Atherstone
 - › Ansley Hub, St Johns Community Rooms, St Johns Road, Ansley Common
 - › Arley & St Michaels Community Hub, Gun Hill, Arley
 - › Baddesley Hub & Library, Village Hall, Keys Hill, Baddesley Ensor
 - › Birchmoor Hub, Birchmoor Mission Hall, New Street, Birchmoor
 - › Coleshill Library, 19a Parkfield Road, Coleshill
 - › Coleshill Hub, Coleshill Town Hall, High Street, Coleshill
 - › Dordon Library, Roman Way, Dordon
 - › Hartshill Hub & Library, Holy Trinity Church, Church Road, Hartshill
 - › Mancetter Hub, Memorial Hall, Mancetter
 - › Polesworth Library, Bridge Street, Polesworth
 - › Shustoke Hub, Shustoke Village Hall, Shustoke
 - › Water Orton Library, Micklemeadow, Coleshill Road, Water Orton
 - › Nuneaton Library, Church St, Nuneaton

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There is an online response form. This can be found at:
www.northwarks.gov.uk/planningconsultations

It can either be filled in online or downloaded and posted to:

**Forward Planning Team, Chief Executives Division, Council Offices,
South Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 1DE**

Or email it to: planningpolicy@northwarks.gov.uk

We prefer you to use the response form. However, if you don't want to use it, then please write an email or letter and send to the address above explaining what you support or object to.

Any queries please contact the Forward Planning Team on
01827 719451/499.

Additional Drop-in Exhibitions

Come along to any of the following additional drop-in exhibitions. Our staff will be able to assist you with your queries or help you with your representations on the Draft Local Plan, the Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) or the Sustainability Appraisal (SA).

Date	Place	Time	Venue
2/3/2017	Hartshill	4:00 - 8:00	Community Centre
6/3/2017	Atherstone	4:00 - 8:00	Memorial Hall
7/3/2017	Coleshill	4:00 - 8:00	Town Hall
8/3/2017	Ansley Common	4.00 - 8.00	Nursery Hill Primary School
13/3/2017	Dordon	4.00 - 8.00	Village Hall
15/3/2017	Polesworth	4:00 - 8:00	Tithe Barn
16/3/2017	Mancetter	4.00 - 7.00	Mancetter Memorial Hall
20/3/2017	Kingsbury	4.00 - 7.00	Kingsbury Methodist Church Hall
22/3/2017	Warton	4.00 - 7.00	Warton Parish Rooms
TBC	Water Orton	4.00 - 7.00	Water Orton Pavilion
TBC	Wood End	4.00 - 7.00	Village Hall

As soon as the events have been confirmed details will be on our website and notified through Twitter and Facebook or contact the Forward Planning Team to find out more.