

Frequently Asked Questions – The Scarborough Borough Local Plan

What is the Local Plan?

The Local Plan is the main planning document for the Borough excluding the National Park area. It sets out the planning policies and strategies against which all planning proposals will be judged by the Council.

It also identifies areas for housing, industrial, commercial and retail developments as well as areas proposed for public open space and sports provision.

Where can I view the current Local Plan?

The Local Plan and the accompanying Proposals Map can be viewed at:

<https://www.scarborough.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/current-local-plan>

What is the process for preparing a Local Plan and how long does it take?

The preparation of the Local Plan takes several years and can be broken down into phases as below:

- a. Prepare an Issues and Options document and engage with the community to determine what the Local Plan should consider (*this took place in late 2020*)
- b. Consult on Housing and Other Sites submitted by landowners and site promoters (*the current stage*)
- c. Consider all comments from (a) and (b) and prepare a draft Local Plan and consult with the community
- d. Consider all comments from (c) and publish your final Local Plan and consultation
- e. Submit the final Local Plan to the Government along with all comments received at all previous stages
- f. The Government will appoint an independent Planning Inspector who will examine the Local Plan in public and invite the Council, developers and the community to attend and put their views forward (this can be in person or in writing at the discretion of the Inspector)
- g. The Inspector will publish a report either accepting or rejecting the Plan. If accepted the Plan will be adopted by the Council.

Why are you reviewing the Local Plan so soon after it was adopted?

Although the current Plan was adopted in July 2017 the Government requires that all Plans should be considered for review within 5 years. The Council decided in 2019 that changes to national planning policy and emerging local issues (including the declaration of a climate emergency) warranted the review of the Local Plan.

What is this stage of consultation about – Housing and Other Site Allocations?

This current stage is the opportunity for the public and other interested parties to provide their comments on sites that have so far been submitted for housing and other forms of development.

It is important to note that these sites are **not** planning applications but speculative submissions by landowners and site promoters for consideration in the review of the Local Plan. No decision has been made on any of the sites submitted.

Although the Council will make a recommendation on whether sites should be allocated or not, ultimately it will be for the Planning Inspector to determine whether such sites should be included in the Plan. The Inspector will allow interested parties to attend the Examination in Public to put their views forward.

How can I become involved in this process?

The best way to become involved is to sign up to the Local Plan consultation database. This can be done at the following webpage: <https://scarborough-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/>

Simply click the arrow at the top right of the webpage and register your details. We will then notify you of relevant consultations on the Local Plan.

I want to comment on these sites – how do I do that?

By completing the form titled Housing and Other Site Submission Form at:
<https://scarborough-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/>

By downloading a response form at:
<https://www.scarborough.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-policy/consultations-planning-policy>

By sending the form or your comments to:
Localplan@scarborough.gov.uk or to: Planning Policy, Planning Services, Scarborough Borough Council, Town Hall, St Nicholas Street, Scarborough, YO11 2HG.

If you have any questions or queries on the Local Plan then please do not hesitate to contact us either by email (as above) or on 01723 232480.

Thank you
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