

Local Plan NEWS LP*

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Local Plan: Next Steps

The next Local Plan hearing sessions will take place on 16, 17 and if needed 18 December 2019. At these hearings the Inspector will hear housing evidence, employment evidence, the appropriate plan period and the northern part of Birchall Garden Suburb.

Consultation on promoted sites

Consultation took place over a six week period, between 7 May 2019 and 24 June 2019 on the 140 plus sites that were promoted by landowners or developers for housing, employment, mixed use or other forms of development. In response to the consultation, we received over 10,200 representations, far in excess of anything that we have ever received at previous stages of plan consultation. The representations have now all been uploaded on to our consultation portal and are now [available to view on our website](#):

Planning officers are finalising the analysis of the comments and the assessment of sites on an individual and cumulative basis, so that all of the representations received can be considered as part of the site analysis and selection work.

What happens next

An analysis of the consultation responses will be considered by Members at meetings of Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel (CPPP) in January, together with the finalised Housing, Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA), the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, the Sustainability Appraisal of the sites and the updated site selection paper.

Technical Work

A number of evidence base documents have been updated including: a review of the latest household projections and the implications for the Objective Assessment of Housing Need and Employment Forecasting. Additional work has now been carried out on Landscape Sensitivity and Green Gaps. These are published on our website.

16-18 December 2019	Hearing sessions take place
23 January 2020 29 January 2020	CPPP Cabinet These meetings will consider any changes to brownfield assumptions, changes to existing sites (such as increased densities) and identify any new sites for allocation and release from the green belt.
February and March 2020	6 week consultation on proposed sites, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Assessment and Infrastructure Delivery Plan

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Completed technical studies are available on the council's website, and as new studies are completed, they will also be published. Copies of all documents can be found on our website:

www.welhat.gov.uk/evidencebase

The latest reports to Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel (CPPP) outlining progress on the Local Plan can be found at:

www.welhat.gov.uk/cabinetplanningparkingpanel

Copies of the Statement of Community Involvement and Local Development Scheme can be found at:

www.welhat.gov.uk/localplanningframework

Details of the latest planning consultations can be found at: www.welhat.gov.uk/planningconsultations

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