

Reading Borough Local Plan – chance to comment on Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

Reading Borough Council is now consulting on the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan until 26th January 2018.

We are in the process of producing a new Local Plan to replace existing development plan documents, and to plan for development in Reading up to 2036. Once adopted, the Local Plan will be the main document that informs how planning applications are determined and covers a wide variety of strategic matters, policies and specific sites for development.

We are seeking comments over the next eight weeks during a period of public consultation.

The full Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan is on the Council's website at:

<http://www.reading.gov.uk/newlocalplan>

and copies can also be viewed at the

Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU (between 9 am and 5 pm on weekdays)

and

in all Council libraries (during normal opening hours).

Supporting documents, such as a Pre-Submission Draft Proposals Map, Sustainability Appraisal and Infrastructure Delivery Plan are also available on the Council's website and are available for your comments. Guidance on how to make representations, which includes a representations form which can be used if you wish, is attached.

We welcome any comments that you have. Please provide written responses to the consultation by 5 p.m. on Friday 26th January 2018. Responses should be sent to:

planningpolicy@reading.gov.uk

or

Planning Policy Team, Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, RG1 2LU.

You may also wish to attend one of our drop-in events to talk about the Local Plan to a planning officer in more detail. There is no need to let us know if you wish to attend beforehand. These will be held at the Civic Offices, Bridge Street, RG1 2LU in main reception on Wednesday 6th December from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday 12th December from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

We intend to submit the plan to the Secretary of State in February or March 2018, taking your responses to this consultation into account. A public examination will take place thereafter with adoption expected in late 2018 or early 2019.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Regards,

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