Huntingdonshire
DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL PLAN: PREFERRED OPTIONS DRAFT LOCAL PLAN TO 2046 AND SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL CONSULTATION LAUNCHED

Huntingdonshire District Council has launched the next stage of consultation in the preparation of Huntingdonshire's next Local Plan.

The Local Plan is an important District Council document that sets the statutory planning framework for the district, shaping development many years into the future. For further information on the update of the Local Plan, visit our webpage:

https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/preferredoptions

Responding to this consultation, **which runs from 5 November for 6 weeks until Wednesday 17 December 2025,** is an opportunity for people to shape the future of Huntingdonshire.

There are two consultation documents:

- **Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046:** This is the first full draft of the Local Plan. It is based on national policy, evidence and previous feedback from stakeholders. It is our vision for sustainable growth to 2046 and sets out how we will deliver land for new homes, jobs and infrastructure. It looks at how we can protect our natural environment, how we will respond to climate change and provides policies which will be used to assess planning applications outlining what we require from new development in the district.

- **Sustainability Appraisal –** A document that assesses our, strategies, sites, options and policies that we are using to develop the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046. Each is assessed against 16 sustainability objectives based on the climate emergency, environmental, social and economic themes.

Preparing a Local Plan involves many stages of evidence gathering, public engagement, policy and site development. This Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 is intended to be the final non-statutory stage of its preparation. This forms part of our engagement under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The next stage, anticipated to be in summer 2026, will be a statutory consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). This will provide opportunities to comment on specific aspects of the Draft Local plan to 2046 that we intend to submit for formal public examination.

To view and comment on the documents please visit the Council's **online consultation system** (https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/). This is the Council's preferred method of reply and ensures that your responses are recorded and summarised accurately. Further information and videos and text to show you how to log in to the consultation portal and register comments can be found by visiting: https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/preferredoptions. However, if you require assistance or an alternative format to respond please email: local.plan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Paper copies of the above documents are also available to view at:

- Huntingdonshire District Council, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN – during the hours of Mon-Thurs 8:45am to 5pm and Friday 8:45am to 4:30pm
- Any library in Huntingdonshire
- The mobile library will provide leaflets with information on the consultation
- We are holding exhibitions so that you can come and talk to Officers in person and ask questions. Dates and times can be found at: https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/preferredoptions

You can also find at more at:

- https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/preferredoptions