

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the Selby District Local Plan?**

The Selby District Local Plan (the Plan) sets out the Council's approach to development growth in the District up to 2040. It is an important document as it sets out where new development will take place, as well as the local planning policies for determining planning applications and other development applications submitted to the Council. Those sites allocated to be developed as well as areas for protection are identified on the Policies Map, which is part of the Plan.

### **Why is the Council Preparing it?**

The Council needs to prepare the Local Plan to fulfil its duties as the Local Planning Authority. The Local Plan is a statutory planning document for the whole of the District of Selby. The Council needs to have an up-to-date Local Plan in place to give certainty for the community, landowners, developers and service and infrastructure providers on the amount of land needed to provide new developments and where this will take place.

### **Why do we need another plan?**

The Local Plan needs to be up to date with current legislation and to set out development proposals for the next 20 years. If the Local Plan is out of date, the Council, as the Local Planning Authority, will find it difficult to refuse planning applications for development on sites not allocated or in line with the planning policies in the Local Plan. The existing 2005 Selby District Local Plan and the 2013 Core Strategy Local Plan will be replaced by this new Plan when it is finally adopted.

### **What was the Preferred Options consultation?**

The "Preferred Options" consultation from 31 January to 12 March 2021 followed the previous Issues and Options consultation (in 2020) which was the first engagement stage in the plan preparation process. The results of earlier consultations (as well as evidence base work) were considered in drawing up the preferred approach. The Preferred Options draft Plan set out the Council's preferred spatial approach in terms of where development will be focussed and the draft policies which will be used to determine planning applications up to 2040. Alternative options were also identified in the document as well as those policy directions the Council had rejected.

You can view the previous comments and the Council's response to the Issues and Options consultation in 2020 at: <https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>

The Preferred Options consultation was also the last opportunity for landowners to submit land for consideration for development in the Local Plan.

### **What was the Additional Sites consultation?**

The Preferred Options consultation was the last opportunity for landowners to submit land for consideration for development in the Local Plan. A total of 44 additional or amended sites were submitted at Preferred Options stage and these additional sites were assessed with the Council's site assessment methodology available at: <https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>

To ensure that the additional and amended sites were subject to the same level of scrutiny as those previously considered, the Council sought views on the assessments of the new and amended sites so the “Additional Sites” consultation from 2 August to 13 September 2021 fulfilled this purpose. This has helped the Council to reach the final conclusions on which the sites are allocated for development in the Publication version of the Local Plan.

You can view the Additional Sites comments and the Council’s response to the Additional Sites consultation in 2021 at: <https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>

### **What was the Evidence Base Consultation?**

As well as taking into account the feedback from the earlier consultations, the Council has undertaken a range of evidence base work to help inform the new Plan. The Evidence Base consultation from 3 September to 15 October 2021 was a consultation on the following Evidence Base documents which support the Selby District Local Plan:

- Green Belt Review (2021)
- Greenspace Audit (2021)
- Local Plan and CIL Viability Report (2021)
- Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities Assessment (2021)

You can view the comments and the Council’s response to the Evidence Base consultation in 2021 at: <https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>

### **What is the Pre-Submission Publication Local Plan?**

The Pre-Submission Publication Local Plan (or just known as the Publication Plan) is the version of the Local Plan that the Council proposes to formally ‘submit’ to the Secretary of State for Examination. The Council has considered all the responses received at all previous consultations (undertaken in line with Regulation 18 of the Town and County Planning 2012 regulations, as amended) and has made its decision regarding the policies and development proposals based on the evidence provided. By being involved in the Local Plan process at these earlier informal stages of consultation, you will have helped to shape the development direction of your neighbourhood and the District.

### **What is this consultation?**

This consultation is the formal consultation on the Publication Local Plan before the Local Plan is formally Submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination (known as Regulation 19 stage) by an independent Planning Inspector.

The Publication consultation stage is your opportunity to say whether you think the Local Plan complies with the relevant legal requirements including the Duty to Cooperate and is ‘sound’ (these are defined in the Government’s National Planning Policy Framework). The Publication consultation is not an opportunity to provide new information.

In line with the legislation and guidance, Selby District Council is asking you to consider the Local Plan and to submit your formal representation stating whether you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant, sound and in line with the Duty to Cooperate. Before you make your representations, please read our Guidance Notes.

If you wish to make a representation seeking a modification to the Local Plan, you should set out clearly in what way you consider the Plan or part of the Plan to be legally non-compliant or unsound, having regard as appropriate to the soundness criteria set out in paragraph 35 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Please see our Guidance Notes for further information.

Comments made at the Publication stage are called representations and will be forwarded to the Secretary of State at the Submission stage of the Local Plan.

The consultation period runs from 26 August to 5:00pm on 28 October 2022.

### **What is the difference between the Publication Local Plan and the Submission Local Plan?**

The Submission of the Plan is the point at which the Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination by a Planning Inspector. The Council will consider the representations made at the Publication stage and may formally request the Inspector to recommend any proposed changes to the Local Plan (in line with section 23 of the Town and Country Planning Act 2004 (as amended)). The Publication Local Plan together with a list of any proposed changes to the published Plan (which have not been the subject of consultation) will be submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration by a Planning Inspector.

### **What is the Examination?**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) states that the purpose of the Examination is to consider whether the Local Plan complies with the relevant legal requirements, including the Duty to Cooperate and is sound. The Planning Inspector will consider all representations on the Publication Selby District Local Plan that are made within the consultation period 26 August to 5:00pm on 28 October 2022 as set by the Local Planning Authority. Once the Plan has been submitted, the Inspector will take control of the examination process from start to finish.

### **Why should I care about this?**

The Local Plan will determine how your neighbourhood changes and develops to 2040. The planning policy approach taken will affect the consideration of development proposals and applications throughout the District of Selby up to 2040. This includes not only new houses and employment provision, but the services and community facilities needed to support the new development as well as protecting the countryside and guiding renewable energy developments.

### **Why should I be involved in its preparation?**

The Local Plan is not yet finalised and can only be adopted by the Council and put into use once it has been through the remaining steps. It is important that you consider the Publication document and provide a formal response. By being involved in the Local Plan process you will have helped to shape the development direction of your neighbourhood and the District. You will also have helped to identify where new development is to take place as well as setting out the areas to be protected from development.

### **Will my answers make a difference?**

Yes. By law the Council cannot adopt a Local Plan unless it has involved those people and organisations which it thinks will be affected by the Plan and taken account of their views. Your formal views are important as the changes that the Local Plan sets out may affect you.

The Council has considered all the responses received at previous consultation stages and has made its decision regarding the policies and development proposals in the Publication Plan based on the evidence provided. The Council will consider the responses received at the Publication consultation stage, and duly made representations will be considered by an independent Planning Inspector at an Examination. By being involved in the Local Plan process you will have helped to shape the development direction of your neighbourhood and the District. You will also have helped to identify where new development is to take place as well as setting out the areas to be protected from development.

### **Where do I find out what is happening where I live and/or work?**

The Publication Selby District Local Plan consultation document can be viewed at:

<https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>

Until the Selby District Local Plan is adopted, the current adopted Local Plan consists of a document setting out the policies and a map detailing where those policies apply in the District. It can be viewed at: <https://www.selby.gov.uk/development-plan>

If you want to see the latest planning applications for development in your area, please use the Public Access system available at <https://www.selby.gov.uk/view-applications-public-access> and follow the instructions for use.

### **How does this relate to Neighbourhood Plans?**

Neighbourhood Development Plans are prepared by local communities following the designation of a Neighbourhood Area. Not all communities have a Neighbourhood Plan.

Once adopted, Neighbourhood Development Plans and the Local Plan together make up the development plan for that Neighbourhood Area and will be used in the determination of planning applications in that particular Neighbourhood Area.

For further information on Neighbourhood Planning, please see the Council's website at <https://www.selby.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning>

### **How can I find out more and get involved?**

All the information you need to be involved is available on the Council's Consultation Portal available at: <https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse> You need to first register at <https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/register> or login before providing a response on the on-line comment form.

The consultation period runs from 26 August to 5:00pm on 28 October 2022.

You can also access the information and links via the Council's website at <https://www.selby.gov.uk/localplan>

### **Do I have to provide a response to every Policy and paragraph?**

No. Only provide a response that you feel is necessary to either support or object to the Local Plan in terms of legal requirements, Duty to Cooperate or soundness.

If you think the content of the Plan is not sound because it does not include a policy on a particular issue, you should go through a number of steps before making representations – see the Guidance Notes for further information.

### **Where can I find the Comment form?**

Comments, known as representations, should be submitted on the Council's dedicated consultation webpage. The interactive on-line comment form is available at: <https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>

The consultation period runs from 26 August to 5:00pm on 28 October 2022.

### **Where do I send my completed comment form?**

Please use the interactive form to provide your response directly to the Council. The interactive form is available at: <https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>

### **The interactive form didn't work for me, who can I contact?**

Please contact the Planning Policy Team by email at: [localplan@selby.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@selby.gov.uk)

Or telephone: 01757-292134

If necessary, you may also write to us at: Planning Policy Team, Selby District Council, Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby YO8 9FT

### **What is the Council's Privacy Notice?**

The Council's Privacy Notice (available at <https://www.selby.gov.uk/our-privacy-notice> ) informs you how the Council will use your personal data. For how the Planning Policy Team will use your data, please see <https://www.selby.gov.uk/planning-policy-privacy-notice>

### **Will my comments be made public?**

Yes. Your comments will be made public in line with the Council's Privacy Notice <https://www.selby.gov.uk/our-privacy-notice> and the Planning Policy Privacy Notice <https://www.selby.gov.uk/planning-policy-privacy-notice>.

### **What will happen next?**

The representations received on the Publication consultation by the deadline of 5pm on 28 October 2022 will be logged and considered by the Council. The Submission Local Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination along with the duly made representations and any modifications the Council may propose. It is expected that the Submission draft Local Plan will be submitted in early 2023 in line with the Council's timetable for the Local Plan production available in the Local Plan Scheme available at <https://www.selby.gov.uk/local-development-scheme>. The Examination by a Planning Inspector is scheduled to take place later in 2023.

### **How and when will the new Local Plan be decided?**

The Submission Plan, any Council-proposed modifications, related documents (evidence base for example) and the Publication representations will be considered by an Independent Planning Inspector at an Examination. The Planning Inspector will determine if any further changes or modifications are needed to the Local Plan before determining if the Local Plan is legally compliant and sound and recommending whether or not the Council can adopt the Local Plan for use.

### **How will I know what to expect if I want to attend the Examination?**

Only representors who are seeking a change to the Plan within the deadline set by the Council for Publication responses (5pm on 28 October 2022) have a right to appear and be heard at a hearing session(s). In considering this, please note that written and oral representations carry the same weight and will be given equal consideration in the examination process. Attendance and participation at the Examination is at the invitation of the Inspector.

The Planning Inspectorate have provided guidance and advice on taking part in Local Examinations. Please see the Planning Inspectorate website for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/taking-part-in-local-plan-examinations>