

Statement of Representations Procedure for the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2046

Huntingdonshire District Council has prepared a pre-submission draft local plan entitled “Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2046” which is being published for representations. This is the draft Local Plan which the Council propose to submit to the government. It sets out the Council’s strategy for future growth and change within the whole of the District area through to 2046.

The representations period runs from **16th September to 28th October 2026**.

You can see read the Local Plan on our engagement portal at [Huntingdonshire District Council Consultation Home - Keystone](#).

During the representations period a paper copy of the draft local plan will be available at Pathfinder House, St Mary’s Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN, during normal office opening days and times on Mondays to Thursdays between 8:45am and 5pm and on Fridays between 8:45am and 4.30pm.

We strongly encourage representations to be made through our online engagement portal at [Huntingdonshire District Council Consultation Home - Keystone](#). The portal includes a ‘frequently asked questions’ section which includes guidance on how to register, login and make representations on the portal.

If you have difficulty responding online representations may be made in writing by completing a response form available on our website, or you can request a form by email to local.plan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or by phone on 01480 388424.

Responses forms may be returned by email to local.plan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or in paper form to Ms Clara Kerr, Head of Planning, Infrastructure and Public Protection, Huntingdonshire District Council, Pathfinder House, St Mary’s Street, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE29 3TN.

Please note that the representations period **closes at 23:59 on Wednesday 28th October 2026**. As per current planning regulations all representations must be received by this time. Any representations received after this time will not be considered to be duly made. Only representations received within the specified period have a statutory right to be considered in the examination process. As this is a formal representations period no exceptions or extensions can be made.

Representations

During this period representations are required to state how they relate to ‘Soundness’ and ‘Legal Compliance’.

The tests of soundness are set out in the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (December 2024 version) at paragraph 36. Plans are considered to be sound if they are:

- a) Positively prepared – providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area’s objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- b) Justified – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;
- c) Effective – deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and
- d) Consistent with national policy – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in this Framework and other statements of national planning policy, where relevant.

Legal compliance focuses on the processes by which the Local Plan has been prepared. This includes consideration of whether:

- a) The Local Plan is included within the Local Development Scheme, and the key stages set out within that have been followed. The most recent [Local Development Scheme](#) was published in May 2026.
- b) The process of community involvement is in general accordance with the [Statement of Community Involvement](#).
- c) A [Sustainability Appraisal](#) report is published to accompany the Local Plan.
- d) The Local Plan complies with all other relevant requirements of the [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act](#) (prior to the commencement of changes on 3 March 2026) and the [Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#), as amended (the Regulations).

If you wish to make a representation seeking a modification to the Local Plan you should clearly state in what way you consider the Local Plan, or a specific element of the Local Plan, not to be legally compliant or unsound as explained above. Your representation should be supported by evidence wherever possible, which may be provided as a supporting document. Please be as precise as possible, and do not simply refer to an attached supporting document(s).

Wherever possible, state how you think the Local Plan should be modified to make it sound and legally compliant. Please put forward your suggested revised wording for any textual change. Where you wish to make representations on more than one part of the Local Plan, please submit separate representations for each.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address (email or postal) of any of the following:

- a) the submission of the local plan for independent examination under section 20 of the Act,
- b) the publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the local plan under section 20 of the Act, and
- c) the adoption of the local plan.

Detailed advice about making representations can be found on the Council's website.

Additional Documents

Representations are also being invited on the Pre-Submission Policies Map, and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the requirements of Strategic Environmental Assessment) and Habitats Regulations Assessment. Please note that the Pre-Submission Policies Map is not part of the Local Plan but illustrates geographically the Policies and proposals of the Local Plan and any representations about it should reflect that fact and that the Proposed Submission Policies Map will not be examined in its own right. To comment on the Pre Submission Policies map please do so through the relevant policy/proposal in the Pre-Submission Local Plan.

Data Protection

Please note that we cannot accept anonymous representations. Representations will be published on the Council's engagement portal and will include the names and organisations who submitted them. Other personal contact details will not be published on the engagement portal. Please refer to our privacy notice for further details, which can be found on our [website](#). Copies of all representations (including respondent details) received during the consultation period will also be provided to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the submission and examination of the Local Plan. Please refer to the Planning Inspectorate's [Privacy statement](#) for further details.

Following the representations period

Following the representations period the draft local plan, all proposed submission documents and all duly made representations will be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. The Council aims to complete the submission no later than 31st December 2026.