



**Forest of Dean District  
Local Plan 2021 - 2041**

**Issues and Options Consultation**

**Tuesday 17th September 2019**

**to**

**4.30pm Thursday 31st October 2019**



## **What is a Local Plan?**

The Local Plan will explain how the district is expected to change over 20 years, showing sites that are chosen for new housing, to provide jobs, and are needed for other uses. It will also protect land and the quality of the environment. It must help reduce carbon emissions.

It adds a local dimension to planning which would otherwise be guided only by national policies which may not be as sensitive to the needs of the area as a Local Plan can be.

Our new plan will be known as Local Plan 2021 - 2041. A full timeline of the Local Plan Process can be found on the back page of this document

## **What are Issues and Options?**

This document outlines key issues and spatial options for the area. As we are creating a new Local Plan a full review is required of all existing policies.

Issues are subject areas which the plan needs to consider and include it should then include policies and proposals which address them. The options consider the pattern and nature of the changes to land that may address these issues. An issue may be to provide additional employment, an option may be to identify land in one location or another, for example.

## **Can I comment on the Issues and options Document?**

The consultation on the Issues and Options for the Local Plan commences Tuesday 17th September 2019, and closes at 4.30pm on Thursday 31st October 2019



## What comments can I make?

Examples of matters to think about:

- What do you think of the issues and options we have identified?
- Where do you think new housing should be located?
- How can we protect our environment and heritage?
- Is there enough employment land?
- How can we achieve carbon neutrality?
- Are we doing enough to protect our wildlife?

## Where can I view the Issues and Options document?

The Issues and options document can be viewed

- Online at [www.fdean.gov.uk](http://www.fdean.gov.uk)
- Forest of Dean District Council Offices, Coleford, Glos. GL16 8HG
- Meet members of the Local Plan team between 5pm and 8 pm at the following drop in sessions

Forest of Dean Council Offices, Coleford. Wednesday 25 September 2019  
Newent Memorial Hall, Thursday 3 October 2019

## How can I comment?

- Online: <https://fdean-consult.objective.co.uk/portal>
- Email: [localplans@fdean.gov.uk](mailto:localplans@fdean.gov.uk)
- By post : Local Plans Team, Forest of Dean District Council, Council Offices, High Street, Coleford, Glos, GL16 8HG

If you need further information

Tel:01594 810000 and ask for a member of the Local plan team

Email: [localplans@fdean.gov.uk](mailto:localplans@fdean.gov.uk)

# Local Plan Process

## Preparation

This is the longest stage of the process taking 2+years.

1. Issues and Options - The development of issues and options is the first in a number of stages in the production of the revised Local Plan and is the first opportunity for residents, businesses and other interested parties to be involved in planning for our future.
2. Draft Plan - Your views, along with the evidence that supports the Local Plan and the outcome of the Sustainability Appraisal will be used to help develop our new Local Plan to the next stage when we will produce a draft plan.

## Publication

This is a stage where more formal comments are sought. Anyone can comment and these comments form part of the evidence used in the public inquiry (Examination) of the plan which follows.

## Submission

The plan and comments from the publication are submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

## Public Examination

Examination of the Plan by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State This will include hearings and these will consider comments made in relation to the plan.

## The Inspectors Report

The Inspector may direct that a plan be withdrawn, but will generally guide the examination to a point where he or she can recommend changes to the plan needed to make it sound (able to become part of the development plan)

## Adoption

The plan will be adopted and given full weight in planning decisions.