

**Leeds Local Plan
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
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STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATION PROCEDURE

ADVERTISEMENT OF LEEDS LOCAL PLAN UPDATE PRE-SUBMISSION CHANGES

The City Council has prepared Pre-Submission Changes to its Leeds Local Plan Update (LPU) prior to submission to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination.

The Leeds Local Plan sets out the authority's approach to planning policy and new development across the Leeds district over the next decade and beyond. Having regard to the objective of the Local Plan Update to update and improve existing policies and make new ones to address climate change, and the climate emergency declaration to achieve net zero emissions by 2030, the scope of the Plan will update and create new policies; making consequential changes, within the Adopted Leeds Core Strategy (amended 2019), the Natural Resources and Waste Local Plan (2013) and Unitary Development Plan (2006) which focus on: carbon reduction, flood risk, green and blue infrastructure including biodiversity and nature conservation), place-making and sustainable infrastructure in order to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change and ensure the delivery of sustainable development within the Leeds Metropolitan District for a period of at least 15 years from Adoption.

The draft plan is based around five topic areas:

- **Carbon reduction** - changing the way buildings are built, and how we generate renewable energy.
- **Flood risk** - making our communities resilient to the impact of flooding, one of the most direct impacts of climate change that Leeds faces.
- **Green & Blue infrastructure** - making the most of our green spaces and natural environment, to help improve the health and well-being of our citizens.
- **Place-making** – guiding new development to places that offer the best opportunities for active travel and public transport, health & well-being and making the best use of communities' assets to create '20-minute neighbourhoods' where people want to live, work and play.
- **Sustainable infrastructure** – integrating low emissions transport and improved digital connectivity, helping reduce journeys by car.

Period for submission of Comments

Since the consultation on the Publication Draft Policies over autumn (Oct-Dec 2022), we have made a number of changes to the Plan. These changes are the focus of the public consultation. Please note that in this consultation, comments can only be made on the changes to the Publication Draft Plan which are set out in the schedule of changes and whether the resultant Plan it is sound and legally compliant.

The Pre-Submission Changes consultation will run for a period of 6 weeks starting on Monday 30th October and finishing on Monday 11th December 2023.

If you commented on the Publication Draft Policies in 2022, your representations will still be submitted to the Inspector. Please do not re-submit your comments from the last consultation. Instead, please submit your comments on the Pre-Submission Changes which have subsequently been made.

How to view the documents

The dedicated and accessible website www.leeds.gov.uk/lpu will be home to all the information contained within the draft Local Plan. A PDF version of the document will also be available on the website.

You will also be able to access consultation material at [Libraries](#) and [Community Hubs](#) online as well as the Council's Main Office at Merrion House, 110 Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8BB.

Key points to consider when making a representation

It is crucial that we hear from everybody that wants to comment on our plan, making sure we gather the views of as many people, businesses and stakeholders as possible, so the comments gathered represent varied views from all people across the city. We are only seeking your views on the changes to the draft plan at this stage and not seeking comments on wording that has not changed. We have received previous comments on the Publication Draft plan at previous stages of consultation (December 2022) and you do not need to repeat a comment that you have made previously at this stage.

As before, the comments form provided asks you to make your comments in a certain way, this is because the Government Inspector can only consider comments on the soundness or legal compliance of the Plan. This time, the focus is on the Pre-Submission Changes and whether they make the plan sound and/or legally compliant. The form will therefore ask you to clearly highlight the change you are commenting on.

We are asking for people to consider two specific questions when making representations on the Pre-Submission changes to the Local plan:

- 1) Is the plan legally compliant? Does the plan comply with the relevant legislation and regulations in the way it has been prepared, and in its content?
- 2) Is the plan 'sound'? Has the plan been 'positively prepared'? Is it robustly justified and evidence-led? Will it be effective in what it sets out to achieve? And is it consistent with national planning policy?

Submitting your comments

People can have their say on the Local Plan Pre-Submission Changes by using the online response form through the website www.leeds.gov.uk/lpu; alternatively emailing lpu@leeds.gov.uk, or

by writing to: Leeds Local Plan Update Consultation, Policy & Plan Group, Merrion House, 9th Floor East, 110 Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8BB.

All comments should be received by Monday 11th December 2023.

All representations received within the time period outlined above, will be submitted to the Secretary of State, along with representations the Council has received from previous consultation in 2022 and considered as part of a Public Examination by an Independent Planning Inspector.

Notification Request

Respondents can indicate on the comments from whether they would like to be notified of future stages in the progression of the Council's Local Plan

Please let us know if you have any requirements in terms of alternative formats or languages and we will make arrangements to make sure your views are registered¹.

If you are unable to access the consultation material online please contact us on 0113 37 87993 or write to us a: lpu@leeds.gov.uk

¹ Please note that the consultation material is available as html format on our dedicated web-site to enable wider accessibility