

City Development

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Leeds Local Plan Update: Pre Submission Changes (Regulation 19) - Your Neighbourhood, Your City, Your Planet'

You are receiving this letter because you have expressed an interest to be kept informed about the Leeds Local Plan, or you wrote to us about proposed policies at a previous consultation stages.

The Leeds Local Plan comprises a number of documents containing long-term strategic planning policies, that guide the amount and location of development in the Leeds district. The objective of the current Local Plan consultation is to update and improve existing policies to address climate change, and the climate emergency declaration to achieve net zero emissions by 2030.

As a result of the public consultations undertaken in 2021 and 2022, the Council have carefully considered both the support received and the concerns raised by consultees. We are now proposing a number of specific changes to the Plan. These are called Pre-Submission changes and are intended to address matters of soundness (raised through public consultation) in advance of the submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State for independent Examination.

How to view and comment on the Pre-Submission Changes

You should only make comments on the **Pre-Submission Changes**. Related documents are available via www.leeds.gov.uk/lpu

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.

We would prefer to receive your comments via the On-line form

Alternatively, you may submit comments:

By email: lpu@leeds.gov.uk or

By Post: LPU Pre-Submission Changes, Policy and Plans Group, Merrion House, 110 Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8BB.



You will also be able to access consultation material at <u>Libraries</u> and <u>Community Hubs</u> online as well as the Council's Main Office at Merrion House, 110 Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8BB.

The consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement. The Council's consultation activity will be online with all consultation material being made available at www.leeds.gov.uk/lpu

Next Steps

After the 11th of December 2023 the Plan will be submitted for Examination, and all representations made on the Pre-Submission Changes listed, will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate, together with all previous representations made at the earlier consultation stages.

It is currently anticipated that the Local Plan Update will be submitted for examination at the end of Spring 2024. Following this, the Secretary of State will appoint a Planning Inspector, who will be responsible for the Examination process, including setting an overall timetable, which will include Hearing dates for the examination in public. This information will be made available once the City Council has been notified.

Unless you specify otherwise, if you make a representation, we will notify you of future stages (including further public consultation).

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 at: lpu@leeds.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

Martin Elliot Head of Strategic Planning

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