

Planning Policy
Cannock Chase Council
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Dear Consultee,

Cannock Chase Local Plan (2018-2040) Consultation on Main Modifications to the Publication Local Plan

The new Local Plan has been in production since 2018 and is subject to independent Examination by the Planning Inspectorate. Planning Inspector A McCormack BSc(Hons) MRTPI has been appointed to undertake the independent examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the Cannock Chase District Local Plan. Hearing sessions took place in the Councils offices at the Civic Centre during May, June and July this year.

At the start of the Examination, Cannock Chase District Council invited the Inspector to recommend modifications of the document if necessary to make the plan sound, in accordance with planning legislation¹. Main Modifications to the Local Plan document are therefore proposed by Cannock Chase Council to address issues of legal compliance and soundness. The consultation provides those with an interest to make representations about the proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan. All duly made representations will be considered by the Inspector.

The Examination has not concluded. The Inspector has considered all representations which were submitted during the previous consultation held February 2024 - March 2024 on the Pre-Submission Reg 19. Local Plan. This consultation is only seeking comments on issues of legal compliance or soundness of modifications proposed to the Pre-Submission Local Plan. The Guidance Note available online and in the Civic Centre provides an explanation of what these terms mean.

Representations should only relate to the main modifications. This consultation is not an opportunity to repeat or raise further representations about the published plan or to seek further changes to the plan.

¹ Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Section 20 7c

Why am I being contacted?

You are being contacted by Cannock Chase District Council as you have previously asked to be notified about the Cannock Chase Local Plan. You can opt out at any time by letting us know by emailing: planningpolicy@cannockchasedc.gov.uk or calling the Councils phoneline on 01543 462621 and asking to speak to the Planning Policy Team.

When is the consultation?

The consultation is open from **Monday 20th October 2025 to 5pm Monday 1st December 2025.** Comments made after the deadline will not be accepted.

Where to view the Main Modifications

Copies of the documents for consultation including the Schedule of Main Modifications, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and changes to the Policies Map will be available to view on the Council website at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/planningpolicy. Printed copies are available to view in the Councils main office: Cannock Chase Civic Centre reception during office opening hours. A consultation form (including the Representation Form and Guidance Note) will also be available online and in the office, alongside the Statement of Representations Procedure and a 'track change' version of the Local Plan with the proposed modifications highlighted.

How to comment

Comments must be submitted using the Councils Representation Form.

Representations can be made by submitting the representation form [available from the above link] either by:

- completing the form electronically or scanned and emailed to planningpolicy@cannockchasedc.gov.uk; or
- printed and returned by post to Planning Policy, Cannock Chase Council, Beecroft Road, Cannock, WS11 1BG

If you have any issues accessing the documents, please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01543 462621and we will assist you.

Comments cannot be made anonymously. To ensure an effective and fair examination it is important that the Inspector and all other participants in the examination process know who has made representations on the plan.

The information you provide will be held securely in line with our privacy statement www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/privacynotices (see Planning Policy). You can also request to be notified about the next stages, or to opt out of future notifications.

Details about the Local Plan Examination

The consultation documents are available from the Council website at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/planningpolicy.

For further general information about the Examination, there is a separate website hosted by the Programme Officer: https://www.localplanexamination