



**Publication of the Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018 - 2040
Statement of Representation Procedure and Notification of Public Consultation
29/01/24**

Regulation 19, 20 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

The Cannock Chase District Local Plan is designed to guide and manage the development of the District and is intended to replace the existing Cannock Chase Local Plan (Part 1) 2014 upon adoption by the Council.

The Council invites representations on the Local Plan. At this stage of consultation, the Council is seeking views as to whether the Local Plan is legally compliant and meets the tests of 'soundness' as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Local Plan will be examined by an independent inspector whose role is to assess whether the plan has been prepared in line with the relevant legal requirements (including the Duty to Cooperate) and whether it is "sound". The intention as set out in the timetable for the Local Plan, known as the Local Development Scheme, is for the Local Plan to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in Summer 2024. Comments made at this stage of consultation will be sent to the Inspector appointed to examine the Local Plan.

The Plan covering the whole of the Cannock Chase District is being made available for representations on Monday 5th February 2024 - 18th March 2024.

<http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy>

Making a representation

We request that you make representations using the Councils Representation form which is available on our website (link above), at the Civic Centre and Libraries and will also be available at consultation events. Representations should focus on whether the Plan complies with legal requirements, the Duty to Cooperate, and whether the document is 'sound'. The National Planning Policy Framework sets out 4 elements of soundness that Local Plans are considered against when they are examined. Local Plans must be:

- 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;
- justified an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;

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- 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.
- consistent with national policy - enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in this [National Planning Policy] Framework and other statements of national planning policy, where relevant.

Further guidance on understanding these terms is provided alongside the representation form.

Representations must be received by the Council no later than **5pm on 18th March 2024** or they will be marked as late representations and may not be considered.

Please note, when submitting comments, the Council is unable to treat the views expressed confidentially. All comments will be made public and will be submitted to the Secretary of State along with the Cannock Chase Local Plan and other relevant supporting evidence following this consultation. We will not consider confidential or anonymous responses. We ask that you do not submit representations which use discriminatory or highly offensive language or which identify any specific personal details about yourself or another party which could put someone at risk. Your comments and name will be published but other personal information will remain confidential.

All representations received within the statutory consultation period will be submitted to the Secretary of State, who will appoint an Inspector to carry out an independent examination of The Plan and its evidence base. Representations must be provided in writing using the standard representation form. These may be posted, emailed or handed in at the Council's Civic Centre office reception.

When making your representation, you are also able to request if you would like to be heard at the independent examination in public. For this we will need you to provide your contact details. Your contact information will be held securely in line with our privacy statement www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/privacynotices. You can also request to be notified about the next stages.

The Cannock Chase Local Plan and supporting documents, together with the representation form and guidance notes will be made available online on the Council's website. Paper copies of the representation form and guidance notes will be posted on request. The Council will accommodate any other accessibility issues where possible. Paper copies of the consultation documents, representation forms and guidance notes will be made available at the following locations during their opening hours:

- Cannock Chase Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1BG
- Brereton Library, Talbot Rd, Brereton, WS15 1AU
- Cannock Library, Manor Avenue, Cannock, WS11 1AA
- Hednesford Library, 75-79 Market St, Hednesford, WS12 1AD
- Rugeley Library, 12 Anson St, Rugeley, WS15 2BB
- Norton Canes Library, Burntwood Rd, Norton Canes, WS11 9RF
- Heath Hayes Library, 194 Hednesford Rd, Heath Hayes, WS12 3AA

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- Burntwood Library, Sankeys Corner, Bridge Cross Rd, Chasetown, Burntwood, WS7 2BX

Representations may be emailed to the Council: planningpolicy@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

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Persons requiring additional help with accessing the consultation materials or representation forms should telephone 01543 462621 and ask for Planning Policy. A Planning Officer will then be able to assist.

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