CANNOCK CHASE PLAN CONSULTATION: Have Your Say!

Cannock Chase Council is seeking your views on plans that will shape the future of Cannock Chase District. We want you to have your say in the way your District develops in the future to better become the place where you enjoy living and working. We are currently consulting on:

LOCAL PLAN (Part 2) Draft Issues and Options

What is it?

Local Plan (Part 2) is the second part of the Local Plan for Cannock Chase District. You may have been consulted on or made comments about the first part - Local Plan (Part 1) - which was adopted in 2014 and sets out how much development we will need to deliver up to 2028 and how this will broadly be distributed across the District. Part 1 also contains a series of planning policies, and a detailed Area Action Plan for Rugeley Town Centre. Local Plan (Part 2) will contain the detail. It will allocate sites for different kinds of development, making sure that we have enough sites, in the most appropriate locations. It can also, where necessary, add further detail to the policies contained in Part 1.

How will it affect me?

We need to decide which sites to assess and how – for new housing, employment, green space and leisure – and consider how the District’s historic environment might inspire future investment.

We’d like your thoughts and ideas on what we are suggesting at this stage to develop the Plan.

Where will the new development go?

We have a database of sites which have been put forward over the years for future development across the District and we need to assess which ones are the most appropriate for different uses. You can see which options have been put forward on the maps at this exhibition. This does not mean that a site will be selected for development, just that we need to be assessing it for its suitability at this stage.

We are reviewing our Green Belt boundaries to help inform the selection of suitable sites alongside other evidence.

We are looking at what should happen to Rugeley Power Station site and at the shortage of housing in the wider area.
How will sites be assessed to determine their suitability for development?

We will look at a range of factors: how sustainable the site is (is it close to services, facilities, transport routes, will it harm or improve the environment etc); what impact (if any) will it have on the Green Belt, can it realistically be delivered, are there any other issues we should be aware of? We would welcome your thoughts on any issues we should be taking account of when we undertake our assessment work.

Are there any other issues the Plan should cover?

We can add more detail to the policies we adopted in Local Plan Part 1 (we can’t develop new policy at this stage however), so we are consulting on some suggested areas for consideration including the impact of development on town centres, up to date infrastructure needs, keeping up to date with changes in national policy and so on.

CANNOCK TOWN CENTRE AREA ACTION PLAN (AAP)

The Cannock Town Centre AAP is being produced in parallel with Local Plan (Part 2) but is a separate document and further detail is provided at this exhibition.

Staffed exhibitions are being held as follows:

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We are also holding a Drop-in session about the Cannock Town Centre AAP:

Friday 3rd March 2017 10am -1pm, the retail unit at the entrance to Cannock Market Hall

How can I make my comments?

- by email to planningpolicy@cannockchasedc.gov.uk
- on the Comments Form (available at the staffed exhibitions)
- in writing to the Planning Policy Manager, Civic Centre, PO Box 28, Beecroft Road, Cannock WS11 1BG
- if you’d like to speak to us please telephone 01543 462621 and ask for Planning Policy.

All comments need to be received by Monday 27th March 2017.

What happens next?

We will summarise all comments received and publish this summary at the next stage of consultation. We will use the comments to guide our decisions on which sites to assess and how best to assess them and consider people’s views on the other matters. There will be further public consultation later on giving you the opportunity to comment again before the Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State to be independently examined.
Note: the site reference numbers used on this map correspond to the references used in the database of sites being put forward by landowners/developers for consideration (see accompanying site option list—Appendix 1). This map does not mean these sites will be selected; these are only options we need to consider at this stage.

Key
- Housing Site Options
- Green Belt Housing Site Options
- District Boundary