

Solihull Local Plan Review

Draft Submission Plan

Regulation 22 (1) (c) Statement

Statement of Consultation

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Introduction

1. This Statement has been prepared to support the submission of the Solihull Local Plan, in accordance with Regulation 22 (1) (C) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The statement sets out how Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council) has involved the community and stakeholders in preparing the Draft Submission Plan and how this meets the requirements set out in the Council's Statement of Community involvement (2020) and national Regulations.
2. The Statement is a statutory requirement for a Local Planning Authority in the process of submitting a Local Plan to the Secretary of State. It outlines how the Council has complied with government requirements, in line with Regulations 18 and 19.
3. The report provides information on the following:
 - An overview of the Council's engagement activities, across all individuals, groups and stakeholders during each stage of the Local Plan making process, including which bodies and persons were invited to make representations under regulation 18 and 19.
 - Which engagement activities were used during each stage of the Local Plan making process (both informal and formal).
 - How individuals, groups and stakeholders were invited to make representations to inform the Local Plan process.
 - A summary of the main issues raised by representations received through the engagement activities.
 - How those main issues have been addressed in the local plan.
4. Table 1 shows the different stages of plan preparation leading up to the publication of the Draft Submission Plan.

Date	Consultation Stage
Nov 2015	Scope, Issues and Options Consultation (Reg 18)
Dec 2016	Draft Local Plan Consultation (Reg 18)
Jan 2019	Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation (Reg 18)
Oct 2020	Draft Submission Local Plan Consultation (Reg 19)

Consultation Methodology

5. The Council is committed to involving stakeholders and the local community in the development of Solihull's Draft Local Plan. It has adopted an approach that views consultation as an on-going activity that is integral to the plan making process. The Council has used a range of methods to engage and consult with stakeholders and the local community, in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement 2007 and the revised version adopted in January 2020.
6. The Council has a comprehensive consultation database of consultees, and other stakeholders including residents associations, parish councils, elected representatives, community and voluntary groups, developers and businesses, infrastructure providers, government agencies and individuals.
7. Cross boundary consultation has been carried out with adjoining local authorities and parish councils.
8. Persons or organisations wishing to be included on the Council's Local Plan consultation database can sign up via the Council's website and are able update their details. Stakeholders and the local community have been informed by email or in writing of opportunities to get involved in plan making, and given a variety of options for responding, including in writing, email and on line questionnaires.
9. A range of different approaches has been undertaken, including the following methods:
 - Stakeholder meetings and briefings
 - Seminars and presentations
 - Conferences and workshops
 - Drop in sessions
 - Exhibitions at libraries
 - Questionnaires
 - Direct mailing to those on the Council's consultation database and to the occupiers of dwellings adjacent to proposed allocations.
 - Leaflets and posters
 - Site notices posted on or near allocated sites
 - Press releases, media interviews and newspaper articles
 - Email alerts using the Council's Stay Connected facility
 - Website and on-line responses
 - Webinar Q&A sessions
 - A dedicated phone line to members of the planning policy team
10. The Council has made use of links with local communities through its neighbourhood managers, and with the Solihull Partnership through meetings with working groups and partnership forums.
11. It has also utilised opportunities presented by sub-regional working to consult local authorities within the West Midlands Metropolitan area and the Coventry Solihull Warwickshire Forum.
12. The following chapters set out the consultations undertaken at each stage of plan preparation and further details on the consultation processes are set out in within the appendices of this statement.

Scope Issues and Options Consultation - November 2015

13. This initial stage of the Local Plan Review commenced in July 2015 and involved scoping of the review, consideration of key issues and development of strategic options for growth. The requirements for evidence and the need for review of policies were considered in the context of the Solihull Local Plan. Three key issues were identified; the requirements for new housing, the opportunity presented by the High Speed 2 rail link and the Interchange Station in the Borough, and the impact of growth on the Green Belt. A range of growth options was set out in the consultation.
14. Consultation on the Scope Issues and Options took place between November 2015 and January 2016. As part of the consultation, letters and emails were sent to all stakeholders on the Local Plan consultation database. Documents were made available at libraries and Council offices and exhibitions were held at various venues around the Borough. Briefings were held for Parish Councils and Residents Associations and publicity included use of Stay Connected, twitter and social media, and press releases.
15. More than 170 representations were received in response to the consultation. The main concerns were as follows:
 - Updating of evidence was essential to inform the Local Plan Review
 - The full objectively assessed housing need for the Borough was likely to be higher and should be regarded as a minimum
 - The review should make a contribution towards the wider housing market area shortfall
 - The spatial strategy based on North Solihull Regeneration was no longer appropriate given the level of growth required
 - There were mixed responses to the growth options indicating that a mix of the options was likely to be necessary.
16. In responding to the representations, the Council recognised that:
 - Significant updating of evidence would be required
 - The objectively assessed housing need should be regarded as a minimum
 - Joint working with housing market area authorities would need to continue to identify the extent and distribution of housing to meet wider needs
 - A new spatial strategy would need to be developed
 - The strategy was likely to need to draw from many if not all the growth options considered.

Draft Local Plan Consultation - December 2016

17. Following consideration of representations on the Scope Issues and Options and publication of the Summary of Representations and Council's Response in April 2016, work commenced on the Draft Local Plan. This involved commissioning of evidence, development of the Plan vision and spatial strategy and consideration of options for site allocations.
18. Consultation on the Draft Local Plan took place between December 2016 and February 2017. As part of the consultation, letters and emails were sent to all stakeholders on the Local Plan consultation database, including all those making submissions under the Call for Sites exercise and property/ landowners within or adjacent to the proposed site allocations. Documents were made available at libraries and Council offices and drop-in sessions/exhibitions were held at 8 venues around the Borough. Briefings were held for Parish Councils and Residents Associations and publicity included use of Stay Connected, twitter and social media, and press releases.
19. There were 1,750 respondents to the consultation making a total of 6,320 separate representations, with 1,150 in support and 5,165 objections, mainly on the location of new homes and infrastructure requirements. The main concerns related to the following:
 - The amount of land for new housing was either too great or insufficient
 - Concern about the impact on the Green Belt
 - Failure to utilise fully brownfield land opportunities
 - Too much reliance on large sites
 - Disproportionate impact on certain parts of the Borough
 - Poor accessibility and lack of infrastructure affecting some sites
 - Sites in Balsall Common, Dickens Heath, Knowle, Shirley and Solihull.
20. In responding to the representations, the Council recognised that:
 - Joint working with housing market area authorities would need to continue to identify the extent and distribution of housing to meet wider needs
 - Further investigation of opportunities outside the Green Belt was required, although significant Green Belt incursions were inevitable given the level of growth required
 - Further investigation of opportunities on previously developed land was needed
 - There was a need for a balanced portfolio of sites to enable delivery of a 5 year housing land supply, but that larger sites offered the greatest potential for infrastructure improvements
 - Further consideration of the geographical spread of sites was required
 - Further work on infrastructure requirements was required
 - Other opportunities for housing growth may need to be considered in certain areas.

Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation - January 2019

21. Following consideration of representations on the Draft Local Plan and publication of the Summary of Representations in July 2017, work continued on the Draft Local Plan, involving further consideration of housing numbers and the proposed site allocations. This included joint working with housing market area authorities on quantifying and addressing the anticipated shortfall in land for new housing, and the publication of the Strategic Growth Study in February 2018.
22. Work also commenced on concept master planning for the proposed site allocations to address concerns about infrastructure. A number of the proposed site allocations in the Draft Local Plan were no longer pursued, including Site 13 South of Shirley, and additional Sites were proposed in Balsall Common, Catherine de Barnes, Hockley Heath and Shirley, many of which utilise previously developed land.
23. The Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation took place between January and March 2019. The consultation included emerging work on draft concept master plans and a number of 'amber' sites not considered to be appropriate for allocation, but which performed better in the site assessments than others.
24. As part of the consultation, letters and emails were sent to all stakeholders on the Local Plan consultation database, including all those making submissions under the Call for Sites exercise and property/ landowners within or adjacent to the proposed site allocations. Documents were made available at libraries and Council offices and drop-in sessions/exhibitions were held at 6 venues around the Borough. Briefings were held for Parish Councils and Residents Associations and publicity included use of Stay Connected, twitter and social media, and press releases.
25. There were 1,092 respondents to the consultation making a total of 3,807 separate representations, with 415 in support and 2,233 objections, mainly on the location of new homes and infrastructure requirements. The main concerns related to the following:
 - Appropriateness of overall housing numbers proposed
 - Contribution to the housing market area shortfall in land for new housing
 - The environmental and sustainability impacts of growth
 - Appropriateness of the site selection methodology
 - Infrastructure requirements, particularly for the Balsall Common and Blythe areas
 - Site 3 (BC3) Windmill Lane, Balsall Common, Site 4 (BL1) West of Dickens Heath, Site 18 Sharman's Cross Road, Solihull and the 'amber' sites.
26. In responding to the representations, the Council recognised that:
 - Further work on the local housing need for the Borough was required
 - Further consideration of the recommendations of the Strategic Growth Study was needed
 - Review of the Sustainability Appraisal and other environmental evidence was necessary
 - The site selection methodology required review
 - Further consideration of infrastructure requirements was required
 - Some of the proposed site allocations would need to be re-assessed.

Draft Submission Plan Consultation - October 2020

27. Following consideration of representations on the Supplementary Consultation and publication of the Summary of Representations in July 2019, work continued on the Draft Submission Plan. This involved using the standard methodology to assess the local housing need for the Borough, and undertaking further work through the Sustainability Appraisal to assess the alternative levels of growth.
28. The site selection methodology was reviewed and the site assessment updated to ensure that environmental concerns were adequately referenced. A number of the proposed site allocations underwent further consideration, which resulted in changes to site boundaries, including Sites 1 and 3 (BC1 and BC3) in Balsall Common and Site 4 (BL1) West of Dickens Heath. Site 18 Sharman's Cross Road, Solihull was not taken forward as an allocation¹. The 'amber' sites were not considered to be appropriate for allocation, and were not included.
29. Consultation on the Draft Submission Local Plan took place between 30th October and 14th December 2020. Representations were invited on the legal compliance and soundness of the Draft Submission Plan. The consultation also included the draft Concept Masterplans and Proposed Policies Map.
30. The Council produced and published a standard representation form, guidance on how to make representations including the use of the online consultation system and a frequently asked questions paper.
31. As part of the consultation, letters and emails were sent to all stakeholders on the Local Plan consultation database. Letters to the occupiers of dwellings adjacent to allocated sites were also written to, and to ensure awareness in the wider area was achieved, site notices were displayed on or adjacent to allocated sites.
32. Online briefings were also held for Parish Councils. The consultation was publicised using the Council's stay connected alert service, social media and press releases.
33. The Covid pandemic restricted traditional consultation methods such as drop in events/exhibitions or making physical copies of the principal documents available for inspection in libraries. However, alternative consultation was undertaken through on-line video resources including live streaming of Q&A sessions. A dedicated phone line through the Contact Centre to members of the planning policy team was set up and a process was put in place to supply hard copies of the plan if interested parties had difficulty in accessing them on-line.
34. As of the 15th December 2020, the day after the end of the consultation period, viewing figures for the on-line video clips/Q&A webinar sessions were recorded as follows:
 - Solihull Local Plan – Draft Submission Plan – Introduction by Cllr Mackiewicz – 721 views
 - How to comment on the plan – 639 views
 - Live webinar and Q&A session no. 1 – 240 views
 - Live webinar and Q&A session no. 2 – 171 views

¹ Although being in the urban area it does not need a change in policy status for it to be able to be bought forward through a planning application.

- Live webinar and Q&A session no. 3 – 138 views
35. This is a total of over 1,900 interactions with the on-line video resources.
 36. There were 852 respondents to the consultation making a total of 2223 separate representations. Soon after the representations period closed, it was reported that there had been around 950 submissions. As work progressed on reviewing the submissions it became clearer that there had been 58 duplicates, 43 providing additional information, 13 incomplete and 11 late submissions. This therefore impacted on the total number of respondents noted above.
 37. A number 14 of representations made reference to the six week period for making representations as not being sufficient to analyse all of the published material and then make meaningful comment on the plan, especially in the context of the additional restrictions in place as a result of the Covid pandemic.
 38. The six week representations period fulfilled the legal requirement and other activities around publicity for the plan were in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement, with the exception of those prevented by Covid restrictions. The Draft Submission Plan Consultation has also followed on from previous consultations on the plan; that the draft version of the plan itself was in public domain over four weeks before being formally published; and public engagement on the plan continues as interested parties are able to participate in the examination phase of the plan process.
 39. It is worth noting that whilst much evidence was available on the Council's web site prior to the publication of the plan at the end of October, a significant number of studies, updates and/or associated documents were published alongside the plan. Over the following days it was brought to the Council's attention that a small number had broken links or were otherwise not available. These were corrected as soon as possible and the Council is not aware of any specific difficulties (concerning these individual documents) that this presented to those wishing to make representations.
 40. Whilst these documents may not have been available for the full 6 weeks it is not considered that this will result in any injustice as (a) there remains the opportunity for these documents to be referred to and used in examination submissions and (b) if the Inspector were to believe there has not been an adequate opportunity to review the material, provision could be made during any advertising of main modifications and/or other evidence base updates that may be necessary during the examination.
 41. Appendix C to this statement (provided in a separate volume) provides a comprehensive summary of the main issues raised in the representations submitted in respect of the Regulation 19 version of the plan.

Conclusion

42. The Council has been committed to involving stakeholders and the local community in the development of the draft local plan. This is clearly demonstrated by the range and breadth of consultation and involvement since work commenced in 2015. From early meetings and workshops to draw out issues affecting the Borough and options for growth, through formal consultation on the Draft Local Plan, the Supplementary Consultation on the Draft Local Plan and the Draft Submission Plan, to stakeholder meetings and discussions to identify needs and opportunities, stakeholders and local communities have had the chance to influence the development of the Draft Submission Local Plan.
43. The Council is satisfied that it has complied with the requirements of Regulation 22(1)(c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). It is also satisfied that it can demonstrate that consultation and involvement has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement first adopted in February 2007.
44. The Council has used a comprehensive range of consultation techniques to keep stakeholders and the local community informed and involved. These have taken advantage of the opportunities presented by web based consultation and questionnaires in particular during the Covid pandemic, as well as using traditional methods such as direct mailing, press releases and articles, exhibitions and drop in sessions, meetings and briefings.

Appendices

- A Summary of Main Issues Raised by Regulation 18 Consultation (Draft Local Plan – 2016) and the Council’s Responses (Provided in Separate Volume)
- B Summary of Main Issues Raised by Regulation 18 Consultation (Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation – 2019) and the Council’s Responses (Provided in Separate Volume)
- C Summary of Main Issues Raised by Regulation 19 Publication (Draft Submission Plan – 2020) and the Council’s Responses (Provided in Separate Volume)
- D Consultees Notified
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Appendix D - Consultees Notified

At each consultation stage, emails/ letters were sent out to all contacts on the consultation database informing them of the consultation and how to make representations. Consultees notified included:

Consultation Bodies

- Balsall Parish Council
- Barston Parish Council
- Berkswell Parish Council
- Bickenhill Parish Council
- Birmingham City Council
- Bromsgrove and Redditch District Council
- Bromsgrove District Council
- Canal and River Trust
- Cannock Chase District Council
- Castle Bromwich Parish Council
- Chadwick End Parish Council
- Chelmsley Wood Parish Council
- Cheswick Green Parish Council
- Coal Authority
- Coventry City Council
- Dickens Heath Parish Council
- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
- East Staffordshire Council
- Environment Agency
- Fordbridge Parish Council
- Forestry Commission
- Hampton in Arden Parish Council
- Highways England
- Historic England
- Hockley Heath Parish Council
- Home Office
- Homes England
- HS2
- KDBH Parish Council
- Kingshurst Parish Council
- Knowle, Dorridge and Bentley Heath Forum
- Lichfield District Council
- Meriden Parish Council
- Ministry of Defence
- Natural England
- Network Rail
- NHS
- North Warwickshire Borough Council
- Nuneaton and Bedworth
- Redditch Borough Council
- Redditch Borough Council
- Rugby Borough Council

- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
- Shropshire Council
- Smiths Wood Parish Council
- South Staffordshire Council
- Sport England
- Stafford BC
- Stratford on Avon District Council
- Tamworth Borough Council
- Tamworth DC
- Telford and Wrekin
- Tidbury Green Parish Council
- Transport for West Midlands
- Walsall
- Warwick District Council
- Warwickshire County Council
- West Midlands Combined Authority
- West Midlands Police
- Wolverhampton City Council
- Worcestershire CC
- Worcestershire County Council
- Wyre Forest District Council

In addition there were a total of 242 Other Organisations, 237 Planning Agents and 2,015 Individuals on the consultation database who were also notified at each consultation stage.

Appendix E – Sample Material from Consultations

Notification by letter/ email to consultee list- Scope, Issues and Options Consultation (November 2015)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Solihull Local Plan Review - Scope, Issues and Options Consultation

I am writing to inform you that Solihull Council has published the Solihull Local Plan Review Scope, Issues and Options document for consultation.

The consultation marks the start of the process to review the existing Local Plan which was adopted in December 2013. This first stage focusses on scoping the local plan review; determining the issues that the review will need to address; and the identification of broad options for growth.

As part of the review of the plan, the Council will also look to identify what land is available for new development. We are interested to know whether you have a site, or are aware of a site, that may be suitable for development of any kind. If so, please complete a site proposal form at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr.

The consultation period runs from **Monday 30th November 2015** until **Friday 22nd January 2016** and I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to contribute and provide us with your views.

The consultation document and a response form are available on our website at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr. Copies are also available for inspection at Council Offices and libraries around the Borough.

Any comments, preferably using the response form, should be returned by post or email to arrive no later than **22nd January 2016**. The Council will then use the responses to the consultation to help develop a Preferred Options document, which we will consult on in autumn 2016.

If you wish to discuss the consultation, please contact a member of the Spatial Planning Team on 0121 704 8000 or email psp@solihull.gov.uk

Finally, if your contact details have changed or you no longer wish to be included on our consultee database, please let us know.

Yours Sincerely



Gary Palmer

Planning & Transport Policy Manager

Policy & Spatial Planning

Notification by letter/ email to consultee list- Draft Local Plan Consultation (December 2016)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Solihull Local Plan Review – Draft Local Plan Consultation

I am pleased to inform you that we have published the Solihull Local Plan Review Draft Local Plan document for consultation.

This consultation is the latest stage of the process to review the existing Local Plan which was adopted in December 2013. It includes the draft spatial strategy, policies and proposed site allocations.

The consultation period runs from **Monday 5th December 2016** until **Monday 30th January 2017** and I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to contribute and provide us with your views.

The consultation period runs from Monday 5th December 2016 until Monday 30th January 2017. There will be a number of drop-in sessions for the public to attend to ask questions and give feedback. Further details can be viewed at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr.

Any comments, preferably using the [online portal](#), should be made no later than **30th January 2017**.

Responses can also be sent to the email and/or postal address below. The Council will then use the responses to the consultation to help develop a Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.

If you have any queries, or would like any further information, please contact a member of the Spatial Planning Team on 0121 704 6393 or email psp@solihull.gov.uk

Finally, if your contact details have changed or you no longer wish to be included on our consultee database, please let us know.

Yours faithfully,



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Notification by letter/ email to consultee list- Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation (January 2019)

Dear Sir/Madam

Solihull Local Plan Review

Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation January 2019

I am pleased to inform you that Solihull Council has published a [Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation](#) as part of its Local Plan Review.

This is a non-statutory supplementary consultation to that undertaken for the Draft Local Plan in December 2016. What this consultation seeks to do is to:

- Provide an update on local housing need now that national planning policy has changed through the introduction of a standard methodology.
- Assess the 70+ additional call-for-sites submissions that have been submitted since the DLP was published.
- Refine the site selection process for assessing which sites should be included in the plan and reassess all sites (c320) to ensure that the preferred sites are the most appropriate when considered against the spatial strategy, and existing/new or updated evidence.
- Publishing concept masterplans for the principal allocations.
- Exploring a different approach to calculating how affordable housing provision should be calculated on an individual site.
- Setting out the role of the main settlements in the future and seeking views on the existing pressures and future requirements for infrastructure provision.

The consultation period runs until **Friday 15th March 2019** and I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to contribute and provide us with your views. Please use the [online portal](#) to submit your views.

There will be a number of drop-in sessions for the public to attend to ask questions and give feedback. Further details can be viewed at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr.

Responses will help us to develop the next version of the plan, which will be the formal submission version, which is expected to be consulted upon later in the year.

If you have any queries, or would like any further information, please contact a member of the Policy & Delivery Team on 0121 704 8008 or email psp@solihull.gov.uk

Finally, if your contact details have changed or you no longer wish to be included on our database, please let us know.

Yours faithfully,



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Notification by letter/ email to consultee list- Draft Submission Local Plan Consultation (October 2020)

Dear Madam/Sir

Solihull Local Plan – Draft Submission Plan

I am writing to inform you that Solihull Council has published the Draft Submission Plan as part of its Local Plan Review.

This is a statutory consultation (Regulation 19) that is being undertaken, in order for representations to be made on the Plan before it is submitted for examination by a Planning Inspector.

As the plan-making process continues, the number of policy options are refined and become more focussed. This reflects the purpose of the Regulation 19 plan as a planning document with specific policy recommendations for an area, resulting in more formal and technical questions in the consultation process. These questions relate to the four Tests of Soundness and whether the draft Local Plan is compliant with relevant legislation.

Test of Soundness:

- **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 authorities 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;
- **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 the National Planning Policy Framework.

Legal Compliance:

- The plan should be included in the Local Planning Authority (LPA) current Local Development Scheme [LDS] and the key stages set out in the LDS should have been followed.
- The process of community involvement for the plan in question should be in general accordance with the LPA’s Statement of Community Involvement [SCI] (where one exists).
- The LPA is required to provide a Sustainability Appraisal [SA] report when it publishes a plan. This should identify the process by which SA has been carried out, and the baseline information used to inform the process and the outcomes of that process.
- The plan should comply with all other relevant requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended

- LPA should engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with neighbouring authorities and certain other bodies over strategic matters during the preparation of the plan. The LPA will be expected to provide evidence of how they have complied with the duty.

The consultation period runs until **Monday 14th December 2020** and I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to contribute and provide us with your views. Please use the online portal to submit your views via www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr.

There will be a number of webinar sessions for the public to attend virtually to ask questions and give feedback. Further details can be viewed at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr.

If you have any queries, or would like any further information, please contact a member of the Policy & Delivery Team on 0121 704 8008 or email psp@solihull.gov.uk

Finally, if your contact details have changed or you no longer wish to be included on our database, please let us know.

Yours faithfully,



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Example updates on the Council's website

This news update was published on the Council's website on the 24th September 2020 (Draft Submission Local Plan Consultation).

The screenshot shows the Solihull Council website header with the URL solihull.gov.uk, navigation links for 'My account', 'A to Z', 'Search', and 'Menu'. A red banner below the header reads 'Welcome to our new site. Please give us [your feedback](#)'. The main content area features the article title 'Solihull's Draft Submission Plan moves to next stage' with a sub-headline 'Released: Thursday 24th September, 2020'. The article text is as follows:

Solihull Council's Cabinet will consider the latest stage of the Local Plan review at a meeting on Thursday 1 October. The meeting is being **asked to approve the plan for publication** and to invite representations on it over a six-week period, before it is submitted for independent examination.

Solihull's Local Plan will guide the development of the borough for the next decade, and beyond: it is the basis for future planning decisions as it creates a 'blueprint' for when and where major developments can take place, and where they shouldn't take place.

If Cabinet approves the plan, it will be considered at a full Council meeting on Tuesday 6 October. If approved at this meeting, the Draft Submission Plan will then be published for a statutory period of six weeks. Interested parties will be invited to make representations relating to the soundness and legal compliance of the plan.

These representations will then form the basis of the 'Examination in Public' (EIP) that must take place before a plan can be adopted. The EIP will be overseen by a nominated inspector appointed on behalf of the Secretary of State.

After the examination concludes, the inspector will issue a report which will summarise the findings of their examination. If the plan is found to be sound and legally compliant, the Council will then be allowed to adopt the plan.

Councillor Andy Mackiewicz, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning & Housing, said:

"Our Local Plan review is now nearing its conclusion. This final consultation that Cabinet is being asked to approve is simply to test whether people think the plan is sound and legally compliant. Those are the only grounds on which people can comment at this stage.

"Over the past years we have undertaken a number of consultations, workshops and engagement events, above and beyond what is required.

"We have thoroughly examined all the evidence, taken on board local concerns and listened to our neighbouring authorities to develop this plan. I am confident it will create a sustainable blueprint that reflects the climate change actions we must pursue for the future development of the borough.

"We know some difficult decisions are included in the plan, but we must take them to ensure we have the space for the jobs, homes and infrastructure we need over the coming decade.

"I look forward to discussing the plan at Cabinet and hope at the end of the meeting we will be in a position to get final sign off at full Council next week to begin this final consultation, so that we can move towards an EIP in 2021."

Following the full Council meeting, the formal six-week period of representations will be announced and will be likely to start late in October.

On the right side of the article, there is a 'Share this' section with icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Email. Below that is a 'Was this page helpful?' section with two buttons: a green one with a checkmark and a red one with an 'x'.

This news update was published on the Council's website on the 29th October 2020 (Draft Submission Local Plan Consultation).

The screenshot shows the Solihull.gov.uk website. The header includes the logo, navigation links for 'My account' and 'A to Z', a search bar, and a 'Menu' button. A red banner below the header reads 'Welcome to our new site. Please give us your feedback'. The main content area features the article title 'Solihull's Draft Submission Plan published' with a sub-header 'Released: Thursday 29th October, 2020'. The article text discusses the public consultation period for the draft submission plan, the grounds for making representations, and the role of the Inspector. A quote from Councillor Andy Mackiewicz is included. The article concludes with information about the six-week representation period opening on Friday 30 October 2020.

Solihull's Draft Submission Plan published

Released: Thursday 29th October, 2020

Residents and businesses are being asked to make final representations about Solihull's Draft Submission Plan during a formal six-week period, beginning on Friday 30 October, before it is submitted for independent examination.

The grounds for making a representation relate to the soundness and legal compliance of the Solihull's Local Plan - Draft Submission Plan.

Solihull's Local Plan will guide the development of the borough for the next decade, and beyond, it is the basis for future planning decisions as it creates a 'blueprint' for when and where major developments can take place, and where they shouldn't take place.

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Once the examination concludes, the Inspector will issue a report which will summarise the findings of their examination. If the Plan is found to be sound and legally compliant, the Council will then be allowed to adopt the Plan, or the Inspector may suggest that the Plan is modified.

The representation period will close on Monday 14 December.

Councillor Andy Mackiewicz, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning & Housing, said:

"We have now reached the stage where we must test whether people think our Draft Submission Plan is sound and legally compliant.

"From the beginning we've put people and environment at the centre of the Plan.

"The Plan has been five years in the making. We have had three consultations, listened to people, engaged with local communities and businesses and received over 3,000 representations, and because of that we have amended it.

"It is now vital that as a Council we now move forward to get a Plan in place that will allow us to have control of deciding how development takes place in the future.

"If we don't, we leave ourselves at risk of planning by appeal, where developers go over our heads to government or planning inspectors. We need to control our destiny.

"We have strived to develop a Plan that will make Solihull a place that people will feel proud to live in, work in and invest in; which also addresses our climate change challenge."

The six-week representation period opens on Friday 30 October 2020.

People will be able to discuss the plan with Council officers at a number of virtual sessions which will take place in the coming weeks. More information on this will be provided in due course.

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This news update was published on the Council's website on the 15th December 2020 (Draft Submission Local Plan Consultation).

The screenshot shows the Solihull Council website with the URL solihull.gov.uk. The page features a dark blue header with navigation links for 'My account', 'A to Z', a search bar, and a 'Menu' button. A red banner below the header reads 'Welcome to our new site. Please give us your feedback'. The main content area has a white background and is titled 'Latest stage of local plan finishes'. The article is dated Tuesday 15th December, 2020. The text describes the final stage of the local plan process, mentioning that the Council has received over 350 representations and is now going through them to clarify each of the separate representations made on the plan. A quote from Councillor Andy Mackiewicz, Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing and the Environment, is included. The quote states that the Council has received the latest representations and is preparing them for the Planning Inspectorate. It also mentions that the Council will have an Examination in Public in the spring/summer with an independent inspector from the Planning Inspectorate who will focus the examination on the representations received. The quote concludes by stating that the Council is proud to have a plan in place that will allow them to have control of how development takes place over the coming years, and that they will continue to work with the community to address the climate change challenge.

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Welcome to our new site. Please give us your feedback

Latest stage of local plan finishes

Revised - Tuesday 15th December, 2020

Solihull Council's Draft Submission Plan is now entering the final stage before being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination.

Over the past six weeks the Council has received submissions from over 350 different people (representors) and organisations and is now going through these to clarify each of the separate representations made on the plan.

Councillor Andy Mackiewicz, Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing and the Environment, said:

"I want to thank everyone who took the trouble to send in their representations. Over the course of the plan making process we have held three consultations and various meetings over five years, we have welcomed input from residents and businesses, receiving over 3,000 representations in total. We have listened and adapted our plan to meet the needs of the borough over the coming decade.

"We now have the important task of reviewing the latest representations and preparing them ready to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. We hope we will then move to an Examination in Public sometime in the spring/summer with an independent inspector from the Planning Inspectorate who will focus the examination on the representations we recently received.

"Despite the smaller number of representations at this stage, which can be expected as the issues have narrowed, I know that district I mean everyone is happy with the Plan. I expect a robust examination of the Plan and recognise those who submitted representations, and expressed a wish to appear in person at the Examination in Public, will no doubt amplify their concerns to the independent examiner.

"It is vital as a Council to get a Plan in place that will allow us to have control of deciding how development takes place over the coming years, otherwise developers will go over our heads to government or planning inspectors.

"All along we have tried to develop a Plan that will make Solihull a place that people will feel proud to live in, work in and invest in, which will also address our climate change challenge."

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Example Press Release (Draft Local Plan Consultation December 2016)**Draft Local Plan Review consultation opens**

Local residents and businesses are being asked to comment on Solihull's Draft Local Plan, when a consultation begins on Monday 5 December.

This Draft Local Plan will eventually replace the current Local Plan (December 2013), which the Council decided to review following the legal challenge to the housing requirement in the current Plan.

The Local Plan Review will also take into account the housing shortfall across the wider housing market area and aim to maximise the potential economic and social benefits for Solihull of the forthcoming HS2 Interchange Station.

The consultation will last for eight weeks, closing on 30 January 2017.

The outline programme for the review is below:

1. Draft Local Plan – consultation 5 December 2016 – 30 January 2017
2. Publication of Submission Draft (in light of comments from the present consultation) for further consultation – Spring 2017
3. Local Plan submission to Secretary of State – Summer 2017, which will then trigger an official Examination in Public (Winter 2017)

Councillor Ian Courts, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Managed Growth and Communities, welcomed the new Draft Local Plan:

“The proposed consultation is not a statutory requirement. However, we want local people and businesses to get involved in preparing a robust Draft Local Plan. We can then produce a Submission Draft before finally entering into the official consultation that comes before the Examination in Public. This is why the proposals at this stage are not fixed and why we are so keen for people's views.

“I know it is vital for the future development of Solihull that the borough has a plan in place that can support the creation of homes and jobs in a planned and sustainable manner, while retaining the essential ‘Urbs in Rure’ character of the area.

“The final plan will have to juggle many competing forces, but to be effective, it really should have the involvement of residents, businesses, developers and the many other stakeholders that are affected. The question I would pose to everyone as they read through the plan and look at various sites is, ‘if not here, then where?’

“It's important for local people to take the time to read the Draft Local Plan Review and see how it will affect themselves, their local area and the borough as a whole.”

The consultation will open on 5 December 2016.

The Council is launching an online portal to view the Draft Local Plan Review and submit comments directly. This will streamline the consultation and allow a more

robust link between comments received and particular policies or proposals within the Plan. This will also help the public to see how their comments have shaped the next stage of the Plan. Please visit the website at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr or go directly to the portal <http://solihull.idi-consult.net/localplan/>

People will be able to discuss the plan in person with Council officers working on the Review at the following libraries, between 11am and 3pm:

The Core – Friday 9 December

Chelmsley Wood – Saturday 10 December

Dickens Heath – Saturday 17 December (closed 1pm – 2pm)

Balsall Common – Saturday 7 January

Knowle – Saturday 14 January

Notes to editor

The Draft Local Plan Review can be viewed at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr from Monday 5 December

The current Solihull Local Plan, adopted in 2013, can be viewed [here](#)

Examples of Local Press Articles

This article was published in the Solihull Observer on the 1st December 2016 (Draft Local Plan Consultation).

The Observer, Thursday December 1, 2016 www.solihullobserver.co.uk PAGE 5

Time for you to have your say on Solihull's Draft Local Plan

RESIDENTS and businesses are being asked to comment on Solihull's Draft Local Plan, when a consultation begins on Monday (December 5).

This Draft Local Plan will eventually replace the current Local Plan, which the Council reviewed following the legal challenge to the housing requirement in the current Plan.

The Local Plan Review will also take into account the housing shortfall across the wider housing market area and the B82 Interchange Station.

The consultation will last for eight weeks, closing on January 30.

The Council will launch an online portal on Monday to view the Draft Local Plan Review and submit comments directly at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr.

There will also be the chance to discuss the plan in person with Council officers working on the Review at the following libraries, between 11am and 3pm:

- The Core on Friday, December 9, Chelmsley Wood on Saturday, December 10.
- Dickens Heath on Saturday, December 17 (closed 1pm - 3pm).
- Ralsall Common on Saturday, January 7.
- Knowle on Saturday, January 14.

Coun. Ian Courts, Deputy Leader and cabinet member for managed growth, said: "The proposed consultation is not a statutory requirement. "However, we want local people and businesses to get involved in preparing a robust Draft Local Plan. "We can then produce a Submission Draft before finally entering into the official consultation that comes before the Examination in Public.

"This is why the proposals at this stage are not fixed and why we are so keen for people's views.

"I know it is vital for the future development of Solihull that the borough has a plan in place that can support the creation of homes and jobs in a planned and sustainable manner, while retaining the essential 'Urban in Rural' character of the area.

"The final plan will have to juggle many competing forces, but to be effective, it really should have the involvement of residents, businesses, developers and the many other stakeholders that are affected.

"The question I would pose to everyone as they read through the plan and look at various sites is, 'if not here, then where?'

"It's important for local people to take the time to read the Draft Local Plan Review and see how it will affect themselves, their local area and the borough as a whole."

This article was published in the Solihull News on the 13th January 2017 (Draft Local Plan Consultation).

JANUARY 13, 2017

Still time to have your say on plan

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<http://solihull.jdi-consult.net/localplan/>

Solihull Council officers will also be working on the review at Knowle Library on Saturday (January 14) between 11am and 3pm:

Councillor Ian Courts (inset left), deputy leader and cabinet member for managed growth, said: "The proposed consultation is not a statutory requirement. "However, we want local people and businesses to get involved in preparing a robust Draft Local Plan. "I know it is vital for the future development of Solihull that the borough has a plan in place that can support the creation of homes and jobs in a sustainable manner," he added. The plan can be viewed at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr

THE consultation for Solihull's Draft Local Plan will finish on January 30.

The document identifies where new homes, jobs and infrastructure will be created and how the local countryside will be protected.

An online portal will be available to view the plan and to add comments at



This article was published in the Solihull Observer on the 31st January 2019 (Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation).

Observer 31st Jan 2019

CLIPPING TO VIEW OUR CURRENT EDITION

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Have your say on Solihull's draft Local Plan for housing development

RESIDENTS and businesses are being asked to comment on an update to Solihull's Draft Local Plan.

The Draft Local Plan will eventually replace the current Local Plan for where homes and other development should be built over the next two decades, which the council reviewed following a legal challenge.

Solihull Council said this is a non-consultation consultation which aims to update housing need, assess the 70-plus additional sites that have been submitted since the Draft Local Plan was published, and explain the process for selecting sites.

The consultation will last for six weeks, closing on March 15.

An online portal has been described for to submit comments at <http://solihull.pl-consum.net/consult>

There will also be the chance to discuss the plan in person with council officers working on the review at the following locations:

- Solihull Library, The Curve, on Friday (February 15) between 11am and 3pm
- Cherry Hill Library, Cherry Hill Wood Shopping Centre on Saturday (February 23) between 11am and 3pm
- Dixons Heath Library, 242 Dixons Heath Road, on February 16 between 11am and 3pm - the library is closed between 1pm and 3pm
- Beal Common Library, Bealwood Road, on February 18 between 11am and 3pm
- Knowle Library, High Street, on Saturday 23 between 11am and 3pm
- Anda, Pottages, Stone, on February 20 between 1pm and 3pm

Councillor Ian Church, cabinet member for strategic growth and deputy leader of the council, said: "This supplementary consultation is something we are undertaking to give everyone a chance to examine the new sites that have recently been submitted and to see how the new national planning policy's standard methodology will impact our local plan.

"It's about Solihull local plan is the only way we can maintain the balance between future growth and the things that make Solihull so special, captured in the borough motto: 'Life in Risk'."

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This article was published in the Solihull Observer on the 6th November 2020 (Draft Submission Local Plan Consultation).

Solihull Observer 11th Nov 2020

NEWS SPORT LIFESTYLE WHAT'S ON EDITIONS PODCASTS CONTACT JOBS

Residents are urged to have their say on Solihull Local Plan

Residents and businesses are being asked to make their representations on Solihull's Draft Submission Plan during a formal six-week period before it is submitted for independent examination.

The grounds for making a representation relate to the Plan's soundness and legal compliance.

The Plan will guide the development of the borough for the next decade and beyond.

It will be the basis for future planning decisions as it creates a 'blueprint' for when and where major developments can take place, and where they shouldn't take place.

Interested parties should make their representations via the Local Plan Review page of the Council website at <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/gp>

The representations received as part of this consultation will be included in the final Plan submitted for the Independent Examination (IE), which is the final scrutiny before a plan can be adopted.

The IE will be overseen by a nominated inspector appointed on behalf of the Secretary of State.

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The representation period will close on Monday 14 December.

People will be able to discuss the plan with Council officers at a number of virtual sessions which will take place in the coming weeks.

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Example site notices

Site notice to advertise Draft Submission Local Plan Consultation (October 2020).



SOLIHULL LOCAL PLAN - DRAFT SUBMISSION PLAN REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION

We have published the latest version of the Solihull Local Plan. This stage is known as the Regulation 19 version of the plan, which is the final chance to make representations before the plan is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination.

The following site has been included as a proposed allocation for housing:

SITE REFERENCE – BL1 – WEST OF DICKENS HEATH



Details on how to make a representation via our online portal can be found on our webpages. Your comments will be published online and forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the examination. More information can be found on our privacy notice on our webpage. Comments can also be made via the post to Policy and Delivery, Solihull MBC, Solihull B91 3YA.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONSULTATION
USE THE QR CODE OR GO TO:**

[SOLIHULL.GOV.UK/LPR](https://solihull.gov.uk/lpr)


Or Call 0121 704 8008



The consultation will close on 14 December 2020

Example Stay Connected Bulletins

Stay Connected Bulletin dated 5th December 2016 advertising the Draft Local Plan Consultation.



Solihull Local Plan

Draft Local Plan Review consultation opens

The consultation on Solihull's Draft Local Plan Review is now open.

We want to hear from you so that a final plan will be effective in guiding the future development of the borough.

We are asking all residents, businesses, developers and the many other stakeholders to take a look at the Draft Local Plan Review [here](#) and submit comments via the [online portal](#).

This Draft Local Plan will eventually replace the current Local Plan (December 2013), which the Council decided to review following the legal challenge to the housing requirement in the current Plan.

It is important for Solihull's future that the borough has a plan in place that will support the creation of new jobs and homes in a planned and sustainable manner, while retaining the essential 'Urbs in Rura' character of the area.

The consultation will last for eight weeks, closing on 30 January 2017.

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Balsall Common – Saturday 7 January
Knowle – Saturday 14 January

For more information about Solihull's Local Plan review, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr
 T: 0121 704 6393 E: psp@solihull.gov.uk

Stay Connected Bulletin dated 10th February 2017 advertising the Draft Local Plan Consultation.



Solihull Local Plan

One week left to have your say on Draft Local Plan Review

Overview of Draft Local Plan proposals

Key:

- Blue line: Major roads
- Green line: Strategic bus routes
- Red line: Local bus routes
- Blue circle: Major bus stops
- Green circle: Local bus stops
- Red circle: Cycle routes
- Blue square: Local authority sites
- Green square: Employment sites
- Red square: Retail sites
- Blue square: Community centres
- Green square: Primary schools
- Red square: Secondary schools
- Blue square: Health centres
- Green square: Leisure centres
- Red square: Sports grounds
- Blue square: Public houses
- Green square: Churches
- Red square: Other buildings

There is one week left before the consultation on Solihull's Draft Local Plan Review closes.

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The consultation closes on **Friday 17 February**


For more information about Solihull's Local Plan review, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr

Stay Connected Bulletin dated 10th November 2020 advertising the Draft Submission Local Plan Consultation.

Solihull's Draft Submission Plan online webinars



Solihull's Draft Submission Plan webinars



Council officers are holding two webinars to help residents and businesses make final representations about Solihull's Draft Submission Plan.

Representations can be submitted up to Monday 14 December 2020, before the Plan is submitted for independent examination.

Solihull's Local Plan will guide the development of the borough for the next decade and beyond. It is the basis for future planning decisions as it creates a 'blueprint' for when and where major developments should and shouldn't take place.

The grounds for making representations can only relate to the soundness and legal compliance of this Draft Submission Plan.

Councillor Andy Macklewoz, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing explains what the plan means for Solihull in a short video [here](#).

Those wanting to make representations need to visit the [Local Plan Review page](#) of the Council website as at this stage there is a formal method of submitting a representation. A short video explains how to make a representation [here](#).

To offer interested parties an opportunity to discuss the Plan with Council officers, two webinars have been organised.

- Thursday 12 November at 10am
- Monday 16 November at 5.30pm


To take part, you need to go to the [Council's YouTube page](#) where these webinars will be streamed.

If you would like to forward a question for the team to answer as part of the webinar, you can do in advance to gap@solihull.gov.uk, please include 'Question for Webinar' in the subject line of your email.

The representation period will close on Monday 14 December.

Read more [here](#).

For more information about Solihull's Local Plan review, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr



Stay Connected Bulletin dated 18th November 2020 advertising the Draft Submission Local Plan Consultation.

Solihull Draft Submission Plan - make a representation before the deadline



Solihull Local Plan Review

Solihull Draft Submission Plan - make a representation before the deadline

There is still time to make a representation about the latest version of the Solihull Local Plan – they can be submitted up to Monday 14 December 2020.

Solihull's Local Plan will guide the development of the borough for the next decade and beyond. It is the basis for future planning decisions as it creates a 'blueprint' for when and where major developments should and shouldn't take place. The grounds for making representations can only relate to the soundness and legal compliance of this Draft Submission Plan.

Three webinars were held over the last two weeks, where Council officers presented the Plan and answered questions. These can be viewed here:

[Webinar 1 \(Monday 9 November\)](#)

[Webinar 2 \(Thursday 12 November\)](#)

[Webinar 3 \(Monday 16 November\)](#)

Councillor Andy Maoklewicz, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing explains what the plan means for Solihull in a short video [here](#).

Those wishing to make representations need to visit the [Local Plan Review page](#) of the Council website, as at this stage there is a formal method of submitting a representation. A short video explains how to make a representation [here](#).

If you would have any questions about the Plan, please get in touch via ppp@solihull.gov.uk or call 0121 704 8008.

The representation period will close on Monday 14 December.

For more information about Solihull's Local Plan review, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr



Example social media posts

Social media post on Twitter dated 6th December 2016 advertising the Draft Local Plan Consultation.



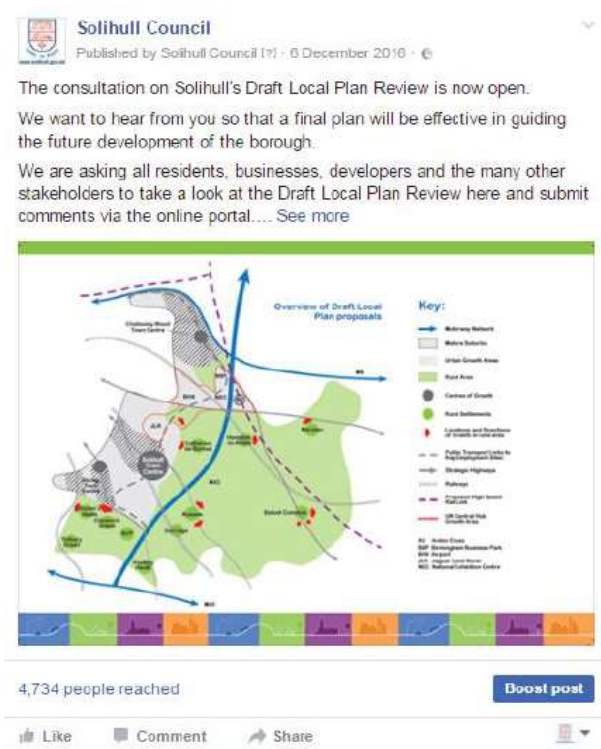
Social media post on Twitter dated 23rd January 2017 advertising the Draft Local Plan Consultation.



Social media post on Twitter dated 8th February 2017 advertising the Draft Local Plan Consultation.



Social media post on Facebook dated 6th December 2016 advertising the Draft Local Plan Consultation.



Social media post on Facebook dated 29th October 2020 advertising the Draft Submission Local Plan Consultation (October 2020).

Solihull Council
29 October 2020

Residents and businesses are being asked to make final representations about Solihull's Draft Submission Plan during a formal six-week period, beginning on Friday 30 October, before it is submitted for independent examination.

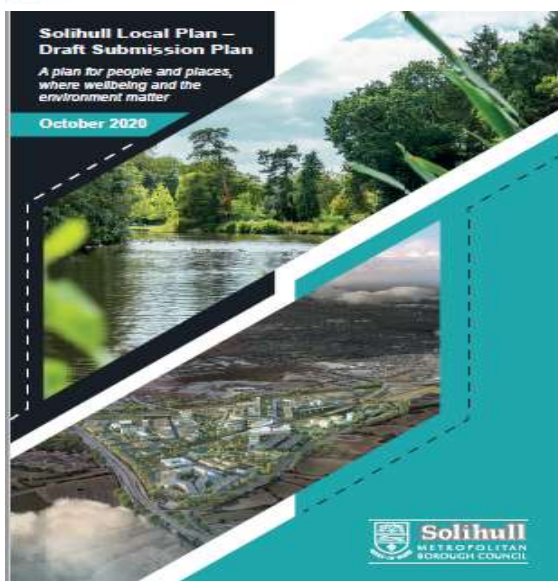
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Read more here: https://www.solihull.gov.uk/_501hul%42%50%55-Draft-Subm



On-line video clips and live Q&A Webinars

Consultation on the Draft Submission Local Plan was undertaken in part through on-line video resources including live streaming of Q&A sessions on the Council’s YouTube channel- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7DDSVoAlgTnwg0Ku8iFLQ/featured>.



