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Welcome to Newsletter 8

At their meeting on 24 September 2015 the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel agreed to recommend to Cabinet a revised timetable for the preparation of the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan. The revised timetable for the Local Plan is shown overleaf.

What happens next?

The revised timetable reflects the amount of time that it will take to: analyse nearly 6,000 consultation responses to the draft plan; assess 61 new/amended sites; update evidence, such as the need for new homes in the borough; receive evidence from third-party studies such as the Herts Water Study; and liaise with service providers in respect of schools and healthcare and other infrastructure.

New Sites

In response to the Local Plan consultation earlier this year a number of new or amended sites for development have been promoted for potential inclusion in the Local Plan. These can be viewed on the council's website

You will also be able to view these sites at one of the two drop in events we are holding:

20th October 2015 at The Hub, Hatfield Town Centre between 4pm and 7:30pm

11th November 2015 at The Focolare Centre, Parkway, Welwyn Garden City between 4pm and 7:30pm

At these events officers will be available to answer questions about the Local Plan process and the feedback we have received to date. Please note that these sites have not yet been assessed and therefore no decision has been made on their suitability.

The next opportunity to make comments will be when the draft Local Plan is published for consultation in Summer 2016.

Hatfield Town Centre News

The recently formed Hatfield Renewal Partnership (HRP) is developing a blueprint for the town's ongoing transformation. It will also identify specific initiatives and projects over the next 15 years that will directly benefit the town, its residents and businesses. This includes developing a long term strategy for Hatfield town centre.

As part of this project consultants have recently been appointed to carry out visioning work for Hatfield, which will also feed into the production of the Local Plan. The first step in this process is to engage local people and businesses in conversation – to get involved and to find out more please view the press release on our website.

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Local Plan Timeline

Review responses to Local Plan consultation and further technical work
Autumn - Winter 2015

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Complete evidence, site assessments and duty to co-operate work. Draft final Local Plan
Spring 2016

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Consultation on final draft Local Plan
Summer 2016

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Review responses to consultation and submit for examination
Autumn/Winter 2016

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Examination in Public
Early 2017

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Examination Inspector's Report and Adoption
Spring/Summer 2017

What is the Local Development Scheme?

The Local Development Scheme sets out the programme for producing the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan, including a timetable for consultation, submission, examination, receipt of inspector's report and adoption.

The Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan will bring together strategic policies, site allocations and development management policies and will set the planning framework for the borough for the period to 2032.

INFORMATION

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The completed studies are available on the council's website, and as new studies are completed, they will also be published. Copies of all the documents can be found on our website: www.welhat.gov.uk/evidencebase

The latest report to Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel updating progress on the Local Plan can be found at:
www.welhat.gov.uk/cabinethousingplanningpanel

Copies of the Statement of Community Involvement and Local Development Scheme can be found at:
www.welhat.gov.uk/localplanningframework

Details of the latest planning consultations can be found at: www.welhat.gov.uk/planningconsultations

We welcome your views on Local Plan News so please send your comments by email as above, or in writing to:

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