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Welcome to Newsletter 12

After reviewing all of the representations made, at the meeting of the Council's Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel (CHPP) on 16 March 2017 it was agreed to recommend to Cabinet and Council that the Local Plan, Policies Map and associated documents should be submitted for examination. The recommendations of CHPP were considered by Cabinet on 4th April 2017 and Council on 10th April 2017. The Council agreed to submit the Plan with a number of minor modifications.

Local Plan Update

Consultation on the Draft Local Plan Proposed Submission document, together with the Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan took place between 30th August and 24th October 2016. Over 3,000 representations were received to the consultation documents.

- 2,190 comments on the Draft Local Plan Proposed Submission document from 1,245 individuals and organisations;
- 743 comments on the Draft Local Plan Proposed Submission Policies Map from 734 individuals and organisations;
- 140 comments on the Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan from 59 individuals and organisations;
- 41 comments on the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment of the consultation document from 20 individuals and organisations.

As a result of these representations, a number of minor modifications were agreed, but there are no main modifications to the overall strategy and no sites have been added or removed.

The Local Plan was submitted for independent examination by a government appointed Planning Inspector on 15th May 2017. Representations made during the consultation period held last year to the Draft Local Plan, the Policies Map, the Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations Assessment will now be considered by the Planning Inspector.

What happens next?

The Inspector will consider the representations and will decide whether the Local Plan complies with the legal requirements and whether the Plan is sound. As part of the examination process there will be public hearing sessions where those invited to participate by the Planning Inspector will have the opportunity to respond to matters identified. Details of the dates and venues for the hearings will be published on our website in due course, [on our Examination webpage](#).

An independent Programme Officer, Louise St John Howe, has been appointed to act as the contact for any person with an interest in the examination. She works on behalf of the Inspector to organise and manage the administrative aspects of the examination process. She is the contact for any questions relating to the examination.

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Other news

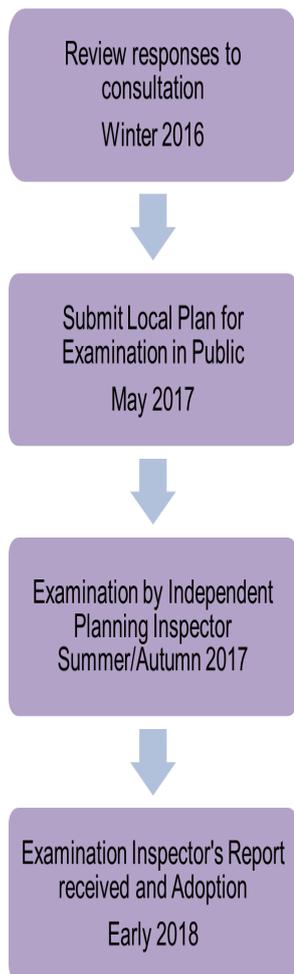
On 4th April 2017 Cabinet agreed to revise the [Local Development Scheme](#), and to hold a six week public consultation on the CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule and Initial Draft Regulation 123 List. [The consultation opened on 15th May 2017 and ends at 5pm on 26th June 2017](#).

[An updated SHMAA has been published.](#)



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Local Plan Timeline



CIL Timeline



What is the CIL?

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a locally set planning charge which local authorities can choose to implement to raise contributions from new development towards the delivery of necessary supporting infrastructure.

Local authorities are responsible for setting CIL charges. Councils that wish to charge the levy must prepare a Charging Schedule which sets out the charge per square metre that will apply to new development.

When setting charges, a charging authority is required by the CIL Regulations to strike an appropriate balance between the desirability of funding required infrastructure delivery using CIL (in whole or in part), other actual and expected sources of funding and the potential effects of CIL on the economic viability of development.

INFORMATION

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

The latest reports to Cabinet Housing and Planning Panels (CHPP) 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

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