

# Local Plan NEWS LP\*

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Local Plan

## Welcome to Newsletter 6

The meeting of the council's Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 11 December 2014 considered the draft Local Plan Consultation document. The Panel recommended that only the more favourable sites are included when public consultation begins in January. This was agreed by Cabinet at their meeting on 17 December.

## Local Plan Consultation

The Local Plan consultation document has been produced for public consultation and together with the strategic policies set out in the Emerging Core Strategy will form the basis for the new Local Plan for the borough. The content of the Local Plan will be decided once the consultation closes and all comments received have been assessed by the council and the appropriate changes are made.

The Local Plan consultation will ask amongst other things, for your views on the specific parcels of land that have been identified for jobs, housing and retailing, as well as areas that are important to protect.

There is not enough room for all these parcels of land to come from brownfield sites, so some Green Belt will have to be used. We have done our best to identify all available sites in the borough, but if you think there are more appropriate sites for development, please do get in touch with us.

## How to Comment

You will be able to comment online at

[www.welhat.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/localplan), by email or using the response forms.

Copies of the consultation material and background information will also be available in the council offices and at public libraries throughout the borough.

If you would like us to supply you with posters and flyers for you to promote the consultation within your community, please get in touch.

**This consultation will start on 23 January 2015 and will close on 19 March 2015.**

You can also come along to one of our consultation events to tell us your views in person. The schedule of dates, times and venues for public consultation events is set out at the end of this newsletter.

The Sustainability Appraisal and a draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan are also out for consultation.

## What do we mean by..?

**The Local Plan**—The current Welwyn Hatfield District Plan was adopted in 2005. Many things have changed since then so we're working on a new plan to replace it, which will be called the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan.

Local Plans must be consistent with national policy but also consider local planning issues that are important to Welwyn Hatfield. The Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan will provide a blueprint for development until 2031. It will form the basis for planning for homes, jobs, shopping, leisure and the provision of infrastructure to support these whilst protecting the environment. The policies within the plan will be used to make decisions on planning applications and ensures that all future development matches the blueprint.

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## Local Plan drop-in Consultation events

**Wednesday 28 January Civic Centre (Main Hall)** Prospect Place, Welwyn, AL6 9ER 3:30pm-7:30pm

**Wednesday 4 February United Reformed Church,** Oaklands Avenue, Brookmans Park AL9 7UJ 3:30pm-7:30pm

**Saturday 7 February Hatfield Town Centre,** Hatfield Hub, 56 Town Centre, Hatfield, AL10 0JJ 10am-12:30pm

**Tuesday 10 February Howard Centre,** Welwyn Garden City AL8 6HA 3:00pm-7:30pm

**Thursday 12 February Cuffley Hall,** Maynard Place, Cuffley EN6 4JA 4:30pm-8:30pm

**Thursday 19 February Sir Frederic Osborn School,** Hens Lane, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2AF 4pm-8:30pm

**Wednesday 25 February Green Lanes Primary School,** Green Lanes, Hatfield AL10 9JY 5pm-9:00pm

**Thursday 5 March North Mymms Memorial Hall,** Station Road, Welham Green, AL9 7PG 3:30pm -7:30pm

**Friday 6 March Little Heath Parish Hall,** Thornton Road, Little Heath, Potters Bar, EN6 1JJ 3:30pm -7:30pm

## Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan

Following an application by Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council has designated a Neighbourhood Area for Northaw and Cuffley for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. This enables the parish council to produce a Neighbourhood Plan if it so wishes. A neighbourhood plan enables local communities to set out a vision for the future of a neighbourhood and establish planning policies for the development and use of land within a defined area. A plan showing the extent of the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Area and further information is available to view on the council's website: <http://www.welhat.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning>

## 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](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/evidencebase)

The latest report to Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel including the new timetable can be found at: [www.welhat.gov.uk/cabinethousingplanningpanel](http://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](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/localplanningframework)

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