

Next Steps

After the 6 week representation period has finished at 5pm on Monday 25th February 2019, all representations received will be submitted alongside the Local Plan and all supporting documents to the Government. Following submission of the documentation, the timetable will then be in the hands of the Planning Inspector but we anticipate the following approximate timescale as outlined in Council's Local Development Scheme .

January to February 2019:

Period for representations on the Final Draft Local Plan

March 2019:

Submission of plan for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate

June 2019:

Examination hearings

October 2019:

Inspector's report published

December 2019:

Adoption of Local Plan



How can I find out more?

During the representation period the Final Draft Local Plan and supporting documents will be available on the Council's website at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/finaldraftlocalplan. Copies of the Final Draft Local Plan will also be available to view at the Council's Customer Services at Woodbridge Library and at other libraries across the district. For further information email us at suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastsuffolk.gov.uk or call the Planning Policy and Delivery Team on 01394 444557.



Final Draft Local Plan

Information Leaflet

14th January to 25th February 2019

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/finaldraftlocalplan



This information leaflet provides a brief summary to support the Council's Final Draft Local Plan.

A Final Draft Local Plan has been published. There is now a 6 week period ending at 5pm on Monday 25th February 2019 for the public and stakeholders to submit representations.

To view the Final Draft Local Plan, supporting documents, evidence base and submit a representation, visit: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/finaldraftlocalplan. Copies of the Final Draft Local Plan are available to view at local libraries and the Council's Customer Service Centre, Woodbridge Library, New Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1DT.

Public Drop-ins

Public drop-in events provide opportunity to discuss the Final Draft Local Plan with Planning Officers and obtain advice about submitting a representation.

Venue	Date and Time
Suffolk Coastal District Council (Deben Room) East Suffolk House, Station Road, Melton IP12 1RT	Wednesday 30 th January 15.00 - 19.00
Felixstowe Town Hall (Council Chamber) Undercliff Road West, Felixstowe IP11 2AG	Monday 4 th February 15.00 - 19.00
Saxmundham Market Hall 29 High St, Saxmundham IP17 1AF	Wednesday 6 th February 15.00 - 19.00



Final Draft Local Plan

The Suffolk Coastal Final Draft Local Plan, which covers the period to 2036, sets out the level of growth to be planned for, where that growth should be located and how it should be delivered.

It includes a vision for communities of Suffolk Coastal and objectives to make the vision a reality. It also contains planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications.

The document has been informed by previous public consultations in relation to a First Draft Local Plan in 2018 and the issues and options in 2017.

The Final Draft Local Plan seeks to be ambitious in growing the local economy, in particular recognising the opportunities presented by the Port of Felixstowe, the energy sector and key transportation routes, boosting the delivery of new housing including affordable homes, whilst improving infrastructure.

On adoption, the new Local Plan will replace all the existing Local Plan documents, including the remaining 'saved' policies from the 2001 Local Plan. In those parts of the District with a made Neighbourhood Plan, the Local Plan will be used alongside the Neighbourhood Plan to determine planning applications.



Consultation is different this time

There is now a 6 week period for representations to be received ending at 5pm on Monday 25th February 2019.

Representations at this stage should only be made in relation to the legal compliance and the soundness of the Final Draft Local Plan. Representations made during this period will be submitted with the Final Draft Local Plan to the Government. The Government will appoint an independent Planning Inspector to conduct an Examination into the soundness of the Local Plan.

The tests of whether the Local Plan is sound are contained in the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (July 2018) which states that plans are 'sound' if they are:

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 areas 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.

Consistent with national policy

Enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework.

How to submit a representation

View the Final Draft Local Plan and submit your representation online at:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/finaldraftlocalplan or scan the QR code to find out more and submit a representation.



Should you wish to make a representation seeking a modification to the plan or part of the plan you should make clear in what way the plan or part of the plan should be changed having regard to its legal compliance and soundness. Even if you have submitted comments to previous consultation stages, it is important to consider whether to submit a representation at this stage of the process. Should you wish for a matter raised at previous consultations considered in assessment of the Final Draft Plan then it is important to make a representation at this stage of the process.

The Council recommends using the on-line representation form which structures your representation so the Inspector will consider it when examining the plan. Using the form also means that you can register your interest in speaking at the public hearings – this is optional. A guidance note is also available which should be used when submitting representations. The representation form can be completed and submitted via:

- The Council's online consultation system at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/finaldraftlocalplan (this is the Council's preferred way of receiving representations);
- Downloading a response form from the website (www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/finaldraftlocalplan) and returning it via email to suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastsuffolk.gov.uk or by post to the Planning Policy & Delivery Team, East Suffolk House, Station Road, Riduna Park, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1RT.
- Requesting a response form from the Planning Policy and Delivery Team by emailing suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastsuffolk.gov.uk or by phoning 01394 444557, and returning it via email or post.

Representations must be received by 5pm Monday 25th February 2019