

Cheshire East Council Proposed Changes to the Local Plan Strategy (LPS) (Consultation Draft)



Guidance Notes and Representation Form

Cheshire East Council has published its 'Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes Version' and accompanying documents for public consultation. This follows Inspector Stephen J Pratt issuing his Further Interim Views, in December 2015, following the second set of examination hearings on the Local Plan Strategy (LPS) between 21 and 30 October 2015. These address the additional evidence produced by the Council during the previous suspension of the examination and its implications for the submitted LPS.

Following the Further Interim Views, the Council has finalised the proposed changes to the Local Plan Strategy (LPS), with the necessary changes to the policies and accompanying text, including new and amended strategic site allocations, with all the supporting evidence. The proposed changes will now be subject to formal public consultation for a 6 week period.

Following the conclusion of the public consultation process, the Council will consider and respond to the key issues raised in the representations before submitting its final proposed changes and all of the representations to the Inspector in support of the ongoing examination of the LPS. It is anticipated that examination hearing sessions will resume in September 2016 to consider amendments to the submitted LPS and sites (including additional, amended and existing site allocations).

The Council invites representations on the Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes Version, as well as its accompanying documents, the Sustainability (Integrated) Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendums, for six weeks from 4 March 2016 to 5pm on the 19 April 2016. Representations submitted after this time will not be accepted. In line with the Inspector's advice (19 February 2016 [RE E003]), representations should be focused on the changes that are proposed to be made to the LPS.

Copies of the above documents can be inspected online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan as well as the Customer Service Centres; Planning Help Desk, Municipal Buildings, Crewe; Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach; and Cheshire East Libraries. The Spatial Planning Team can be contacted by telephone on 01270 685893.

All representations must be received by 5:00pm on Tuesday 19 April 2016

Online: Via the consultation portal at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan

Email: To localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk

By hand: At the Council Offices, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

By post: Spatial Planning, Cheshire East Council, Westfields, C/O Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ

The representations form is comprised of two parts. Part A is for your personal details and Part B is for your representation. You can make as many representations as you like but each one should be made on a separate Part B form. If you wish to make further representations, please copy and attach additional Part B forms.

Please note:

- All responses received will be available for public inspection and will be placed on the Cheshire East Council website. This will include your name and post town but the remainder of your personal details will not be placed on the website. Anonymous responses will not be accepted.
- Your personal information will be held and used in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. Your personal data will not be sold on to third parties and we will use the data you give solely for the purpose of preparing the Cheshire East Local Plan or other Spatial Planning Policies.
- Your details will be added to the Local Plan consultation database. If you want to be removed from the database, please contact localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk stating that you would like your details be removed.
- The Council encourages responses to be made via its online consultation portal (accessed using www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan). Should you wish to be reminded of your username or password to access the consultation portal, please e-mail localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk
- The consultation will be on the Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes Version (February 2016). This follows the full public consultation on the Local Plan Strategy - Submission Version in March 2014 and the outcomes of examination processes since May 2014. The Council will accept all valid representations, though it is primarily seeking views on the proposed changes to the LPS and / or the sites. This is in line with the Inspector's advice (19 February 2016 [RE E003]), representations should be focused on the changes that are proposed to be made.
- The Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes Version consultation document incorporates the use of 'tracked changes' – whereby text proposed to be deleted is indicated using strikethrough text (~~like this~~) and proposed new text is underlined (like this). In line with the Inspector's advice dated 19 February 2016 (exam library ref [RE E003]), representations should be focussed on the proposed changes.
- To assist the public to understand the changes proposed to the submitted version of the LPS, reference documents including the original Local Plan Strategy Submission Version and a 'clean' version of the Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes version (which shows the revised LPS as proposed without the 'tracked changes') are available to view via the online consultation portal (accessed using www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan).
- Representations should specify why the Plan is not legally compliant or is considered unsound and what modifications would be needed to make it legally compliant or sound.
- In terms of legal compliance, this is essentially whether the Local Plan Strategy with the Proposed Changes meets the requirements of planning legislation and associated regulations. This includes the need to provide reports relating to Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment.
- For a Plan to be judged 'sound' it has to be:
 - Justified (founded on a proportionate evidence base and the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives);
 - Effective (deliverable and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities);
 - Consistent with national policy (predominantly set out in the National Planning Policy Framework);
 - Positively prepared (the plan should be based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements).

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Name of Local Plan to which this representation relates: Cheshire East Council Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes Version

Please return to: Cheshire East Council, Spatial Planning Team
Westfields, C/O Municipal Buildings Earle Street Crewe, CW1 2BJ
or by email to localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Please return by: 5:00pm, Tuesday 19 April 2016

This representation form has two parts:

- Part A – Personal Details.
- Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation.

Representation Form Part A: Personal Details

1. Personal Details*

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

** If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation in column 1 but complete the full contact details of the agent in column 2.*

Title		
First Name		
Last Name		
Job Title <small>(where relevant)</small>		
Organisation <small>(where relevant)</small>		
Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Address Line 4		
Postcode		
Telephone Number		
Email Address <small>(where relevant)</small>		
Your Reference No. <small>(if known)</small>		

All parties that have submitted representations on the Local Plan Strategy Document will be notified using the above contact details (through their agent if appointed) of the following:

- i. The publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan Strategy under section 20 of the Act, and
- ii. The adoption of the Local Plan Strategy.

Representation Form Part B: Representation

Please use a separate Part B Form for each representation and ensure that one copy of Part A (Personal Details) is securely attached

Name and Organisation:

Office Use Only:
PID: RID:

3. To which document does this representation relate?

Please tick one box only

Local Plan Strategy - PCV Sustainability (Integrated) Appraisal Habitats Regulations Assessment

4. To which part of the above document does this representation relate?

Please write the appropriate reference number in one box only

Policy Site Strategic Location Paragraph
Figure Table Vision Box Strategic Priority

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan with the Proposed Changes is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible and focus comments on the proposed changes to the Plan.

Representation Form Part B: Representation

Please use a separate Part B Form for each representation and ensure that one copy of Part A (Personal Details) is securely attached

6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, you will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Please note: your representation should succinctly cover all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support / justify the representation and the suggested modification.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the Matters and Issues he identifies for the purposes of the examination hearing sessions.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary (N.B note that participation at future hearing sessions will be at the Inspector's discretion):

9. Signature:

10. Date:

If you have further representations, please copy and attach additional Part B forms as required.