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WEST LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2023-2040 SCOPE, ISSUES AND OPTIONS

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Our new Local Plan

We are preparing a new Local Plan for 2023-2040, which will eventually replace the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 (adopted 2013). The new Plan will set out the Council's planning framework for future development in the Borough, including policies and proposals to guide the type and location of new development. We expect it will take up to 4 years to prepare the new Plan.

We need a new Local Plan to make sure our policies remain up to date so that we can appropriately manage and guide where development takes place, and deliver the correct supporting infrastructure.



The first stage in the Local Plan is the 'Scope, Issues and Options'.

The SCOPE is what the Local Plan will cover.

The ISSUES we have identified are varied and relate to:

Climate change / Nature recovery / Improving health / Housing / Employment / Retail / Leisure and recreation / Design / Place-shaping / Heritage / Community facilities / The rural economy / Education / Landscape / Flood risk / Air quality / Open spaces / Transport / Parking / Renewable energy / Energy and water efficiencies

We have then considered the planning policy OPTIONS that could help deal with these issues.

We want to know your views on the 'scope' and the 'issues and options'. Do you agree or disagree? Have we missed anything? Is there anything you think we should exclude?

We also want your views on other elements of the new Plan - its vision, its objectives, and the indicators for measuring its eventual success. There is also a range of supporting documents, including the [Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment](#), and various [evidence](#) documents, which you can comment on.



Identifying Housing and Employment Sites

At this early stage of the Plan's preparation, we are still collecting evidence on our housing and employment needs. Until we have that information, we are not in a position to decide on how much new housing and employment land we should plan for. Neither are we in a position to choose which sites to allocate for future development. These matters will be examined in later stages of the Plan's preparation.

If you wish to promote a site as potentially suitable for development, please submit it through our Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment ('SHELAA') via our website: www.westlancs.gov.uk/shelaa. You can also comment on any of the SHELAA sites as part of this consultation.

What do you think of the Issues and Options?

Find out more

Visit [our consultation hub](#) to read more about the Scope, Issues and Options. Documents are also available to view in your local library or the Council offices. If you have any queries, you can call the Local Plan team on 01695 585194.

Talk to us at one of our events

Due to Covid-19, we are running 1-hour ONLINE workshop events using MS Teams. So that we can listen to everyone who attends, spaces are limited and places **must** be booked in advance using the Eventbrite links below.

Dates are [Friday 26 November \(11am-12noon\)](#), [Monday 29 November \(6-7pm\)](#), [Thursday 2 December \(2-3pm\)](#) and [Wednesday 8 December \(6-7pm\)](#)

Submit your comments to us

Using [our consultation hub](#).

This is the easiest way to comment.

For those without internet access, proformas can be collected from local libraries and the Council CSPs at the Concourse, Skelmersdale or 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, and returned to the Council using the address on the form.

Consultation runs from Thursday 18 November 2021 until Thursday 27 January 2022.

We will read and consider all comments received as we prepare the next stage of the Local Plan. We will also produce a 'Consultation feedback' document, setting out how your comments have been considered.

General information on the Local Plan 2023-2040 can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/lp2040.

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