

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Local Plan?

The Local Plan sets out the Council's approach to development growth in the District up to 2040. It is an important document as it sets out where development will take place as well as the local planning policies for determining planning applications and other development applications submitted to the Council. Sites to be developed as well as areas for protection are identified on the Policies Map.

Why is the Council Preparing it?

The Council needs to prepare the Local Plan to fulfil its duties as the Local Planning Authority. The Local Plan is a statutory planning document for the whole of the District of Selby. The Council needs to have an up-to-date Local Plan in place to give certainty for the community, landowners, developers and service and infrastructure providers on the amount of land needed to provide new developments and where.

Why do we need another plan?

The Local Plan needs to be up to date with current legislation and to set out development proposals for the next 20 years. If the Local Plan is out of date, the Council, as the Local Planning Authority, will find it difficult to refuse planning applications for development on sites not allocated or in line with the planning policies in the Local Plan.

What happened to PLANSelby and the Local Plan Site Allocations Document (the Plans you were consulting on before)?

The Council has previously consulted on a combined allocation and development management policies plan called PLANSelby (2014-15), as well as more recently (up to 2019) a Site Allocations Local Plan. Both these documents, together with the adopted Selby District Core Strategy Local Plan (2013) would have formed the Development Plan for the District to 2027. Throughout this time the Council has continued to collect essential evidence to support and progress the local plan preparation. However, in 2019 the Council decided to produce a single, new Local Plan to 2040 to replace the aging Core Strategy Local Plan (2013) and the emerging Site Allocations Local Plan which would only be in place to 2027.

What is the Preferred Options consultation?

The "Preferred Options" consultation sets out the Council's preferred planning policy approach to be used for the District to 2040. Alternative options are also identified in the document as well as those policy directions the Council has rejected. The results of earlier consultations have been considered in drawing up the preferred approach. You can view the previous comments and the Council's response to the Issues and Options consultation in 2020 [here](#).

Why should I care about this?

The Local Plan will determine how your neighbourhood changes and develops to 2040. The planning policy approach taken will affect the consideration of development proposals and applications throughout the District of Selby up to 2040. This includes not only new houses and employment provision, but the services and community facilities needed to support the new development as well as protecting the countryside and guiding renewable energy developments.

Why should I be involved in its preparation?

The future planning policy direction to 2040 is not yet finalised. It is important that you consider the Council's vision and preferred options for development in your neighbourhood. The Council would like to know whether you support the policy direction the Council is proposing or if you have any other suggestions? Please bear in mind that the District does have to meet certain criteria set by National Government policy directions and international policies.

Will my answers make a difference?

Yes. By law the Council cannot adopt a Local Plan unless they have involved everyone it thinks will be affected by the Plan and taken account of their views. Your views are essential as the changes that the Local Plan sets out will affect you.

The Council will consider the responses received and will make its decision regarding the policy direction based on the evidence provided at this consultation. By being involved in the Local Plan process you will have helped to shape the development direction of your neighbourhood and the District. You will have helped to identify where new development is to take place.

Where do I find out what is happening where I live and/or work?

The Local Plan consists of a document setting out the policies and a map detailing where those policies apply in the District. The Preferred Options Local Plan document and interactive map can be viewed [here](#)

If you want to see the latest planning applications for development in your area, please use the Public Access system available [here](#) and follow the instructions for use.

How does this relate to Neighbourhood Plans?

Neighbourhood Development Plans are prepared by local communities following the designation of a Neighbourhood Area. Not all communities have a Neighbourhood Plan.

Once adopted, Neighbourhood Development Plans and the Local Plan together make up the development plan for that Neighbourhood Area and will be used in the determination of planning applications in that particular Neighbourhood Area.

For further information on Neighbourhood Planning, please see the Council's [website](#)

How can I find out more and get involved?

All the information you need to be involved is available on the Council's [Consultation Portal](#).

You need to first [register](#) or login before providing a response on the on-line comment form.

Alternatively, you can access the information and links via the Council's [website](#)

Do I have to answer every question?

No. Only answer those questions that you feel necessary to support or object to the preferred approach. Please provide information to support your response if possible.

Where can I find the Comment form?

The interactive on-line comment form is available [here](#)

Where do I send my completed comment form?

We are encouraging you to use the [interactive form](#) to provide your response.

However, responses can be emailed to localplan@selby.gov.uk

or posted to Planning Policy, Selby District Council, Civic Centre, Doncaster Road SELBY, YO

What is the Council's Privacy Notice?

The Council's [Privacy Notice](#) informs you how the Council will use your data. For how the Planning Policy Team will use your data, please see [here](#).

Will my comments be made public?

Yes. Your comments will be made public in line with the Council's [Privacy Notice](#) and the Planning Policy [Privacy Notice](#).

What will happen next?

The comments received on the Preferred Options consultation will be logged and considered by the Council. A Submission draft Local Plan will be produced in light of the comments received. The Submission draft Local Plan will be available for consultation.

How and when will the new Local Plan be decided?

Any comments received at the Submission draft stage will be considered by an Independent Planning Inspector at an Examination. The Planning Inspector will determine if any further changes or modifications are needed to the Local Plan before recommending that the Council adopts the Local Plan for use.