

Local Plan Member Working Group

10th October 2022

Focus for today

- Local Plan Update
- Draft Local Plan Scoping Report
- Draft Local Plan Scoping Report Consultation Plan
- Future work programme

Local Plan Update

Council decision 7th September:

- To cease work on emerging Local Plan
- Commence work on a New Local Plan
- New Local Development Scheme
 - Changes to policy and legislation
 - Change in strategic priorities
 - Some baseline information being out of date
 - Impact of Covid and Brexit
- Withdrawal Statement & LDS published & consultees notified

New Local Development Scheme

Stage	Timescale	Description
Scoping Report	October 2022 Consultation November 2022 – January 2023	Formal commencement of the new Local Plan
Draft Local Plan	June 2023 Consultation June – July 2023	A non-statutory stage that provides the opportunity for the Council to set out its preferred approach and to engage with the community on the emerging policies
Publication Local Plan	October 2023 Consultation October - December 2023	Statutory stage, seeking formal representations on the Local Plan that the Council wishes to adopt
Submission	April 2024	Formal submission to the Secretary of State.
Public Examination	April - August 2024	Independent Examination of the Plan to determine legal compliance and soundness. Can only be adopted if found to be sound
Adoption	September 2024	Formal adoption of the new Local Plan by the Council

Draft Local Plan Scoping Report

- Regulation 18 – Preparation of a Local Plan
 - Notify statutory and general consultees of the subject of the local plan that the Council proposes to prepare
 - Invite representations about what a local plan with that subject ought to contain
- Accept representations for a period of at least 6 weeks

Draft Local Plan Scoping Report

Proposing:

- Will cover the whole of the local authority area
- Plan period is 2022 – 2039
- Will cover all planning matters except Minerals & Waste
 - Sustainable development
 - Housing
 - Economy
 - Town Centres
 - Healthy & Safe communities
 - Sustainable transport
 - Communications
 - Effective use of land
 - High Quality Design
 - Climate Change and Flooding
 - Natural Environment
 - Historic Environment

Draft Local Plan Scoping Report

- Strategic Context
 - Other Council strategies and plan that the Local Plan will help to deliver
- Evidence Base
 - List of existing evidence documents
 - Ongoing review to keep up-to-date

Draft Local Plan Scoping Report

- Objectives

- A. To deliver new high quality, well-designed development that meets the needs and aspirations of our current and future residents
- B. To revitalise Middlesbrough Town Centre through diversifying our retail and leisure offer, and attracting new urban dwellers
- C. To strengthen our local economy by supporting existing businesses and attracting new employers
- D. To build high quality homes that help strengthen our communities
- E. To protect and enhance our Green and Blue Infrastructure Network
- F. To ensure that new development is properly served by new and improved physical, social and environmental infrastructure
- G. To recognise and value our historical and culturally important assets; and
- H. To achieve healthy and safe communities

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- Consultation Questions

1. Is the proposed geographical area (i.e. the whole of Middlesbrough Local Authority Area) appropriate for preparing a new Local Plan?
2. Is the proposed plan period of 2022 – 2039 appropriate?
3. Do you consider that the proposed evidence base sufficiently covers all relevant matters for the Local Plan?
4. Do you agree with the identified Objectives?
5. Having read the Scoping Report, is there anything else we should include within the new Local Plan?
6. Do you have any other comments?

Draft Local Plan Scoping Report

- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
 - Legal requirement to assess the environmental, economic and social impact of policies
 - Ongoing alongside Local Plan process
- Call for Sites
 - Opportunity for landowners to put forward land for housing and economic development

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- Consultation Plan

- Dates TBC. Minimum 6 weeks. Close by end of January
- Documents online, at Middlesbrough House and in Libraries & Community Hubs
- Direct notification of consultees – emails & letters
- Social Media, Press Release, Residents' Magazine
- Comments must be made in writing – online portal, email, by letter or completing a form