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Good Morning,

Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications Consultation - March 2021

The Council is publishing Proposed Main Modifications relating to its Emerging Local Plan. You are being notified as one of the Regulation 18/19 consultees, and we are inviting you to express your views on these Modifications by taking part in the consultation. The consultation will begin at 10am Friday 19th March 2021 for a period of six weeks, until 12pm on Wednesday 5th May 2021.

Background

The Council submitted its Local Plan to Government in February 2018. The Local Plan sets out a policy framework to guide development across the Council area up-to 2035, including to support the delivery of housing, employment and infrastructure.

The Local Plan is now at the Examination stage where independent Planning Inspectors consider if the plan meets the appropriate requirements and if it can be adopted. This process has already involved public hearings that took place in May to July 2019 and December 2020. All the stages of the Examination are available on the Council's website at the following link:

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/local-plan-exam>

As part of an Examination process, Planning Inspectors may recommend Main Modifications (changes that materially affect the plan's policies) to make a submitted local plan sound and legally compliant. These Proposed Main Modifications must be published for public consultation, so the Inspectors' have an opportunity to consider any representations on the proposals prior to publishing their report on the plan.

What are we consulting on?

We are currently consulting on the Proposed Main Modifications, along with a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Addendum that consider any relevant implications of the Modifications, along with a document that illustrates any changes that are proposed to the Policies Map.

The consultation documents consist of the following:

- Central Bedfordshire Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications Schedule March 2021
- Central Bedfordshire Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Main Modifications Report March 2021
- Central Bedfordshire Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Main Modifications Report – Non-Technical Summary March 2021
- Central Bedfordshire Local Plan Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum March 2021
- Central Bedfordshire Local Plan Proposed Modifications to Policy Maps March 2021

These documents are all available on the Council website at the following link:

<https://centralbedfordshire.oc2.uk/>

In addition to the above documents, the Council is also publishing Additional Modifications, which are more minor in nature and do not affect the plan's soundness or legal compliance. These do not form part of the consultation but are available to view, for information purposes. Finally, the Council is publishing a

'striketthrough' version of the Local Plan, which, again is not part of the consultation, but is available to assist understanding of the modifications being proposed.

Please Note: this consultation is confined to the specifically stated Proposed Main Modifications, which are put forward without prejudice to the Inspector's final conclusions on the Plan; and on the associated supporting documents. It is not an opportunity to restate points previously made, to raise new representations to the submitted Local Plan or to seek further changes to the Plan.

Details of the Consultation

The consultation will run for six weeks from 10am Friday 19th March 2021 to 12pm Wednesday 5th May 2021. Details of how to respond to the consultation are set out on the 'Main Modifications Consultation March 2021' page of the Council's website:

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/45/planning_policy/468/local_plan_-_overview/19

Next Steps

Any responses to the Consultation will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectors for their consideration, prior to the publication of their report into the Local Plan later in the year.

Yours sincerely,



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Statement of Representation Procedures (Regulation 19) Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Central Bedfordshire Council Local Plan 2015-2035: Main Modifications Consultation

The Council is inviting comments, also known as representations, on the Proposed Main Modifications to the Central Bedfordshire Council Local Plan 2015-2035. The information below sets out how and by when to make such representations, as well as where to find the relevant documentation.

Statement of Representation Procedure

Consultation document

The Council is consulting on the Proposed Main Modifications, along with a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Addendum that consider any relevant implications of the Modifications, along with a document that illustrates any changes that are proposed to the Policies Map.

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Subject matter and area covered

The Proposed Main Modifications set out those modifications that materially affect the plan policies and are deemed necessary for the plan to be found sound through the Examination process.

The Local Plan covers the whole administrative area of Central Bedfordshire.

Period of publication for representations

The Council will receive representations from 10am Friday 19th March 2021 to 12pm Wednesday 5th May 2021. Representations should arrive no later than 12pm on Wednesday 5th May 2021.

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Anonymous comments or comments received outside these dates will not be accepted.

Please Note: this consultation is confined to the specifically stated Proposed Main Modifications, which are put forward without prejudice to the Inspector's final conclusions on the Plan; and on the associated supporting documents. It is not an opportunity to restate points previously made, to raise new representations to the submitted Local Plan or to seek further changes to the Plan.

Where to view the proposed submission documents:

Publication version and supporting documents are available for inspection from 10am Friday 19th March to Wednesday 12pm 5th May on the Council's web page:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/mmc-march-2021

How to make representations

Representations can be made through the following means:

Online Consultation System

<https://centralbedfordshire.oc2.uk/>

Either log in or register to make representations, attachments can also be uploaded through this system. Consultation documents can be viewed through this system and are also hosted on the Local Plan Examination pages of our website.

Letter

Representations can be sent via letter to the following postal address:

Local Plan
Central Bedfordshire Council
Priory House
Monks Walk
Chicksands
SG17 5TQ

Please ensure any representations sent via letter contain your name and contact details, either a postal address or email address.

Email

Representations can be sent via email to the following email address:

localplan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Please ensure any representations sent via email contain your full name.

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We recognise that there may be individuals who are unable to view the consultation documents online and due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions are unable to view hard copies at the Council's main office at Priory House. In these circumstances we will be happy to discuss how we can arrange for you to access the consultation documents. Please contact the Planning Policy Team on 0300 300 4353.

If you are unable to submit your response on-line or by post and are unable to leave your home, or arrange for someone else, to post your response due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, then please contact the Strategic Growth Team on 0300 300 4353.

How to find out the next steps

Using the online system at <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/> you can request to be notified via email to be kept up to date on the Local Plan process.

What will happen to the Representations?

All valid comments will be submitted to the Planning Inspectors presiding over the Examination for their consideration and prior to the publication of their report .

Please note that copies of all comments will be made available for the public to view (including your name but not personal addresses, telephone numbers or signatures) and therefore cannot be treated as confidential. Data will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

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