


Leicester's New Local Plan

Issues and Options Public Consultation

Ward Meeting



Leicester

- Tenth largest city in England
- Provides employment, shopping, leisure and housing. A regional centre
- Historic and Green City - Parks, wildlife areas, conservation areas
- Rich tradition of entrepreneurship
- Highly acclaimed University's. Three major hospitals and premier sports clubs
- We are a growing City so how do we deal with future growth? These are still challenging times
- For example, we need to find land for housing and high quality employment



What is a Local Plan?

- A statutory document that the council must produce
- The document that says where development can go in the future.
- Used to determine planning applications on issues such as new housing, employment, shopping and green spaces



What we are consulting on

- This is the first stage of the local plan process. We expect the plan to be adopted in 2016

Key stages - when can people participate

Key stages in preparing our Local Plan (LP)

- Public consultation on key issues and options
- Publication of draft LP for public consultation
- Public consultation on any major changes to draft LP (if required)
- Submission of draft LP to Secretary of State and Planning Inspectorate
- Independent Public Examination of submission LP
- Adoption of LP by the Council

- We need to know what you think the issues and options are for the City as a whole but also for the community that you live in.
- The consultation started on 15 October 2014 and will end on 10 December 2014.

New Leicester Local Plan

- The document is split into three themes:
- A Growing City (economy, housing, city centre),
- People and Spaces (neighbourhoods, spaces, heritage, health) and
- The Environment (transport, climate change, green space and sport).



Some Key Questions:

- Where should new housing and employment development go?
- Are current local centres the right size? Do any need to be made bigger or smaller?
- Should we allow a greater mix of uses in local centres. E.g. Health, shops, community facilities?
- Should we restrict the number of takeaways near schools?
- How can we protect our natural and historic environment?

- What can be done to encourage people to walk, cycle or use public transport?
- What else is needed in the city centre to make it attractive?
- We are also asking for suggestions of sites to be allocated for development or to be protected.



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- We can take comments/questions now and provide some answers.
- You can e-mail planning.policy@leicester.gov.uk with comments.
- You can download the document and fill in the on line response form www.leicester.gov.uk/issuesandoptions
- Thank you for listening.