

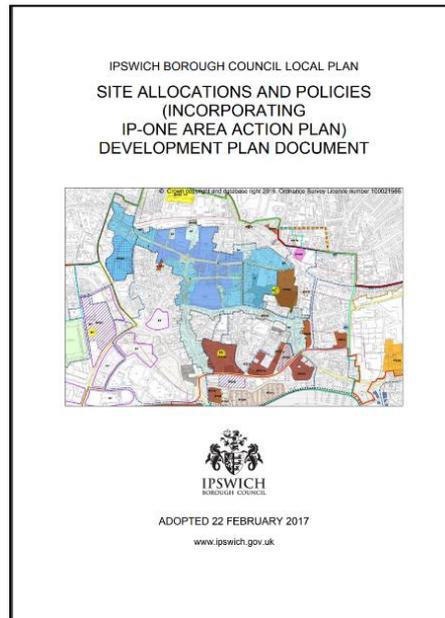
What is a Local Plan?

A Local Plan is a document which contains strategic and development policies to guide development in an area, typically over a 15 year period from adoption. It sets out the amount of houses and jobs that are needed. It also contains policies for specific sites, certain types of uses (i.e. retail, community facilities) and areas that need to be preserved as part of future development (i.e. historic buildings and ecological sites).

Does Ipswich already have a Local Plan?

Yes – Ipswich Borough Council adopted their current Local Plan in February 2017. The Local Plan is made up of the following documents:

- The Core Strategy and Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) review; and
- The Site Allocations and Policies (incorporating IP-One Area Action Plan) DPD



What is this Local Plan consultation about?

The Council is consulting on a review of the local plan to update policies to 2036 and to prepare aligned local plans with Babergh, Mid Suffolk and East Suffolk District Councils, particularly in respect of strategic, cross-boundary issues affecting:

- Housing;
- employment; and
- retail and town centre uses.

The Local Plan review will supersede the adopted Core Strategy and Policies DPD and Site Allocations and Policies (incorporating IP-One Area Action Plan) DPD (February 2017) in due course.

The Council is also consulting on the supporting policies maps, plans, sustainability appraisal and appropriate assessment (Habitats Regulations Assessment) documents.



What is in each of the documents?

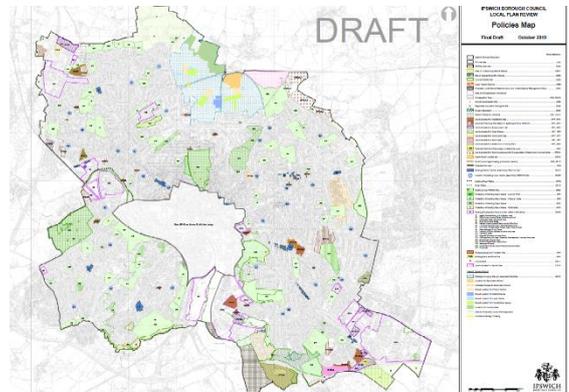
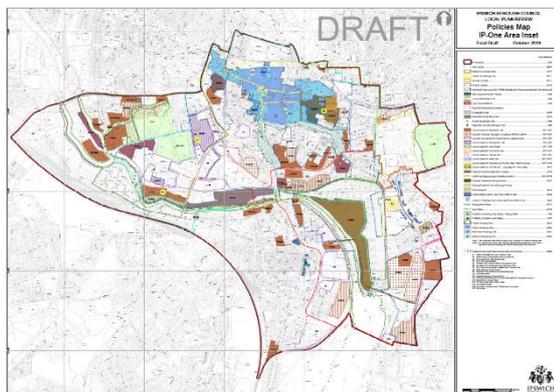
The Final Draft Core Strategy and Policies DPD includes the following:

- Housing – The need to accommodate at least 8,010 dwellings for the period 2018 – 2036. This equates to at least 445 dwellings annually (Policy CS7).
- The identification of land allocated for housing and associated infrastructure development at the northern end of Humber Doucy Lane to be appropriately phased with the delivery of the Ipswich Garden Suburb is included in policy ISPA4.1.
- The Ipswich Garden Suburb – Details of the types of development the Council are seeking at the northern fringe of Ipswich, including; 40ha of public open space, at least 24.5ha for a Country Park and approximately 3,500 dwellings (Policy CS10 – please note, this policy has not materially changed from the adopted Local Plan).
- Jobs Growth – Encouraging the provision of approximately 9,500 jobs in the Borough between 2018 and 2036 delivered by the allocation of around 28 ha of employment land (Policy CS13).
- Development Management Policies – Including new policies; DM3 Air Quality, DM20 Houses in Multiple Occupation, DM25 Shopfront Design, DM29 Evening and Night Economy, DM34 Delivery and Expansion of Digital Communications Networks

The draft Site Allocations and Policies (incorporating IP-One Area Action Plan) DPD Review includes:

- Allocations for housing-led developments, including sites previously identified in the town centre and at the Waterfront, and new sites adjacent to Holywells Road, and at West End Road/Portman's Walk (the latter within a new Opportunity Area);
- Allocations for employment uses, including 7.37ha at the Airport Farm Kennels (IP152), 6.93ha at land north of Whitton Lane (IP140) and 4.78ha at land at Futura Park, Nacton Road (IP141a);
- An extension to the Orwell Country Park at Pond Hall Farm (IP149); and
- Retail allocations as part of mixed-use developments at the former Civic Centre (Westgate) (IP040), on the west part of the Mint Quarter (IP048b), and at Mecca Bingo on Lloyds Avenue (IP347).

The Local Plan Policies Map and IP-One Area Inset Policies Map (below) demonstrate policies and site allocations visually:



Full versions of these maps and all other documents can be viewed online at:

<https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/ipswichfuture>

How to Respond:

You can submit your comments electronically using the Council's online consultation module, or by email to planningpolicy@ipswich.gov.uk using the comments form available on the website (see above link). Paper copies of the comments form will also be available at the 'drop-in' exhibitions held at Ipswich Town Hall in the Pickwick Room on:

Friday 7th February (1pm – 7pm) & Saturday 8th February (10am – 5pm)

Comments must be received no later than 11.45pm on Monday 2nd March 2020. Please note this is an extension to the original consultation deadline.

