

**Ipswich Borough Council Local Plan
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 18)
Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (Regulation 12)**

**Notice of Public Consultation on Issues and Options for the Ipswich Local Plan Review and the
Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report**

Ipswich Borough Council hereby gives notice of public consultation on issues and options for the Ipswich Local Plan Review and the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. The Local Plan for Ipswich covering the period to 2031 was adopted in February 2017. However, the Council is required to undertake a review of the objectively-assessed needs for new housing, employment land and new retail floorspace set out in the Plan, in partnership with neighbouring authorities. The review is also an opportunity to seek views on other land use issues affecting Ipswich. The Local Plan Review will look ahead to 2036.

What is a Local Plan?

A Local Plan determines the amount of future development needed in the Borough for land uses such as housing, offices, industry and retail. It allocates sites for new development, identifies areas where development should be restricted and includes policies which are used for determining planning applications.

Public Consultation

The consultation will run for ten weeks starting on Friday 18th August 2017 and ending at 11.45pm on Monday 30th October 2017. The Council is seeking views on two documents:

- Issues and Options for the Ipswich Local Plan Review. This document is in two parts:
 - Part 1, which has been prepared jointly with Suffolk Coastal District Council in order to consider strategic, cross-boundary issues; and
 - Part 2, which addresses local issues for Ipswich Borough; and
- A Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, which will form the basis for sustainability appraisal of the new Local Plan Review documents as they are prepared over coming months.

Inspection of documents

The documents listed above are available for inspection on the Council's website (www.ipswich.gov.uk/consultations) and at the following locations:

- ❑ The **Customer Services Centre**, Town Hall, Cornhill, Ipswich (weekdays 8.30am to 5.00pm);
- ❑ The **Ipswich County Library**, Northgate Street, Ipswich (Mon, Weds, Thurs 9.00am to 6.00pm; Tues, Fri 9.00am to 7.00pm; Sat 8.30am to 5.00pm and Sun 10.00am to 4.00pm);
- ❑ **Branch libraries** across Ipswich (Chantry, Gainsborough, Broom Hill open Mon-Sun various opening hours; Rosehill, Stoke, open Tues-Sun various opening hours);
- ❑ **Grafton House Reception**, 15-17 Russell Road, Ipswich (Mon-Fri 8.30am to 5.00pm).

Copies of the consultation documents will be available for free on Compact Disc, subject to availability, from the exhibitions or at Grafton House by request. Paper copies will be available at cost of printing plus P&P.

How to comment

You are invited to submit your comments electronically using the Council's online consultation module (<http://ipswich.jdi-consult.net/localplan/>), or by email to planningpolicy@ipswich.gov.uk using the comments form provided on the Council's web site. Copies of the comments form are available to download, complete and email back, or to print and return by post to the address below. Paper copies of the comments form will be available at the venues listed above. Please

make it clear whether your comments relate to the Local Plan Review Issues and Options or the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and ensure they are returned to the Council by 11.45pm on Monday 30th October 2017.

Please note that comments cannot be treated as confidential and will be available to view publicly. However, published comments will exclude your personal contact details and include only your name.

Consultation Events

Officers will be available to answer questions at the Ipswich Area Committee meetings scheduled between 6th and 21st September 2017 – please see the Council’s website for details of dates and venues www.ipswich.gov.uk/areacommittees. ‘Drop-in’ exhibitions will also be held as follows at Ipswich Town Hall in the Pickwick Room:

Saturday 30th September 2017, 11am – 3pm, and
Tuesday 3rd October 2017, 11am – 3pm.

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