

**The Town and Country Planning
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Public Notice

East Herts Local Plan – Scoping Consultation – Regulation 20

11 June to 10 July 2026

East Herts Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the district. As part of this, we are undertaking a Scoping Consultation to seek your views on issues relevant to the preparation of the Local Plan, including what it should contain and how we should engage with you throughout the process. The consultation documents cover key topics such as housing, employment and the natural environment.

Inspecting the Documents

The consultation documents and supporting information are available to view during the consultation period online on our website here: <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-local-plan-0/local-plan-consultations>

Hard copies are also available to view at the following location during the consultation period:

East Herts Council,

Wallfields

Pegs Lane,

Hertford SG13 8EQ.

These can be viewed between 10am and 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Submitting Comments

We encourage you to submit your response using our online consultation portal:

<https://consult.eastherts.gov.uk/kpse/event/AECCFD42-BBAA-47CF-8B47-FACB018845B2>

Alternatively, you can:

- Email: planningpolicy@eastherts.gov.uk
- Post: Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8EQ.
- Drop off your response at the Wallfields offices marked 'Planning Consultation' during the opening hours above.

Please note we are unable to accept anonymous responses. When you respond, you must consider and agree to the Privacy Notice with the consultation documents in order for your responses to be considered. All valid responses will be publicly available. However, your contact details will remain private with the exception of your name / organisation.

Your details and your comments will be stored securely on our consultation database so we can keep you informed about the Local Plan. You can request to be removed from our database at any time by emailing planningpolicy@eastherts.gov.uk.

Contact us for more information or copies of the documents:

East Herts Council, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford SG13 8EQ.

Email: planningpolicy@eastherts.gov.uk

Deadline

Responses must be submitted by 23.59 on Friday July 10, 2026.

Later Stages of the Local Plan

If you wish to be added to our database and notified about the later stages of the Local Plan process, which are outlined below, please let us know when you make your comments.

Further information about these is set out in our Local Plan timetable here: <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-local-plan-0/local-plan-timetable>

These stages include:

- Consultation on proposed Local Plan content and evidence
- Publication of Planning Inspectorate observations or advice
- Consultation on the proposed Local Plan
- Submission of the proposed Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination
- Information about the independent examination, documents/evidence submitted and opportunity to appear
- Decisions and recommendations of the examiner
- Adoption/approval of the Local Plan