



East Herts Local Plan News

Dear Consultee,

Have Your Say on the Future of East Herts

We're starting work on a new Local Plan and this is your chance to get involved from the very beginning.

The Local Plan will guide where development happens, how infrastructure is delivered, and how we protect the environment and support our communities.

Scoping Consultation Coming Soon

We will shortly be launching our **Scoping Consultation** – your first opportunity to help shape the new Local Plan.

The consultation will be open between **11 June to 10 July 2026**. A link to the consultation platform will be sent to you by email on **11 June**, so you can take part.

This is your chance to get involved right at the start. Whether you live, work or run a business in East Herts, your views will help influence the direction of the Local Plan before detailed policies and proposals are developed.

What will we be asking?

At this stage, we will be seeking views on:

- What the Local Plan should include
- Key challenges and opportunities in East Herts
- A proposed Vision for the district
- How we engage with communities
- Sustainability objectives (SA/SEA)

This consultation will not include detailed policies or site proposals – these will come later.

Why Get Involved

Your input at this early stage will help shape:

- The direction and priorities of the Local Plan
- The way we engage with communities throughout the process

Sustainability Matters

Alongside the consultation, we will also seek views on the **Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA)**.

This work will:

- Assess environmental, social and economic impacts
- Provide a framework for testing future policies and site options

You will be able to respond to SA/SEA questions as part of the consultation.

Call for Sites

A **Call for Sites** was undertaken in 2024, inviting landowners, developers and other interested parties to suggest land that may have potential for development or alternative uses, such as green space.

We will provide an update on this process later this year and are currently considering whether to undertake a further Call for Sites to support preparation of the new Local Plan.

What Happens Next?

- The Scoping Consultation will launch shortly
- Feedback will be reviewed and published towards the end of this year
- Further consultation stages will follow next year
- Evidence and updates will be added to our website

We'll keep you informed every step of the way.

Stay Connected

For updates and future consultations:

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We will also be sharing further newsletters over the coming months to keep you updated on progress and future opportunities to get involved.

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