

West Berkshire Council's Local Plan Review

West Berkshire Council's Local Plan is a long-term strategic document used to set out the vision and framework for future development in the district. It determines how many new homes are needed and where they should be built, looks at employment needs, and finds opportunities for future growth as well as identifying areas where growth should be limited.

On 1 December 2022 Councillors voted to move its Local Plan Review submission to the next stage ensuring that West Berkshire remains a “plan-led” authority.

The statutory Regulation 19 Consultation will start on Friday 20 January and last for six weeks. The Local Plan Review 2022-2039 Proposed Submission document (LPR), along with a vast majority of the evidence base has already been published on the Council website and all documentation along with the consultation portal will be available on 20 January.

There has been extensive consultation on the LPR to get to this point (since 2019). If no significant changes are proposed in response to the Regulation 19 consultation (any significant changes will be automatically sent back to Council for consideration), the Plan will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate for review.

Members of the public are invited to make representations on the LPR by submitting their response on the Council's Local Plan Consultation Portal <http://consult.westberks.gov.uk/portal>. Representations can also be submitted by downloading a representation form from the Council website and returning it by post or email.

Further details, including a copy of the LPR can be found at www.westberks.gov.uk/local-plan-review