

Local Plan Review – Summary of Responses FAQ

The following FAQ has been prepared to answer any questions you may have regarding publication of responses to the Council's Local Plan Review (LPR). Further information can also be found on our website: www.rutland.gov.uk/localplanreview

What is the Local Plan?

The Local Plan is a plan for the future development of Rutland, which is drawn up by the Council in consultation with the community.

Why is this needed?

Rutland's population is growing and we need to plan ahead to make sure we can meet future demand for housing, employment and other types of development within the County. The Local Plan helps to do this by clearly setting out what type of development is required, when and where.

Why is the Local Plan being reviewed?

Rutland's local plan currently runs until 2026. The Local Plan Review (LPR) looks to extend this to cover a further 10 years, up to 2036.

What consultation has taken place so far?

The LPR began with a Call for Sites between September and November 2015, to identify possible areas for new development. This was followed by an 'Issues and Options' consultation, which ran from November 2015 to January 2016.

To view all the responses in full, please visit:

http://www.rutland.gov.uk/local_plan/local_plan_review/call_for_sites.aspx

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What are the main outcomes?

The main outcomes from the Issues and Options consultation were:

- Support for the level of housing growth outlined in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (average of 173 dwellings per year)
- Focus of development in towns and some larger villages and maintaining the current apportionment of new development between Oakham, Uppingham and larger villages
- New sites put forward for housing, business and other uses
- Support for the approach to minerals and waste planning and additional sites for waste management
- Majority agreed that new infrastructure will be required in Rutland to support the new development and a range of proposals have been suggested

How many new homes are going to be built?

Land that could accommodate a total of approximately 15,000 dwellings has been put forward by people responding to the Call for Sites but this is far more than is actually required, so the number of new homes built will be much less.

The Council will look to provide around 1,500 new dwellings to cover the extended 10 year period up to 2036, so only 10% of the land that has been put forward as part of the Call for Sites will be recommended for use. The vast majority of sites put forward in the response document will therefore not be developed.

Where will new development take place?

The Council will now assess all the responses it has received as part of the Call for Sites and Issues and Options consultation. Once this is done, we will publish a list of preferred development sites and policies for further public consultation by late 2016. This will be your opportunity to comment on the sites that may be used for future development.

Some sites were previously put forward for development as part of the current Local Plan (up to 2026) and have been assessed already. You can view the appraisals for these sites on our website:

http://www.rutland.gov.uk/local_plan/evidence_base_site_allocations/site_appraisals_oct_2012.aspx

http://www.rutland.gov.uk/local_plan/evidence_base_site_allocations/site_appraisals_apr_2013.aspx

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