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North Warwickshire Local Plan Review - Regulation 19 Consultation (Parish & Town Councils)

Local Plan Review – Regulation 19 Consultation

We are writing to you to inform you of the Council's review of the Local Plan.

A Local Plan is prepared by the Local Planning Authority and it sets out the vision and framework for future development of the area. It identifies land for uses such as housing and employment, establishes the planning policies used to determine planning applications, and plans for the infrastructure needed to support future growth.

The current Local Plan was adopted in September 2021. In accordance with statutory requirements, Local Planning Authorities are required to review their Local Plan at least every five years. This means that we have to review the Local Plan before September 2026. The new Local Plan will cover the period 2025-2045 and will establish the long-term spatial strategy for how the Borough will develop over the coming years.

As part of preparing the new Local Plan the Council undertook a consultation known as 'Issues and Options' between 28th November 2025 and 21st January 2026 under Regulation 18 and a 'Part 2' Local Plan Review 2026 consultation, again under Regulation 18, between 9th July 2026 and 19th August 2026. These consultation events were designed to identify key planning challenges facing the Borough, firstly presented in multiple strategies to address them, and later refined policies, a refined spatial strategy and proposed allocations were identified.

The Council has continued to gather evidence to inform the Local Plan, including a Call for Sites, which provided an opportunity for landowners, agents and developers to put forward sites for potential uses.

As a result of this work, we have progressed the new Local Plan to Regulation 19 stage, which will include our final draft polices and housing and employment allocations and reserve sites. A number of new policies have also been identified that reflects the latest evidence and changes to national planning policy.

Under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, a consultation will take part between October 16th and November 26th. Once this concludes, the draft Regulation 19 Local Plan along with all representations made and supporting evidence will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. This submission needs to take place by the 31st December at the latest under the 'Legacy' system.

As a Parish or Town Council, we are writing to you to ensure that you are aware of the consultation and have the opportunity to view the proposals and provide your comments.

The consultation will run from **Friday 16th October to Thursday 26th November 2026**.

During the consultation period, you will be able to:

- View the draft Local Plan, supporting evidence and proposed site allocations;
- Submit comments on any aspect of the draft Local Plan; and
- Attend one of a number of drop-in consultation events taking place across the Borough, including at least one in every Ward containing a proposed allocation.

Details of these events will be published on the Council's website and through social media.

Your views are important and will help inform the preparation of the Local Plan Review.

Please note that the identification of a site within this consultation does not mean that it has been approved for development. The consultation is an opportunity for residents, businesses and other stakeholders to comment on the proposed sites before any decisions are made.

The next stage of the Local Plan Review after Regulation 19 will be the Examination. Please note that if you do not make comments on the Regulation 19 version of the Local Plan in the upcoming consultation, you will not have the ability to take part in the Examination.

Further information including the draft Local Plan, supporting documents, FAQs and the online consultation questionnaire are available on the Council's Regulation 19

Printed copies of the draft Local Plan and consultation response form will also be available at the Council Offices, libraries and leisure centres throughout the consultation period. A full list can be found on the Council's Regulation 19.

If you have any questions about the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Policy Team.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the Local Plan Review.