

**Local Plan  
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004  
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 - Regulation 18  
LEEDS LOCAL PLAN 2040 – SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION  
(REGULATION 18)**

The City Council has published, for comment, an early scoping<sup>1</sup> document for the Leeds Local Plan 2040 (LLP2040). This Leeds Local Plan sets out the authority's approach to planning policy and new development across the district for the period up to 2040.

Based on the potential scope suggested within the consultation material, it is proposed that the overarching ambition for Leeds Local Plan 2040 (LLP2040) is for it to be a plan that reflects the character, needs and requirements of the diverse places within the District; and enables the right amount of development, of the right type and quality, to come forward in the right places.

The current Local Plan 2040 consultation is to establish what the scope for Leeds Local Plan 2040 should be. There are certain policy topic areas we have to update because they are either out-of-date or no longer needed. Similarly, there are potential policy gaps that are not covered in our current Local Plan.

We believe that the following 7 topic areas should be within the scope of this local plan update:

- **Spatial Strategy** – where new development should take place.
- **Housing** – what type and size of new housing is needed.
- **Economic Development** – whether more land is required for new / expanding businesses.
- **Role of City and Local Centres** – approach to facilities and services in our centres.
- **Minerals & Waste** – how we manage waste and the extraction of resources while protecting local environments.
- **Transport & Connectivity** – integrating accessible and sustainable travel throughout the District.
- **Other policy areas** – ensuring high-quality new development can be delivered while respecting the local environment.

**Call for Sites** - In order to meet the needs of our residents and businesses up to 2040, the Local Plan 2040 may need to identify additional land for development. So that we can look at all potential options for this and choose the most suitable sites where they are most needed, we also want to hear from anyone who has any suggestions for sites that should be considered when we are developing the Local Plan.

#### **Period for submission of Comments**

Comments are invited on the Leeds Local Plan 2040 Scoping Document and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for a period of 6 weeks, starting on **Friday 10th February and finishing on Friday 24th March 2023**. This statement provides details on how to make comments.

#### **How to view the documents**

The dedicated and accessible website [www.leeds.gov.uk/llp2040](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/llp2040) will be home to all the information contained within the draft Local Plan. This includes separate sections for the different topic areas. The consultation will be carried out in accordance with the [Statement of Community Involvement](#). The Council's consultation activity will be online with all consultation material being made available at [www.leeds.gov.uk/llp2040](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/llp2040).

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<sup>1</sup> In fulfillment of the requirement to notify and invite representations as part of Local Plan preparation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

This means people can read the whole draft plan or just the areas that are of interest and can contribute their views using our online surveys whether they have read the documents in detail or having read a shorter, more summarised version.

You will also be able to access consultation material at [Libraries](#) and [Community Hubs](#) as well as the Council's Main Office at Merrion House, 110 Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8BB.

Over the coming weeks, members of the Council's Planning team will also be arranging drop-in sessions so people can find out more about the Leeds Local Plan 2040. The details are available online at [www.leeds.gov.uk/llp2040](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/llp2040)

### **Submitting your comments**

This is an important piece of work and it is crucial that we hear from everybody that wants to comment on our plan, making sure we gather the views of as many people, businesses and stakeholders as possible, so the comments gathered represent varied views from all people, businesses and stakeholders across the city.

People can also have their say on Local Plan 2040 by using the online response form through the website [www.leeds.gov.uk/llp2040](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/llp2040), alternatively emailing [llp2040@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:llp2040@leeds.gov.uk), or by writing to: LLP2040 Consultation, Policy & Plans Group, Merrion House, 9th Floor East, 110 Merrion Centre, Leeds, LS2 8BB.

This initial scoping consultation on the draft Local Plan update will run until Friday 24th March 2023 and is the first stage in the process. We will continue to seek people's views as we progress, so that we can develop an updated Local Plan which represents the ambitions of our city as a whole.

The next stage is known as 'Issues and Options'. This will be where we carefully consider the comments you have sent us alongside evidence that we have developed, to identify the issues that the Plan needs to address and what the options for doing this are. This will likely be subject to public consultation in Autumn 2023.

### **Notification**

Unless you specify otherwise, if you make a representation, we will notify you of future stages (including further public consultation). Correspondingly, your representation may be accompanied by a specific request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- (i) the submission of the Local Plan for independent examination;
- (ii) the publication of the recommendations of the Inspector who will be appointed to carry out the subsequent examination; and
- (iii) the adoption of the Local Plan.

Please let us know if you have any requirements in terms of alternative formats or languages and we will make arrangements accordingly<sup>2</sup>.

If you are unable to access the consultation material online, please contact us on 0113 37 87993 or write to us a: [llp2040@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:llp2040@leeds.gov.uk)

### **Privacy Notice**

To comply with its statutory obligations, the Council must make your representation available for public inspection, which includes making this available on the internet. This includes your name, address, and the contents of your comment. To protect personal data from unnecessary disclosure, the Council will, however, remove any personal information provided in your representation which we are not required, by law, to make available (for example, telephone numbers and signatures). The link to councils [Planning Privacy Notice](#)

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<sup>2</sup> Please note that the consultation material is available as html format on our dedicated web-site to enable wider accessibility