

Mendip Local Plan Part II - Progress and Timetable

Last updated 19 March 2019

Plan Preparation		
<i>Local Plan Regulations 2012 - Regulation 18</i>		
Commencement	April - Sept 2015	Commencement of work on Local Plan Part II. Preparation of Background Material on Settlement Constraints, Assessment of Land availability and suitable sites
Issues and Options Consultation	October 2015 to January 2016	Documents published on website and 'roadshow' of events
Additional consultation with Parishes/Town Councils	February - April 2016	Review of Responses - A schedule of respondents was published in April 2016.
	December 2016 - March 2017	Officer-level views on preferred allocations and candidate Local Green Spaces provided to Parish and Town Councils.
	April - July 2017	Review of options in response to comments from Parish Councils.
Review of National Policy/ Strategic Housing Market Assessment	Through 2017	Through the Plan process, the policy team have also been considering the potential impact of changes to National Planning Policy and supporting guidance.
Pre-Submission Consultation		
<i>Local Plan Regulations 2012 - Regulations 19 & 17</i>		
Plan Publication	January 2018 - 12th Feb 2018	This is the formal consultation stage on the Part II plan. Representations made at this stage will be considered at formal examination.
Submission		
<i>Local Plan Regulations 2012 - Regulation 22</i>		
Registration of Responses	Feb – April - 2018	Updated statement on representations and main issues which is submitted with the plan
	Apr-18	Registered representations available on Mendip website
Proposed Changes to the Pre-submission Plan	May - Aug 2018	Review representations and prepare responses. Site assessments for objection sites and local green spaces.
	Jul-18	Revised National Planning Policy framework - review of implications for Local Plan Part II.
	Sept-Oct	Review of proposed changes to local plan part II. Updating of supporting documents & sustainability appraisal before submission
	Nov-Dec 2018	Proposed Changes to the Plan agreed at Cabinet Council and the Plan /Changes endorsed for submission
Submission	23rd Jan 2019	The Plan, Proposed Changes, supporting evidence and details of representations are submitted to the Secretary of State (Planning Inspectorate)
Notification of submission	w/c 4th Feb 2019	Statutory consultees and all notified of the submission and contact details of the programme officer (PO) The PO will support the Inspector and deal with all administrative matters. Documents made available for inspection at council offices
Examination - Local Plan Regulations 2012 - Regulations 23 & 24		
Start of Examination Process	29th Jan 2019	Mike Fox BA(HONS) DIPTP MRTPI appointed to conduct the examination.
	4th March 2019	Initial List of Matters and Issues published and confirmation of hearing dates
Notification of hearings/ Focused Consultation on Proposed Changes	12th March 2019	Focused Consultation on Proposed Changes. Consultees and representors notified of start of hearings and examination programme
	17th May 2019	Deadline for additional statements
Local Plan -public hearings	23rd July 2019	Public hearings phase opens until 2nd August.
Main Modifications	Oct-19	This is the earliest likely date for the Inspector to publish 'main modifications' The Council will need to consider the changes and publish a revised plan for formal consultation
Further Consultation	Nov-19	Main Modifications Consultation - Responses back to Inspector
Final Inspectors Report	Dec/Jan	Final Inspectors Report
Adoption	Feb/Mar 2020	Part II Plan is formally adopted by the Council and forms part of the development plan.

