LUTON LOCAL PLAN (2011-31)

STATEMENT OF CONSULTATION

April 2016
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. This document has been prepared to meet the requirements of Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Plan) (England) Regulations 2012 which requires the Council to produce a Consultation Statement summarising the steps that have been taken to publicise and consult on the Plan during its preparation and to provide a summary of the main issues raised and how they have been taken into account.

1.2. At each stage of the consultation the Council has complied with its Statement of Community Involvement which was updated and adopted in 2012 to reflect the current plan making regulations. At each stage the consultation response has fed into and informed the next stage in preparing the Plan.

1.3. The consultation has been extensive and has met all the statutory requirements. A consultation database lists several hundred organisations and individuals who have been and have requested to be consulted on planning policies. See Appendix 1.

1.4. Full copies of all representations made have been made available at each stage of consultation and have been directly accessible using the local plan Objective web portal.

1.5. In addition, summaries of the consultation responses received at each consultation stage have already been published on the local plan web page. These summaries, including the latest summary to accompany the Pre-submission plan, are set out as individual document schedules of comments and responses to supplement this document.

1.6. Section 2 summarises the steps taken to publicise and encourage response to:

2 A) The Pre-submission Luton Local Plan 2011-2031 (Regulation 19) public consultation stage which took place for 6 weeks from 26th October to 7th December 2015.

2 B) The Draft Luton Local Plan 2011-31 (Regulation 18 part 2) Notification consultation which took place for 6 weeks from 30th June to 22nd August 2014.

2 C) The Notification Stage (Regulation 18) which took place in the summer of 2012.
SECTION 2 A)

PUBLICATION OF A LOCAL PLAN (PRE-SUBMISSION LUTON LOCAL PLAN 2011-31) CONSULTATION - REG 19 (26TH OCTOBER – 7TH DECEMBER 2015)

- Luton Line Article (25th October 2015) delivered via Luton on Sunday Paper (explaining how people can view and respond to the local plan and sustainability appraisal consultation via the web links (for the local plan web page and consultation portal) and deposit points (see Appendix 1)
- Luton On Sunday Notices delivered to all Luton Households (Sunday 25th October and Sunday 1st November 2015). *See copy below which explains that people can respond to the Pre- submission Luton Local Plan 2011-31 and sustainability appraisal in writing and direct on-line via the local plan web link (and how to obtain more information and advice) or via deposit points
- Herald and Post Notices as above (Thursday 22nd October and Thursday 29th October)
- Email Library/Community Centre staff briefed
- Pre- submission Luton Local Plan 2011-31 electronic copy (accessed via the local plan web page) includes an “Important Notice” which also explains how people can respond to the local plan and sustainability appraisal consultation via the web links (i.e. Local Plan web page and consultation portal) or that people can write in using the free post address

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TOWN HALL
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LU1 2BR

...and how to obtain more information and advice (email: strategicplanningteam@luton.gov.uk or telephone: 01582 547087)

Written Letter and Email Notification (see Appendix 4):-
- General/other
- Specific consultees.
- Local MPs(Luton North and Luton South)

Deposit Points Documents:-
- Instructions/briefing note to reception and librarians
- Lutonline Article/poster
- Pro forma response form and guidance notes
- Statement of Consultation
- Statement of Representations procedure
- Pre-submission Luton Local Plan
- Sustainability Appraisal

Town Centre Office Deposit Points (normal office hours 9am – 6pm)
- Planning Reception Town Hall
- Main Town Hall Reception
Housing Reception

Libraries/Community Centres Deposit Points (normal opening times)

- Central Library
- Leagrave
- Marsh Farm
- Lewsey
- Stopsley
- Bury Park

Corporate Notification (email notification)

All members of LBC
Trevor Holden, Chief Exec
All Directors
Key Heads of Services and Service Managers

Members Local Plan Working Party Meetings:

- 7th December 2015;
- 7th January 2016;
- 9th February 2016
Luton Local Plan 2011-2031 – Consultation Statement

*Example Public Notice in Luton on Sunday and Herald and Post News Papers

**Luton Local Plan 2011-2031**
*Publication of Pre-submission Plan and its Sustainability Appraisal*

| Document titles | 1. Pre-submission Luton Local Plan (2011-2031), October 2015  
2. Sustainability Appraisal of the Luton Local Plan, October 2015 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Subject Matter  | Drawing on a consultation process that began in 2012, and again in the summer 2014, the Pre-submission Local Plan sets-out the vision, objectives and detailed policies to guide development across the town.  

The sustainability appraisal identifies the significant effects of the plan. |
| Area Covered    | The Borough of Luton. |
| Participation   | Representations are sought on whether the strategy and the policies of the local plan comply with soundness tests and legal requirements. Comments are also sought on the sustainability appraisal of the plan.  

Responses to this stage of consultation will inform a further version of the plan that will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for formal examination.  

All representations must be received between 26th October and 7th December 2015 (by 5.00 pm).  

All representations must be posted or submitted electronically using the contact details provided below. |
| Contact Details | Website: [www.luton.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.luton.gov.uk/localplan)  

Email: [strategicplanningteam@luton.gov.uk](mailto:strategicplanningteam@luton.gov.uk)  

Strategic Planning  
Luton Borough Council  
Town Hall  
Luton  
LU1 2BQ  

Tel: (01582) 547087  

The documents and associated evidence are available on the website. Copies are available for inspection at the town hall main and planning receptions, (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 08.30-17.30; Wed 10:00-17:30) and public libraries listed below:-  

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- Bury Park |
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Copies will also be made available at local community centres within Luton.
SECTION 2B

PREPARATION OF A LOCAL PLAN (DRAFT LUTON LOCAL PLAN 2011-31) NOTIFICATION STAGE - REG 18 PART 2 (30 JUNE – 22ND AUGUST 2014)

- **Luton Line Article** (29th June 2014) delivered via Luton on Sunday Paper (explaining how people can respond to the local plan and sustainability appraisal consultation via the web links (for the local plan web page and consultation portal via a QR code) or that people can write in and how to obtain more information and advice (see Appendix 2):-
  - [http://www.luton.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.luton.gov.uk/localplan)

- **Luton On Sunday Notices** delivered to all Luton Households (29th June and 6th July 2014). *See copy below* which explains that people can respond to the local plan and sustainability appraisal direct on-line via the local plan web link (and how to obtain more information and advice)

- **Herald and Post Notices** as above (03 July + 1 week)
- **Press Release** including on Council web site (Tuesday 1st July)
- **Email Library and Community Centre staff briefed on Lutonline**
- **Draft Luton Local Plan electronic copy** (accessed via the local plan web page) includes an “**Important Notice**” which also explains how people can respond to the local plan and sustainability appraisal consultation via the web links (local plan web page and consultation portal) or that people can write in using the free post address

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**Written Letter and Email Notification**:--
- 50 letters and 500 emails existing consultees, General and Specific consultees.

**Deposit Points Documents**:--
- Instruction to reception and librarians
- Lutonline Article/poster
- pro forma response form and guidance notes
- Consultation Statement
- Responses to representations (Reg 18 Notification 2012)
- Statement of Representations procedure
- Draft Luton Local Plan
- Sustainability Appraisal

**Town Centre Office Deposit Points** (normal office hours 9am – 6pm)
Planning Reception Town Hall
Main Town Hall Reception
Housing Reception
TOKKO Reception

Libraries Deposit Points (normal opening times)
- Bury Park
- Central Library
- Lewsey
- Marsh Farm
- Leagrave
- Stopsley

Other document dissemination via Community Centres (Draft Luton Local Plan and Sustainability Appraisal delivered during 1st week of consultation)
- Bury Park Community Resources Centre
- Bushmead Community Centre
- Dallow Learning Community Centre (Dallow Road)
- Farley (Delphine Close)
- High Town Community Sports & Arts Centre
- Leagrave/Hockwell Ring (Mayne Avenue)
- Futures House (Marsh Farm Northwell Road)
- Park Town (Bailey Street)
- Raynham Way (Eaton Green Road)
- Saints Community Centre(Soleway Road)

Corporate Notification (email notification)
All members of LBC
Trevor Holden, Chief Exec
All Directors
Key Heads of Services and Service Managers

Members Local Plan Working Party: 26th June 2014

Ward Fora
All – briefing note, Lutonline and brief officer presentation

- **West Area Board** Thursday 5th June 2014 6.00pm
  Challney, Leagrave & Lewsey
- **North Luton Area Board** Tuesday 10th June 2014 7.30pm
  Lewsey Learning Resource Centre Bramingham, Icknield, Limbury, Northwell & Sundon Park
- **Central Luton Area Board** Tuesday 12th June 2014 6.30 pm Ward Meetings Barnfield, Biscot, High Town & Saints
- **South Luton Area Board** Monday 23rd June 6.30 pm Ward Meetings Dallow, Farley & South
- **East Luton Area Board** 2014 Thursday 3rd July 2014 6.00 pm Ward Meetings Crawley, Round Green, Stopsley & Wigmore

Community Fairs (email notification and hard copy Lutonline and Ward based Policies Map excerpt delivered)
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*Example Public Notice in Luton on Sunday and Herald and Post News Papers*

### Luton Local Plan 2011-2031

**Publication of Draft Plan and its Sustainability Appraisal**

|                 | 4. Sustainability Appraisal of the Luton Local Plan |

**Subject Matter**

Building on a consultation process that began in 2012, the draft plan sets-out the preferred vision, objectives and detailed policies to guide development across the town.

The sustainability appraisal identifies the significant effects of the plan.

**Area Covered**

The borough of Luton.

**Participation**

Representations are sought on the breadth and depth of the vision, objectives and policies proposed by the draft plan. Comments are also sought on the sustainability appraisal of the plan.

Responses to this stage of consultation will inform a further version of the plan that will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for formal examination.

All representations must be received between 30th June 2014 and August 22nd 2014.

All representations must be posted or submitted electronically using the contact details provided below.

**Contact Details**

Website: [www.luton.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.luton.gov.uk/localplan)

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The draft plan, sustainability appraisal and associated evidence are available on the website, at the town hall and public libraries listed below:

- Luton Central
- Bury Park
- Leagrave
- Lewsey
- Marsh Farm
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SECTION 2 C)

PREPARATION OF A LOCAL PLAN NOTIFICATION STAGE - REG 18 PART 1 (25 JUNE – 3RD AUGUST 2012)

Councillor Workshops

**Members Seminar 1:** High Town Community Centre
17th October 2011

**Members Seminar 2:** Luton Central Library
24th November 2011: appendix 2: summary notes

**Luton Line Article and Questionnaire** (24th June 2012 - see Appendix 3)
- Luton On Sunday delivered to all Luton Households (24th June 2012)
- Press Release including on Council web site (Friday 22nd June 2012)
- Planning Web page and consultation portal link advertised in Luton line Article/questionnaire
- Library and community Centre staff briefed on Luton line Questionnaire and bundles of Luton Line (approx 200 each) with ‘drop in’ collection boxes delivered to:-

**Town Centre Office Deposit Points** (normal office hours 9am – 6pm)
- Planning Reception town Hall
- Main Town Hall Reception
- Housing Reception

**Libraries**
- Bury Park
- Central Library
- Lewsey
- Marsh Farm

**Community Centres**
- **Bury Park** (*Dunstable Road – covered by the Library*)
- Bushmead Community Centre
- **Dallow** (*Dallow Road*)
- Farley (Delphine Close)
- High Town
- Leagrave/Hockwell Ring (Mayne Avenue)
- Jubilee Community Centre (Marsh Farm Northwell Road)
- Park Town (Bailey Street)
- Raynham Way
- Saints (Soleway Road)
- Sundon Park (Sundon Park Road)

**Written Letter Notification**:
- 255 existing consultees, general public
- 70 specific consultees
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- General consultees

E-mail notification:-
- 120 existing consultees, general public

Corporate Notification (email notification)
All members of LBC
Trevor Holden, Chief Exec
All Directors
Key Heads of Services and Service Managers

Community Fora (email notification unless otherwise stated)

Luton Assembly
- Planning Our Community Event - 52A Baptist church, Park Street 1st December 2012: Appendix 3 Flyer; appendix 4 notes of Seminar
- Meeting July? Agenda item: Luton Local Plan Notification

Luton Forum – 14th June Agenda item Luton Local Plan Notification

Luton Area Boards –

- Central Area Board Wed 13th June 2012 Item 7.4 Progress Report on Central Area Priorities Luton Local Plan 2011-2031 Report by Marek Lubelski/Adam Divney
- East Area Board 5th July 2012 Item 7.3 Area Report Gary Roberts Update Report: Luton Local Plan 2011-2031
- West Area Board 7th June Item 7.4 Progress Report on West Area Priorities Luton Local Plan 2011-2031 Report by Marek Lubelski/Adam Divney

Community Festivals – workshop on sites for development and community assets:-
- South Ward Community Festival - Saturday 16 June 2012 from 12-4pm - Green space located next to Park Town Community and Children’s Centre
- Area North Community Festival - Saturday 23 June 2012 from 12-4pm - Futures House, The Moakes, Luton
- Dallow Community Festival - Sunday 24 June 2012 from 12-4pm - Dallow Learning Community Centre
- Bushmead Community Festival - Saturday 30 June 2012 from 12-4pm - In and around Bushmead Community Centre, Hancock Drive
- Lewsey Community Festival - Saturday 30 June 2012 from 10-5pm - Lewsey Park, Pastures Way
- Denbigh High school festival - Saturday 30 June 2012 at Denbigh High School - this is an event we are supporting, not leading
- Leagrave Summer Festival - Tuesday 17th July (9:30am - 9pm) - Wednesday 18th July (9:30am - 3pm) at Leagrave Primary school – (a supported event -not leading

Citizens Panel – selected questions (1,000 telephone interviews)
Neighbourhood Governance – Face to Face Interviews (1,200 sample survey all wards i.e. 70 per ward) – selection of Questions appendix

Community Safety / Social Justice (email notification)
LBC social justice Unit
Beds Police
Beds Fire & Rescue
Various members of LBC staff and Councillors on the LAAP list
Portfolio Holder (Community Safety)
Beds Probation Trust
Luton Youth Offending Service
Stronger and Safer Network (Luton Assembly)
Director of Public Health

Community Groups (email notification)
Age Concern
Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
Mary Seacole
Leighton Linslade Citizens Advice Bureau
Eaga Plc
Luton Mediation
Family Action
Luton Law Centre
Disability Resource Centre
Voluntary Action Luton
Luton Foyer - email Notification
Refugee and Migrant Development Association
Luton Citizens Advice Bureau
Luton Culture
Income Max
Noah Enterprise
Job Centre Plus
Sight Concern
Luton Irish Forum
Centre for Youth and Community Development
Beds and Luton Mind
Luton Housing
Salvation Army

Health (email notification)
Luton NHS PCT
Bedfordshire and Luton Partnership Trust (NHS)

Utilities (Letter notification)
Veolia
Thames Water
Anglian Water
British Gas
Telecommunications
Mobile Operators Association

Faiths
Luton Council of Faiths
Churches Together in Luton (Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, United Reform, Quakers and Catholic)
Director Luton Churches Education Trust (LCET)
Restoration Revival Church - Restoration Revival Fellowship
Cavalry Church of God in Christ
High Town Methodist Church
Luton Council of Mosques
Sunni Council of Mosques
Luton central Mosque
Bury Park Islamic Centre
Guru Nanak Gurdwara Luton
Shri Guru Ravidas Sabha
Shree Sanathan Seva Samaj
Hindu Mandir / Centre
Baps Swaminarayan Mandir
Luton Hebrew Congregation
Beds Progressive Synagogue

Business & Development (email notification)
Luton Chamber Business - (placed on Chamber Linked In page)
London Luton Airport
Napier Park (Augur Group)
Century Park (Holmes – Antilll; Prologis)
Power Court (British Land)
Stockwood Park (Bidwells)
Federation of Small Business (Luton and southern Beds Branch)
Institute of Directors
LBC business Breakfast Meeting (over 700 businesses)
Bury Park businesses contacts
SEMLEP

Registered Providers:-
- Affinity Sutton
- Aldwyck Housing Association
- Bedfordshire Pilgrims (BPHA)
- Catalyst Housing Group
- Circle Anglia
- Genesis Housing Group
- Grand Union Housing Group
- Guinness Trust
- Home
- Jephson
- Luton Community Housing
- North Herts Homes
- Notting Hill Housing
Neighbourhood Planning – Expressions of Interest (email notification)
Luton south Ward (Meeting 29th June)
Luton South conservation Society (Meeting 2nd June)
Dallow Ward
Farley Hill Ward – Marsh Farm Outreach (Meeting 29th June)
Friends of Bushwood

Local Natural Environment Groups
- Luton Friends of the Earth
- Bedfordshire & Luton Biodiversity Recording and Monitoring Centre
- Wildlife Trust
- Luton & Dunstable Conservation Volunteers
- Luton Friends of Parks & Greenspaces
- Chilterns Conservation Board
- Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (also contacted as community group)

Local Built Environment Groups
- Luton Heritage Forum, an umbrella group for all local conservation

Planning Agents/Developers
- Richard Lloyd
- Development Planning Consultants
- Michael Hardiman & Associates
- Peter Hill
- Michael Dales Partnership
- R J Kendall
- Lambert Associates
- J Roscoe Milne Partnership
- Triad Design
- Jon Moulding
- Building Advisory Service

Relevant Authorities
Local Planning Authorities (Chief Executive and Head of Planning)
- Central Bedfordshire Council
- Dacorum Borough Council
- North Hertfordshire District Council
- Stevenage Borough Council
- St Albans City & District Council

County Councils (Chief Executive and Head of Planning)
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Buckinghamshire County Council

Parish Councils
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- Caddington
- Chalton
- Dunstable Town Council
- Flamstead
- Harpenden Rural
- Harpenden Town Council
- Hyde
- King’s Walden
- Lilley
- Markyate
- Offley
- Slip End
- St Paul’s Walden
- Streatley
- Sundon

Specific Consultation Bodies (not already mentioned)
- Natural England
- The Environment Agency
- English Heritage
- The Highways Agency
- Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd
- Bedford Group of Drainage Boards
- National Grid UK
- Homes and Communities Agency
Your chance to help shape the town

The Council is consulting on the Luton Local Plan before submitting it to Central Government for approval. The Local Plan, which spans 20 years from 2011 to 2031, shows how Luton will grow and where people will live, work and shop – finding entertainment in a thriving town centre, engaging in sport, enjoying green open spaces, local heritage and being close to nature.

In 2012 we asked for comments on what should be in the plan, given the challenges Luton faces to meet residents’ growing needs without spoiling the town. Your responses helped us to produce the draft Luton Local Plan 2014, which we consulted you on last year. We are now calling for comments on the pre-submission version.

To see how feedback on last year’s draft Local Plan helped to shape the pre-submission version, see www.luton.gov.uk.

The pre submission draft plan:
- forecasts Luton will grow by an extra 18,000 households over the next 20 years but only has land capacity for 6,700 households
- plans for employment to grow by about 18,000 jobs over the next 20 years
- concludes Luton will not be able to provide for all of its needs within the town
- commits Luton to work with neighbouring local authorities to help solve unmet housing and other needs owing to the lack of space and limited schools capacity
- identifies that some industrial space should be recycled to help meet housing needs but the remaining industrial land which is mostly fully occupied must be protected to ensure local businesses can afford to stay in the town, helping to secure local jobs
- targets high quality employment land at Butterfield, Century Park and Junction 10a of the M1 to be developed to attract new (and to grow existing) businesses to provide a range of skilled jobs, including growth and travel opportunities presented by an expanding London Luton Airport, to ensure Luton continues to provide a sub-regional employment role with accessible shops and services and a transport hub serving local residents and many people who commute into the town
- proposes a network of district and neighbourhood centres to ensure people can do their weekly and daily shopping and easily reach local services such as GPs, dentists, schools, sport and play without having to use a car
- protecting and enhancing a green network of parks, open spaces, landscape and wildlife areas
- allocating retail and mixed uses, focussing on regenerating the town centre in areas such as Power Court and the Northern Gateway to the Mall, as a sustainable location for people to live, work and play, with room to develop creative industries and a thriving café culture in a new ‘creative quarter’ in the town centre
- High Town and Napier Park will be key locations for new development, playing an important part in delivering new housing, retail and employment.

Consultation on the final draft of the Local Plan and its Sustainability Appraisal closes on 7 December. So don’t miss your chance to comment – see http://consult.luton.gov.uk/portal or ask to see a copy at your local library or the Town Hall.
Appendix 2

Draft local plan for Luton

Have we got it right?

The Council is consulting from 30 June to 22 August on its draft local plan. This is your chance to tell us what you think and help us to further improve the plan.

In the summer of 2012 we asked you what you thought should be contained in a new local plan. We explained that our town faces significant challenges with future population growth expected and limited space.

We also asked you where people should live and how they should access jobs and services while minimising traffic congestion and environmental impact. We suggested that innovative design and shared uses might help to provide services including schools, leisure, health, transport, affordable housing and open spaces.

Your comments during the 2012 consultation helped us create the draft plan. Back then, you told us you thought the main issues in planning for the future over the next 20 years were:

- protecting things that residents like (56%)
- deciding where development should go (45%)
- how to get a job locally (43%)
- how to find an affordable home (43%)
- public transport (38%)
- activities/uses for new developments (33%)
- car parking (33%)
- finding available land (32%).
In particular, you prioritised tackling job opportunities (41%), affordable housing (32%) and traffic congestion (25%) (source: Luton Citizen Panel Survey, June 2012, BMRB research).

We have taken your views into account in preparing our draft local plan, along with other comments from local employers and organisations providing services to you.

Growth forecasts show Luton will expand by an extra 18,000 households over the next 20 years but only has land capacity for 6,000 households.

Development land is scarce and expensive because it is mainly brownfield employment land that often needs costly decontamination and other site preparation work.

Clarity. Luton won’t be able to provide for all of its needs within the town. The draft local plan therefore looks to neighbouring local authorities to help meet future needs as far as possible.

The draft local plan helps to protect existing business space with modest needs to ensure local businesses can afford to stay in the town, so securing local jobs.

Land aimed at cutting-edge industry and employment will attract new firms to Barrierfield, Century Park and land south of Stockwood Park. London Luton Airport will also be growing and attracting businesses, so residents of Luton and neighbouring towns and villages will benefit from high-quality jobs in engineering and aviation-related businesses.

Shops and community services such as GP surgeries, schools, sport and pay space will be encouraged to expand, though shared spaces and innovatively designed buildings within a network of district and neighbourhood centres, so people can do their weekly and daily shopping and access services without having to drive there.

A green network of parks, open spaces, landscape and wildlife areas will be protected to ensure residents can continue to enjoy a pleasant and healthy environment.

The town centre will remain the prime location for retail, housing, leisure and other services to ensure it adapts to changing markets and remains a vibrant area for people to live, work and play. Creative industries and a thriving café culture will be encouraged in the town centre’s creative quarter north of St George’s Square and the Mail and the Mail and the Mail and the Mail.

High Town, Power Court and Napier Park will also be key locations for new development including new housing, retail and employment.

The impact of the plan has been assessed through a process known as sustainability appraisal – you can also read and comment on this. You are encouraged to respond online for speed and accuracy if possible.

The draft plan and sustainability appraisal can also be inspected at the Town Hall and the following public libraries, along with details on how to write to us with your comments:

- Luton Central
- Bury Park
- Langrove
- Lewsey
- Marsh Farm
- Studley

We look forward to hearing from you.

So what do you think about the draft local plan?

Have we got it right? To see a copy and make comments, visit
Local plan – what do you think?

Have you noticed the town changing?

The town centre has been transformed over the last four years with the huge success of the new look St George’s Square, The Mall extension and high street pedestrianisation. The new rail station car park is now complete and the guided busway is progressing well. But we are planning ahead and need to do more.

The existing Local Plan is ageing and the Council needs your help with a new Local Plan looking forward to 2031 and shaping the building of homes, shops, offices, businesses and schools. We also want your views on improving and protecting green places for people to play or enjoy wildlife and tranquil greenery.

Local communities who wish to go even further can create their own detailed Neighbourhood Plans and Neighbourhood Development Orders setting out precisely what is to be built where, how it looks and which locations to protect.

Many of you will be wondering how all this can be happening at a time of economic struggle and budget cuts? A big advantage is Luton’s strong planning policies and strategies to win Government funding, business confidence and commitment to invest in the town for your future.

Strong planning policies need an up-to-date Local Plan, setting out a 20-year vision for growth, health and wellbeing, including where development will go and how people will get to places. Planning policies must provide quality housing, jobs and leisure facilities.

But the town faces some hard choices. There is no room to grow outward and pressure to use existing land. The town’s population continues to grow and this means some development may have to take place on employment land, green space or other sites, as well as maximising recycling vacant brownfield land and buildings as much as possible.

Bolder and more innovative thinking is needed to meet the town’s needs. We must be creative with development to generate finance and recycle space, eg to expand or build new schools to give children and grandchildren the best opportunities in life. Other possibilities include converting office space to schools and building upwards, or sharing play and recreation facilities with the community and finding living space on surplus land.

We want your views on these difficult choices and how to shape the plan. Please complete the following questionnaire. We cannot accept your comments unless you include your name and address.

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Questionnaire

1. Where will our people, families and children live?
   There is evidence that the future population of the borough will increase significantly over the next 20 years. As children grow they will need a decent and affordable home to live in. Projections suggest the next 20 years could see the number of households in Luton increase between 11,000 to 19,000 households.

   a) How can we plan for future housing needs? Write in the box below.
   
   A household can be one person living alone or people sharing a common living area.
   
   b) What are the main issues or reasons that influenced your answer above? Write in the box below.

2. What land or property can we use and what for?
   The Council has evidence it will be a challenge to find room on the land available for a growing population, with houses and jobs to match, in Luton over the next 20 years.

   a) Do you have ideas on how to encourage housing, jobs and wellbeing within the limited space of the town over the next 20 years without destroying our natural and built environment? Write in the box below.

   b) What are the main issues or reasons that influenced your answer above? Write in the box below. You may wish to refer to some of the example bullet issues set out below to help spark ideas.

   - Housing and buildings e.g. employment, housing, open spaces or other land and property
   - Applying different densities to fit more development closer to public transport hubs within the town e.g. in the town centre, in nearby shopping or other areas
   - Building upwards in appropriate locations to fit more development within the town
   - Mixing uses on land or within buildings when it becomes available e.g. providing jobs, housing and green space on the same site
   - Protecting areas from development

3. Where will you shop, work and find the services you need?
   How can a 20-year plan improve the pattern of facilities such as shopping, jobs, leisure and services within the town to meet future needs e.g. libraries, health clinics, dentist and Council services? You may wish to refer to some of the example bullet issues set out in the next column to help spark ideas.

   Examples of issues facing the town:
   - role of the town centre
   - role of district and other local centres close to where you live
   - role of existing development sites or regeneration areas coming forward from the old local plan e.g. Power Court, Century Park, football club site (adjacent to Stockwood Park / Junction 10a, Napier Park and Luton Farm)
   - role of other locations or potential development sites you know of

4. How can we improve our quality of life while reducing the environmental and living costs of our residents e.g. household energy use, transport and time?

   a) What are your priorities to help improve connections between green space, jobs and services while minimising traffic gridlock, harmful pollution and risks of climate change associated with CO2 emissions? You may wish to refer to some of the example bullet issues set out below to help spark ideas:

   - Less reliance on the private car
   - Guided busway and how it should connect
   - Parking controls and parking standards in different areas
   - Development density e.g. housing in areas close to public transport and services
   - Limiting traffic generation and using green squares of public transport services and transport interchange e.g. places where people swap journeys between buses, trains, taxi and air

   b) How can we improve vehicles to deliver more quality within our natural and built environment? More of the community facilities that we need; more sustainable energy sources, increased efficiency and less need for energy? You may wish to refer to some of the example bullet issues set out below to help spark ideas:

   - Mixing uses within land and buildings developments
   - Innovative design to secure provision of homes, schools, services within buildings e.g. social rented office
   - Shared use of facilities e.g. schools and community buildings, sports and playing fields
   - Home insulation
   - Micro generation and passive energy from the sun, wind or ground heat e.g. generation of electric using solar photo voltaic cells (PV) or wind turbines on houses and buildings or generation of heat using solar thermal panels, ground source or air source heat pumps,
   - Decentralised energy (burning biomass to generate power on site or nearby including district or community heating which can also involve using heat from other energy sources which would otherwise be wasted)

   To make a valid response, please fill in the details below.
   Your name and title:

   Address (including post code):

   Email address (if you have one):

   Please tick [] if you wish to be added to our database for other planning consultation stages. Then tear out, fold the completed questionnaire, put it in an envelope and send to Luton Borough Council FREEPOST ANG 7164 Planning and Transportation Luton L12 BR or see www.luton.gov.uk/localplan2031 If you don’t have internet access you can use the facilities at your local library where you can also collect a hard copy questionnaire to fill out and leave in the collection box or visit the Town Hall’s main planning office.

   This consultation includes a call for sites, so if you know of existing land and property which is available, or likely to become available, to be reused or redeveloped to serve the community, then we want to know about it – we will use the call for sites form on our consultation website or obtain hard copies as described above.

   Your response must be received by 5pm on Monday 10th August 2012.

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Appendix 4 Summary List of organisations consulted

General:-
Abbey Land Developments Ltd
Affinity Water
Aggregate Industries UK Ltd
AMEC
Anglian Water Services Limited
Arnold White Estates Ltd & Willis Dawson Holdings Ltd
Barton Willmore
BCN Wildlife Trust
Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation
Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce
Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Bedfordshire Local Nature Partnership
Bedfordshire Police
Bellways Homes (Northern Home Counties)
Bidwells
Biogen Greenfinch
BLDA LLP Chartered Architects
Brian Barber Associates
Broadway Malyan
Brook
C Jackson and Sons
Campaign for Real Ale
Carter Jonas LLP
Cemex
Central Bedfordshire and Luton Joint Local Access Forum
Chartered Institution of Wastes Management
Cissbury Consulting
CJH Consultants
Clifford W & RC Shrimplin
Colliers International
Co-operative Estates
CPRE Bedfordshire
CPRE Hertfordshire
Crown Estate
Dallow Development Trust
David Lock Associates
DB Standing and Sons Ltd
Dechert LLP
Dev Plan
Development Planning Partnership
Luton Local Plan 2011-2031 – Consultation Statement

DLP Planning Consultants
DTZ
Dycol Ltd
East Hall Farm
Environmental Economics
F & R Cawley Ltd
Farley Ward Councillors
FCC Environment
Federation of Small Businesses Bedfordshire Branch
Forte Developments
Fraser Family of Model Farm, Hockliffe Road, Leighton Buzzard
Friends of Bushwood
Friends Of The Earth (Luton)
General Motors UK Limited
GL Hearn Limited
Gladman Developments
Growing Beds
Growth Area Parish Partnership - GAPP
GVA Grimley Ltd
H G Clarke & Son
Hanson Aggregates
Heathcote Farms
Heaton Planning
Henry Boot Ltd
Herefordshire Gardens Trust
Highways England
Hives Planning Limited
Holmes Antill
Home Builders Federation Ltd
Hope Construction Materials
Impala Limited
Indigo Planning Limited
Januarys Consultant Surveyors
JB Planning Associates
Jehovah's Witnesses
Kirkby and Diamond
Kirkwells
L B Silica Sand Ltd
Lafarge Tarmac Ltd
Lambert Smith Hampton
LANAG
Leighton Buzzard Railway
Levvel Limited
LLAL
LLOL
London Green Belt Council
London Gypsy and Traveller Unit
Luton & District Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise (LADACAN)
Luton Borough Council Liberal Democrat Group of Councillors.
Luton Council of Faiths
Luton Cultural Services Trust
Luton Friends of Parks and Green Spaces
Luton Heritage Forum
Luton Irish Forum
Luton Landscape Working Group
Luton Town Football Club
Luton, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses
Made in Luton
Martin Robeson Planning Practice
Martineau
Material Change Ltd
MDR Associates
Mineral Products Association
Minerals and Waste Planning Team
Mobile Operators Association
Mono Consultants Ltd
N J L Consulting
National Grid
National Rail Infrastructure Limited
NHS
NHS Property Services Ltd
NJL Consulting
No North
North Luton Development Consortium
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire
Paul Newman New Homes
Pegasus Planning Group
Phillips Planning Services
Planning Potential Ltd
Planning Works Ltd
Planware Ltd
Population Matters
Prologis (Solihull)
Quod
Robinson & Hall
Rock Asphalt
RSPB
Savills
Shire Consulting
Sibelco
Smith Stuart Reynolds
Smiths Gore
South Bedfordshire Friends of the Earth
Sport England
SSA Planning Limited
Strutt & Parker
Sustrans
Taylor Vinters
Terence O'Rourke Ltd
The Bedfordshire Association Of Town And Parish Councils
The Chilterns Conservation Board
The Co-Operative Group (C W S) Ltd
The Greensand Trust
The Luton Forum
The Ramblers Association
The Theatres Trust
Thomas Beazley & Sons Ltd
Thomas Brothers
TOC Recycling Ltd
Transition Luton - Core Group
Turley
UK Power Networks
Veolia Environmental Services
Viridor Waste Management
Voluntary and Community Action South Bedfordshire
WDA Planning
White Peak Planning
WRAP
WYG plc

Specific:–
Affinity Water
Anglian Water Services Limited
Aylesbury Vale District Council
Barton-le-Clay Parish Council
Bedford Borough Council
Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Bedfordshire Police
Buckinghamshire County Council
Caddington Parish Council
Caddington, Hyde and Slip End Parish Councils
Central Bedfordshire Council
Central Bedfordshire Regeneration and Business
Chalton Parish Council
Civil Aviation Authority
The Coal Authority
Dacorum Borough Council
Dunstable Town Council
Environment Agency
Greater London Authority
Heath & Reach Parish Council
Hertfordshire County Council
Highways England
Historic England
Homes and Communities Agency
Houghton Regis Town Council
Hyde Parish Council
Ickleford Parish Council
Kings Walden Parish Council
Lilley Parish Council
Luton Borough Council
Luton Clinical Commissioning Group
Marine Management Organisation
Markyate Parish Council
Milton Keynes Council
Minerals and Waste Planning Team
Mobile Operators Association
National Grid
National Rail Infrastructure Limited
Natural England
NHS England
North Hertfordshire District Council
Office of Rail Regulation
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire
Offley Parish Council
Preston Parish Council
Secretary of State for Transport
SEMLEP
Slip End Parish Council
Sport England
St Albans City & District Council
St Paul's Walden Parish Council
Stanbridge Parish Council
Stevenage Borough Council
Streatley Parish Council
Studham Parish Council
Sundon Parish Council
Thames Water Utilities Limited
The Bedfordshire Association Of Town And Parish Councils
The Coal Authority
UK Power Networks
Wymondley Parish Council