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Cheshire East Local Plan

Current Consultation: Development Strategy and Policy Principles



Cheshire East Council is preparing its new Local Plan which will guide the future planning and development of the area. The latest stage of consultation on the new Cheshire East Local Plan runs from 15th January to 26th February 2013. We are consulting on two main documents (Overall Development Strategy for Cheshire East and Emerging Policy Principles) and two supporting documents (Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment).

Click on one of the documents below to go straight to the consultation portal to make comments. Alternatively, please see the [Development Strategy and Policy Principles](#) page where you will find further details of the consultation including downloadable copies of all the documents, a summary of the Development Strategy and a guide to making comments online.

- [Make Comments on the Development Strategy for Cheshire East](#)
- [Make Comments on the Emerging Policy Principles](#)
- [Make Comments on the Sustainability Appraisal](#)
- [Make Comments on the Habitats Regulations Assessment](#)

New Local Plan for Cheshire East

The Council is currently developing a new Local Plan which will be the Development Plan for Cheshire East and form the basis of planning decisions until 2030. It will contain planning strategy, policies and site allocations. It will be accompanied by an infrastructure plan that will set out transport, social and other infrastructure required to support development.

The Local Plan will look at the social, economic and environmental needs of each town. It will help to deliver economic growth by identifying and unlocking development opportunities and help us to co-ordinate the delivery of new and improved roads, public transport and utilities. It will help improve our environment by setting improved design standards for new development, protecting nature conservation areas, promoting parks and open spaces, safeguarding heritage assets (such as listed buildings), encouraging the generation of renewable energy, and safeguarding the countryside by focusing development to the towns and larger villages.

It will consider how much housing is needed, including the mix of types and sizes of new homes. It will look at possible sites and consider associated needs for new and improved schools and community facilities. It will also consider the needs for other types of land-use such as employment, retail and leisure uses.

The National Planning Policy Framework is clear that there is now a 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' at the heart of the planning system. The Local Plan will enable the Council to guide this sustainable

development to the most appropriate locations in Cheshire East, and to make sure that all new development contributes to future infrastructure needs. However, there will be tough choices to be made about where development should go.

Community engagement is very important in developing the new Local Plan.

The [Local Plan Consultations](#) page shows details of the consultations that have been carried out so far, and those that are coming up soon. If you would like to be kept informed please register your details using our consultation portal or send us an email using the address below.



Existing Local Plans

Prior to adoption of documents in the new Local Plan, the [Saved Policies](#) from the Congleton Local Plan, Crewe and Nantwich Local Plan, Macclesfield Local Plan, Cheshire Structure Plan, Cheshire Waste Plan and Cheshire Minerals Plan will continue to be used.

Latest News

- You can write to us at Cheshire East Council Spatial Planning, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ or email to planningpolicy@cheshireeast.gov.uk. Please note; our freepost address is no longer in use.
- Wilmslow Town Council has approved the [Wilmslow Town Strategy](#)
- The [Employment Land Review](#) has been published. This now forms part of the Local Plan evidence base.
- Following consultation in May, revisions to the [Interim Planning Policy on the Release of Housing Land](#) will not be taken forwards and the original policy remains unaltered.
- Consultation on draft [Town Strategies](#) for Crewe, Handforth, Knutsford, Macclesfield, Nantwich and Poynton took place between 31st August and 1st October 2012. Reports of consultation are now available.
- The [Minerals Issues Discussion Paper](#) report of consultation is now available.
- The final versions of the [Middlewich Town Strategy](#), [Alsager Town Strategy](#), [Congleton Town Strategy](#) and [Sandbach Town Strategy](#) have been approved by their respective Town Councils.

Local Plan Documents for Cheshire East

Document	Purpose
<u>Core Strategy</u>	The central part of the Local Plan - it will set out the strategic framework with which all the other Local Plan documents have to conform. The Core Strategy will identify the overarching objectives for spatial planning in Cheshire East and set out strategic policies and strategic site allocations.
<u>Site Allocations</u>	The Site Allocations Document will set out detailed policies and proposals to deliver and guide development on land allocated for specific purposes.
<u>Supplementary Planning Documents</u>	These give more detailed guidance on the implementation of policies, for example, on affordable housing and planning contributions. A number of Supplementary Planning Documents are already adopted.
<u>Local Development Scheme</u>	Sets out the timetable for the preparation of Local Plan documents. The current scheme covers the period 2012 - 2014.
<u>Statement of Community Involvement</u>	Describes how the Council will involve the community and other interested parties in the preparation of new Local Plan documents and in the consideration of planning applications
<u>Annual Monitoring Report</u>	Published each year setting out progress made on producing Local Plan documents and implementing planning policies. Data is reported on a number of targets and indicators that enables the Council to monitor the effectiveness of its planning policies and documents.

Related Pages

- [Planning Policy Homepage](#)
- [Local Plan Evidence and Research including the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment](#)
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