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## Cheshire East Local Plan: Shaping Our Future



### Consultation on the Development Strategy and Policy Principles Documents

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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 15<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> 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).

The Development Strategy sets out the proposed overall number of new homes and employment land that will be needed; it suggests levels of development for the main towns and identifies proposed strategic development sites. The Policy Principles document sets out proposed policy principles to make sure that new development helps deliver objectives for enterprise and growth, stronger communities, better connectivity and a sustainable environment. Due to the importance of the issues tackled and the size and complexity of Cheshire East, the documents are fairly lengthy but a summary of the Development Strategy is also available to download below.

The Development Strategy and Policy Principles documents are not the final version of the Local Plan but the results of the consultation will be instrumental in drafting the final submission draft of the Local Plan.

The sustainability appraisal is required under Government guidance and legislation and its purpose is to identify how the Development Strategy and Policy Principles will contribute towards meeting environmental, social and economic objectives in the Borough. The Habitats Regulations Assessment seeks to identify the potential of strategies and policies to impact upon Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation and Ramsar sites.

### Document Downloads

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- [A Development Strategy for Jobs and Sustainable Communities \(PDF, 5.2MB\)](#)
- [Cheshire East Policy Principles Document \(PDF, 2.3MB\)](#)

- [Development Strategy Summary Document \(PDF, 3.0MB\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal of the Development Strategy and Policy Principles \(PDF, 8.8MB\)](#)
- [Habitats Regulations Assessment for the Development Strategy and Policy Principles \(PDF, 4.0MB\)](#)
- [Habitats Regulations Assessment Summary Document \(PDF, 2.0MB\)](#)
- [Guide to making comments online \(PDF, 138KB\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(PDF, 1.3MB\)](#)
- [Background Paper - Population Projections and Forecasts \(PDF, 713KB\)](#)

## How to Make Comments

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In order to save time, paper and money, the Council asks that you submit your comments online wherever possible. You can read and comment on the documents online via our consultation portal by clicking on the appropriate link below. Alternatively you can download the documents from the list above and then follow the links to comment online. To assist with making comments we have also produced a [Guide to making comments online \(PDF, 138KB\)](#).

- [Read and comment on the Development Strategy for Cheshire East \(link to consultation portal\)](#)
- [Read and Comment on the Emerging Policy Principles \(link to consultation portal\)](#)
- [Read and Comment on the Sustainability Appraisal \(link to consultation portal\)](#)
- [Read and Comment on the Habitats Regulations Assessment \(link to consultation portal\)](#)

Copies of documents are also available to view in all Cheshire East libraries, Delamere House in Crewe, the Town Hall in Macclesfield and Westfields in Sandbach. For those who are unable to comment online, there are also printed copies of the comments forms available at these locations and boxes for completed comments forms to be returned. Alternatively, completed comments forms can be posted to Spatial Planning, Cheshire East Council, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ.

Please ensure that we receive your consultation responses by **26<sup>th</sup> February 2013**.

## Next Steps

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Following consultation, we will consider all comments received together with other [research and evidence](#) to draft the final version of the Local Plan. This will be the submission draft Core Strategy of the Local Plan; we aim to publish this for consultation in late spring/early summer of 2013, which will be followed by an independent public examination by a Government-appointed inspector.

## Social Media and Publicity

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We have compiled a selection of news articles about the consultation and Cheshire East Local Plan in general.

You can follow us and join the debate on Twitter (@PlaceShaping), Facebook (Spatial Planning - Cheshire East Council) and LinkedIn (Spatial Planning - Cheshire East Council). Encourage your friends to join too!



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