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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 –
Regulation 19 Consultation - Rutland Local Plan – Thursday 27th August 2020
until 4.15pm Friday 9th October 2020**

On Monday 10th February 2020 Rutland County Council approved the Pre-submission Local Plan to proceed to a public consultation. The purpose of this notice is to advise you that the Council is now seeking the views of the public, businesses and other interested parties on the draft new Local Plan for the County of Rutland. The new Local Plan including the policies map along with the technical evidence which supports the plan is available on the Councils website at www.rutland.gov.uk/localplanreview

In advancing to submission the Council has given careful consideration to the implications arising from the present social distancing measures, considering those who may be affected and how the Council can ensure such groups are not disadvantaged.

The Council is aware that not everyone can access information via the website or a paper copy of the Local Plan and the Council office is not open to the public. If you are in these circumstances please can get in touch with us through the Customer service telephone 01572 722577 to discuss alternative arrangements including booking an appointment slot to view the Local Plan at the Council office. We will work to respond to individual needs and try to provide a solution as best we can.

How can comments be made? Comments can be made using the online portal which can be found at www.rutland.gov.uk/localplanreview. In light of concerns about the coronavirus we are encouraging people to use electronic documents and submit their representations electronically wherever possible to help limit spread of the infection. There are however other ways to comment, using the Response Form or Response Booklet located on the webpage above or found in hard copy at the Council Office when viewing the Local Plan by appointment only. The full **Statement of Representations Procedure Notice** is enclosed and provides further detail on making comments. Responses which do not use the online portal or the Response Form or Booklet downloaded from the website or collected from the Council office may not be accepted by the Local Plan Inspector for consideration.

What type of comments can be made?

At this stage of consultation, the Council is seeking views on whether the Local Plan is legally compliant and meets the tests of 'soundness', as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Comments should be targeted to specific



sections of the document, for example a specific policy or paragraph number. The following points should be taken into account when making comments –

Legal Compliance

- The Local Plan should have been prepared in accordance with the Council's latest Local Development Scheme.
- The Local Plan should be accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment.
- Consultation on the Local Plan should have been carried out in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
- The Council should have worked collaboratively with neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies on strategic and cross boundary matters, known as the Duty to Cooperate.
- The Local Plan should comply with all relevant laws including the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Soundness

- **Positively prepared** - provides a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development.
- **Justified** - an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence.
- **Effective** - deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground.
- **Consistent with national policy** - enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies including the National Planning Policy Framework.

General advice on making comments - We are unable to accept anonymous representations. The name of respondents and the representations made will be available on the Council's website. Personal information such as telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses will not be published. The full Privacy Notice can be found at: <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-council/data-protection/privacy-notices/planning-policy/local-plan/>.

Comments which are deemed unlawful or discriminatory will be inadmissible and will not be accepted. You will need to fill in a separate form for each representation that relates to a different policy or issue.

Please keep comments as concise as possible and a summary of your response must also be provided if the response is greater than **1000 words in length**. Where there are members of a group who share a common view on the Local Plan, a single representation will be sufficient. In such cases, the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised by the members of the group.

When is the deadline for comments? 4.15pm on Friday 9th October 2020.

Thank you for taking the time to read this notice of consultation. Your comments are welcomed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Ranson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Roger Ranson
Planning Policy Manager



Rutland Local Plan for Rutland County Council area Statement of Representations Procedure Notice

Making representations on the Proposed Submission Local Plan Documents Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Title of the Plan: Rutland Local Plan

Subject Matter and area covered by the Plan:

Rutland County Council has published the Local Plan that it intends to submit to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The Local Plan will cover the whole of the administrative area of Rutland County and includes a wide range of planning policies. The Local Plan sets out a vision, objectives and spatial strategy to 2036. The Local Plan allocates sites that are needed to accommodate new development and areas to be protected and enhanced. The policies in the Plan will be used, alongside made Neighbourhood Plans to make decisions on planning applications. The monitoring framework sets out how the Plan will be monitored.

Period for making representations:

Representations are invited on the Proposed Submission Local Plan for a period of six weeks beginning on **Thursday 27th August 2020 and ending at 4.15pm on Friday 9th October 2020**. Representations received after this time will not be accepted. Only representations received within this period have a statutory right to be considered by the Inspector at the Examination.

Where to inspect the documents:

The Proposed Submission Local Plan and associated submission documents and representation forms are available to view from the Council's website www.rutland.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview. The documents are also available for inspection (**by appointment only, see below**) at the following location:

Rutland County Council Offices - Catmose, Oakham, and Rutland, LE15 6HP (Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 5pm and Friday 8.30am – 4.15pm).

How to make representations and address to which representations should be sent:

There are a number of ways to make representations to the Proposed Submission documents:

Online: The easiest way to comment on the Local Plan is online at:
www.rutland.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview

By e-mail: You can download a response form or response booklet (for multiple representations) from www.rutland.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview to complete and return by email to:

localplan@rutland.gov.uk

If you are unable to access the online consultation form you can make your comments by post: You can either download a copy of the response form from www.rutland.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview or request a copy by ringing Customer Services on: **01572 722577**.

Please return your response form by post to Rutland County Council Offices Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP.

In Person: You can book an appointment via customer services to come to the council offices and view the Local Plan. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are operating half hour slots to view the Local Plan and fill out the response form. All documents will be replaced between appointments. Appointments need to be booked 24 hours in advance.

Please telephone **01572 722577** for a copy of the response form, information about the consultation or to book an appointment to view the Pre-submission Local Plan Documents. At this stage, comments and representations can only be made about legal compliance and the tests of soundness. The response form and booklet include guidance notes on what this means and how to make your representation. It also sets out how the Council will use your data. Representations received cannot be treated as confidential and will be publicly available and published on the Council's website. Full postal address, telephone and email details will not be published. Please see the full Privacy Notice at <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-council/data-protection/privacy-notices/planning-policy/local-plan/>.

Request for notification of Local Plan progress:

The hard copy and online representation forms contain an option to request further notifications in relation to the progress of the Local Plan, specifically relating to the following stages:

- Submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
- Publication of the recommendations of the Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the independent examination
- Adoption of the Local Plan by the Council
- Future revisions to the Local Plan, new planning policies and guidance

Local Plan Newsletter

August 2020

Statement of Community Involvement & Local Plan Review Consultation



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This issue of the Local Plan newsletter provides details of the Statement of Community Involvement public consultation and an update on the Local Plan Review Consultation.



Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- Thank you to everyone who took part in the public consultation which finished on 17th July 2020. We received 139 responses.
- On 15th July the Government issued further changes to the Local Plan regulations which removed the requirement to make a copy of consultation documents available for inspection at the Council offices.
- A summary of the comments received and the changes to Regulations were reported along with some further suggested changes to the SCI to Cabinet on 18th August 2020.
- The second review of the SCI was adopted by Cabinet and means that the Local Plan Public consultation can now go ahead.

Local Plan Review Public Consultation

Thursday 27th August 2020 to 4.15pm on Friday 9th October 2020.

How to take part & make a representation in the Consultation:

Online: The Local Plan documents and the online response form will be available on rutland.gov.uk/localplanreview. This is the easiest way to submit your representation directly to us.

No Internet Access?: The Local Plan documents will be available to view at the Council offices by appointment or through your local Town or Parish Council for anyone who does not have access to the internet. **Please telephone 01572 722577** for a copy of the response form, information about the consultation or to book an appointment to view the Local Plan documents.

- Appointments are limited to 30 minutes and to 2 adults from the same household. Please book at least 72 hours in advance. Measures will be in place to meet Covid-19 restrictions.

Contact us

If you have any questions or wish to be added to the Local Plan mailing list, please contact the Local Plan team on: localplan@rutland.gov.uk or call Customer Services on : 01572 722577

Why is the Regulation 19 consultation different from previous consultations?

Regulation 19 consultation is different to previous public consultations . The purpose of the Regulation 19 consultation is to address the following:

- Has the plan been prepared in accordance with all legal and procedural requirements?
- Does the plan meet the prescribed tests of soundness?

Please visit: rutland.gov.uk/localplanreview for information on the test of soundness and further details about taking part in the Local Plan Consultation.

What next?

- All Representations received during consultation will be considered by the Council and summarised before being sent to the Planning Inspectorate together with the Local Plan.
- The Planning Inspectorate will conduct an independent review of the plan and the representations made, to determine whether the plan is "sound". This is called an Examination in Public.