

Herefordshire Local Plan 2021-2041 Strategic Spatial Options Consultation

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Dear Parish and Town Clerks

The Herefordshire Local Plan 2021-2041 Spatial Options 6 week consultation is now underway and we would like to hear what your communities think.

Herefordshire's new Local Plan will help shape growth and development across the county up until 2041, ensuring that we deliver the required housing, alongside the jobs, infrastructure and services to support growth in a way that is appropriate for the rural and historic character of the County. It will replace the Core Strategy 2011-2031.

The Government wants to significantly increase the supply of new housing across the country. Local plans are required to make provision for this housing need, unless there are exceptional circumstances that outweigh the benefits of providing the housing.

For Herefordshire, this means 850 dwellings per year over the next 20 years, which rounds up to 17,000 dwellings. However, we can take into account over 5,000 existing planning permissions for housing, which will count towards achieving our target.

The Local Plan will seek to ensure that the housing requirement is fulfilled, and development is located and designed in a way which requires less energy use, whilst increasing the amount of energy generated from renewable sources, with a requirement for all new development to be net zero carbon by 2030.

The first consultation explores how residential development could be distributed across the county. A number of options are being considered and we are seeking views on them, as well as the vision and objectives.

This week I will be sending out posters for you to put on your noticeboards, to help inform community members about the consultation.

We are also in the process of organising a Parish and Town council online meeting, which we hope will take place on Thursday 3 February. More details to follow.

The deadline for responses is 28 February 2022.

To find out more and take part, please go to <https://hlp.commonplace.is/>. There you will also be given the option to subscribe for updates direct from the website, as and when there is news about developments of the Local Plan 2021-2041.

If you have any questions at all, please contact ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk