



# Engagement to get under way on Hertsmere's draft Local Plan



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Agreement has been reached to seek residents' views on Hertsmere's draft Local Plan by undertaking a wide-reaching public engagement exercise.

It was agreed at last night's full council meeting (Thursday 30 September) that residents should get the chance to have their say on the draft Local Plan during a six-week engagement period which will start on Monday 11 October. The draft plan sets out how the borough could grow over the next 15 years and beyond, by providing homes for the next generation as well as the infrastructure and jobs needed to support this growth. It outlines how Hertsmere will meet the central government requirements to plan for at least 760 homes per year in the borough until 2038.

It is available to view at [www.hertsmere.localplan.com](http://www.hertsmere.localplan.com) along with further information, including summaries of what the plan covers, what it could mean for each of the borough's main areas, an overview of the next steps and frequently asked questions.

Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council and Portfolio Holder for Communications and Consultation, Cllr Morris Bright MBE, explained: "By planning for growth locally through our Local Plan process we can ensure that we deliver the homes we need alongside the jobs, infrastructure and services to support this growth.

"Now is the time to put that draft plan out the public so that everyone can give their views if they wish. This is one of the most important engagement exercises that we will undertake with residents and local groups so a lot of work has been invested in ensuring we have an inclusive and well-considered period of communications and engagement activity."

Portfolio Holder for Planning, Cllr Harvey Cohen, added: "From 11 October, everyone will be able to have their say about the proposals in our draft Local Plan.

"Preparing a Local Plan is a complex process, and we still have some way to go. The public can help us with that by giving their views. In addition, we'll be looking to engage with a range of local groups and stakeholders.

"A newsletter explaining how you can have your say will be posted through doors shortly. In the meantime, you can find out more about the plan and the proposals for growth by visiting our bespoke website [www.hertsmere.localplan.com](http://www.hertsmere.localplan.com)."

You will be able to register your views from Monday 11 October either by completing a short survey or by visiting Hertsmere's online portal, both of which can be accessed via the [www.hertsmere.localplan.com](http://www.hertsmere.localplan.com) website. Hard copies of the plan and response forms and pre-paid envelopes will be available at accessible locations across the borough, including libraries and parish and town council offices.

There will be a further opportunity to comment on the final plan next year, before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for formal examination.

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