



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

Statement of Representations Procedure

West Northamptonshire Local Plan - 2043 Pre-Submission Local Plan Regulation 19 October 2026

Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Publication of the Local Plan

West Northamptonshire Council has published the Regulation 19 West Northamptonshire Local Plan (Pre-Submission).

The publication period runs for six weeks from Monday 5 October to 23.59 on Monday 16 November 2026. The Regulation 19 Local Plan has been prepared and published in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and West Northamptonshire Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

This notice outlines the documents which are available for inspection, their subject matter and the locations where they can be inspected. It also provides information regarding the process of submitting representations.

Subject Matter and Area Covered

The West Northamptonshire Regulation 19 Local Plan (2026) outlines a spatial vision and objectives for the sustainable development of West Northamptonshire covering the period 2026 to 2043. It allocates housing and employment development sites, identifies a housing need for the rural areas areas, green spaces that will be protected and contains policies against which planning applications will be considered.

When adopted, the Local Plan will replace the existing West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (Part 1 Local Plan) and the Settlements and Countryside (for the Daventry District), Northampton and South Northamptonshire Part 2 Local Plans.

The Policies Map accompanying the plan sets out the areas to which specific local plan policies and land allocations and designations apply.

The Statements of Consultation set out summaries of comments received at previous consultations, and how these have been taken into account during preparation of the Local Plan. The Sustainability Appraisal considers the social, environmental and economic effects of the Local Plan. In addition to this a broad range of supporting documents have been produced to provide an evidence base informing the Local Plan including a Habitat Regulations Assessment. The Regulation 19 Local Plan (2026) and supporting documents are being made available for public inspection at locations across West Northamptonshire, providing people with the opportunity to make representations for consideration as the plan progresses to its next stage.

Inspection Period and Documents Available

The period of publication will commence **Monday 5 October 2026 and run to 23.59 on Monday 16 November 2026**. Representations received after this time will not be accepted.

The following documents will be made available by West Northamptonshire Council for Inspection:

- West Northamptonshire Local Plan Regulation 19 (October 2026)
- Policies Map (2026)
- Sustainability Appraisal (2026)
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (2026)
- Statements of Consultation (September 2026)
- Evidence Base Studies, and
- Background Papers

These documents are available online and at the locations listed below. Other supporting documents are also available via the Council's [website](#).

Location and Times at which the Documents are Available for Inspection

All consultation documents as set out above are available for inspection online on West Northamptonshire Council's [website](#). Hard copies of the Local Plan documents, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment will also be available for inspection during opening times at the following Council Offices:

One Angel Square, Northampton, NN1 1ED
The Abbey Centre, St Johns Square, Daventry, NN11 4XG

The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD

In addition, copies will also be available in all of the West Northamptonshire Council run and community libraries within West Northamptonshire (opening times are available on the [website](#)).

If you require any further information, please contact the Planning Policy team at:

- Email: planningpolicyconsultation@westnorthants.gov.uk
- Tel: 0300 126 7000

How to Make a Representation

Representations (comments) must be received by the Council no later than **23.59 on Monday 16 November 2026**. When making a representation, you should state if you wish to participate in the examination hearings with a brief explanation of the reasons.

Representations must be made in writing and focus specifically on whether the Local Plan is:

- Legally compliant; and
- Sound, namely whether it is:
 - Positively prepared
 - Justified
 - Effective; and
 - Consistent with national policy

Representation can be made:

On-line: [website](#)

By email to planningpolicyconsultation@westnorthants.gov.uk

By post:

FAO Planning Policy Team
West Northamptonshire Council
One Angel Square
Northampton
NN1 1ED

Please note that anonymous representations will not be accepted, your full name and address must be provided. All representations will be made publicly available and shared with the Planning Inspectorate and to the person appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the examination of the local plan. Your name will be published but other personal information will remain confidential. All data will be processed in accordance with the [Planning Policy and Specialist Service Privacy Notice](#) and the [Planning Inspectorate's Privacy Statement](#).

Requesting Notification of Next Stages

The next stages are:

- The submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Regulation 22;
- The publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the local plan under Regulation 25; and
- The adoption of the Local Plan.

If you wish to be notified about any of these stages, please tell us in your representation how you would like to be contacted.