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South Kesteven Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

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Regulation 18 Consultation



Consultation on the Issues and Options Report will run from Monday 12th October to 11.59pm Monday 23rd November.



Local Plan Preparation Stages



Please note that all dates are subject to change



What is the Local Plan?



The Local Plan is a statutory planning document prepared by South Kesteven District Council (the Council). It contains the policies and proposed locations for sustainable growth and investment across South Kesteven.

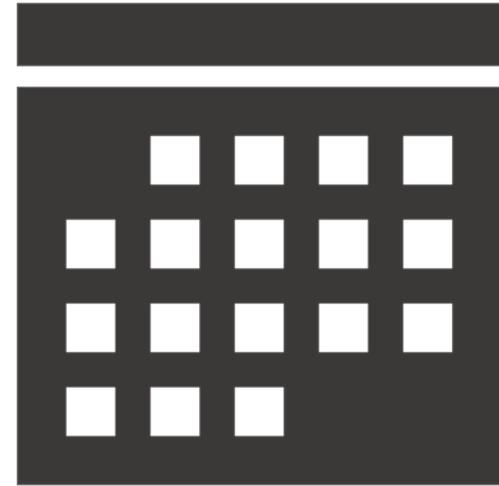
The Plan, together with adopted neighbourhood plans, will make up the “statutory development plan” for the District. It provides the spatial framework for guiding development and change across the District in the future.

The Plan establishes the key principles which will guide the location, use and form of new development and alongside other Development Plan Documents; these will aid the determination of planning applications. It sets a clear framework for how future growth will be met, providing clarity for what development will and will not be acceptable to ensure that an area remains sustainable.

It also provides a strategic framework for Neighbourhood Plans, which can be developed by communities.



Why is the plan
being updated
now?





The Inspector's final report on the current Local Plan commits the Council to undertake an early review of the Plan from April 2020 with submission by the end of December 2023.



It also enables necessary updates of evidence, and the Council to consider whether its local housing need has changed and needs to be re-evaluated.



Reviewing the Local plan now can help ensure that it remains up to date and that South Kesteven will continue to grow sustainably, meeting the needs of its residents and businesses whilst protecting what is special about the area.



What is this
consultation about?





This is the first stage of consultation on the review of the South Kesteven Local Plan seeking your views on how the District should grow and develop until the year 2041.



This consultation sets out what proposed areas of the plan are to be changed or updated and is seeking your views on whether you agree or disagree with this



The issues and options consultation document contains a number of questions to generate responses. We would like to hear your views on these and any other issues that you think that may need to be addressed.



What is
changing in the
Plan?



It is proposed that most policies will not be subject to substantial change, although they may be subject to minor tweaks. A few initial changes have been considered;

- Update housing needs and planning for housing growth to meet these needs
- Re-assess the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers and addressing how these needs will be met
- Update evidence base with respect to the Employment Land Study
- Examine the scope for changes to policies with respect to Climate Change
- Consider changes to policies and proposals to support the recovery of the local economy following Covid-19

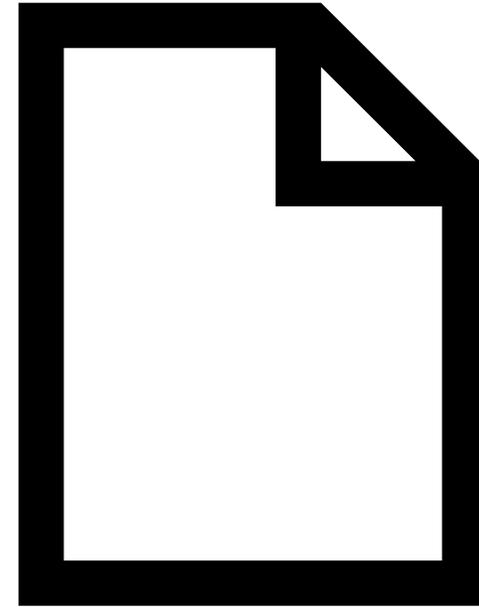


Some questions on which your views are being sought include;

- Do you agree with the proposed plan period up to 2041?
- Do you agree with the use of 754 dwellings per annum as the identifying the housing need and requirement for South Kesteven?
- Do you think the Settlement Hierarchy should be retained in the new Local Plan?
- Do you agree that Grantham should remain the focus for growth in South Kesteven?
- Are the existing policies in the adopted Local Plan sufficient to meet current and future challenge of climate change?
- Do you agree that minimum parking standards are needed in South Kesteven?

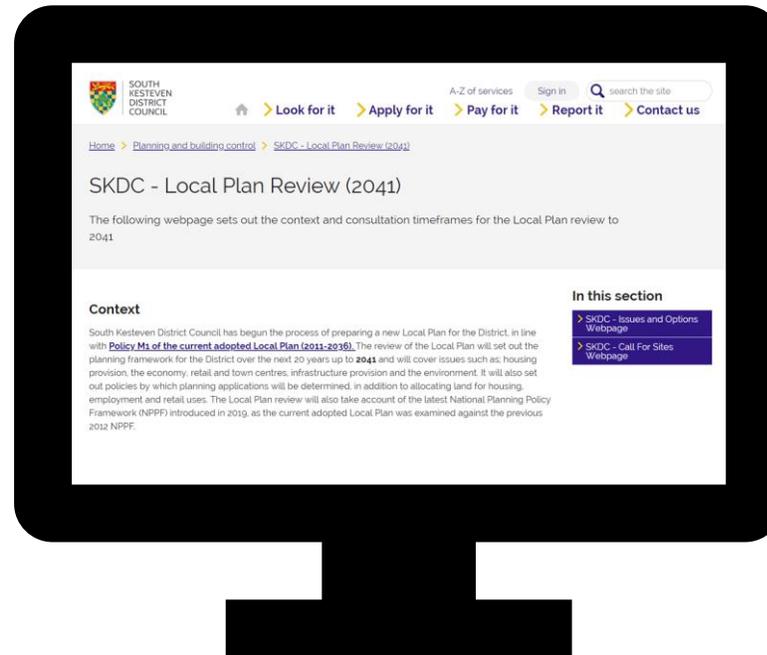


Where can I view
the document?



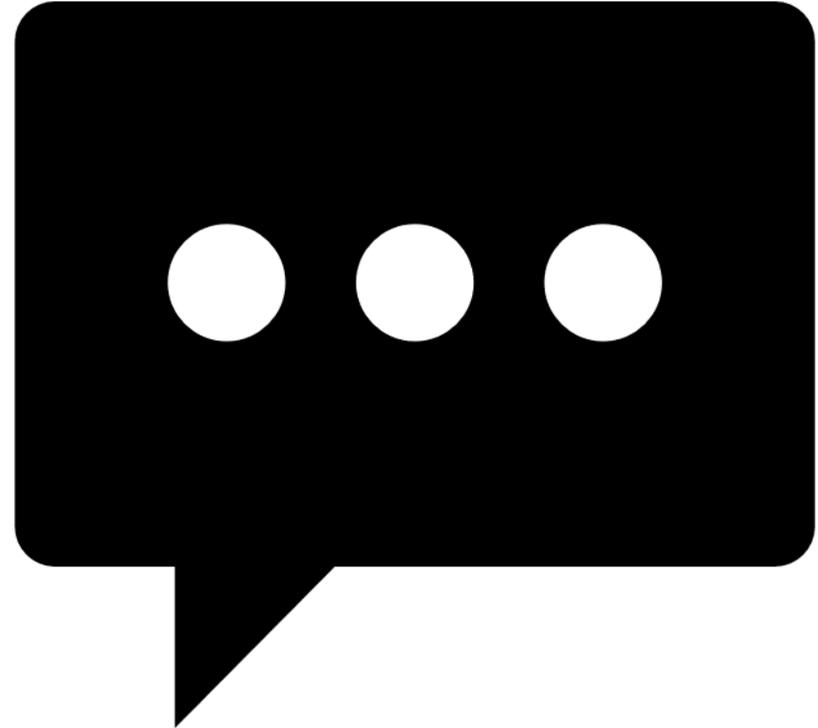
In light of concerns regarding Covid-19 we are encouraging people to use electronic documents and submit their representations electronically wherever possible to help limit spread of the infection. The Issues and Options paper, along with further details of the consultation are available to view on the South Kesteven District Council website at:

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=15133>



If you do require a paper copy of the Consultation paper or Response form please contact a member of the Planning Policy Team at planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk or call 01476 406080.

How to take part in this consultation



You can make comments by downloading a response from the Council's website.

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=15133>

Your responses should focus on the questions asked in the consultation paper which have been set out within the response form. You do not need to respond to all of the suggested issues. Focus on what interests you, or tell us what you feel needs changing or should stay the same.

PROPOSAL BOX

Throughout the document there are a number of proposals included within light coloured boxes such as this - these indicate a proposal being made for the new Local Plan on which your view is being sought. This could indicate something that is not proposed to be changed as well as a proposed amendment or a new policy.

QUESTION BOX

There are also darker boxes throughout the document – these indicate a question on which your views are being sought and are usually associated with proposed changes in the light boxes (proposal box).



Part A: Personal Details

	1. Personal Details	2. Agents Details (if Applicable)
Title		
First Name		
Last Name		
Organisation		
Address		
Postcode		
Telephone		
Email Address		

Please note: that representations must be attributable to named individuals or organisations. "In confidence" representations will not be accepted. All representations will be available for public inspection and cannot be treated as confidential. We will however redact signatures, home/ email addresses, and telephone contact details from any information that is published.

3. If you are not already on our consultation database and you respond your details will automatically be added to the database

If you do not wish to be added or would like your details to be removed, then please select the following box	
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4. Please Sign and date this form

Signature (please type for an electronic response)	Date

How to complete the form

Part A: Personal Details

- Enter your personal details
- If you respond, your contact details will automatically be added to our database and will be used to notify you of any future Planning Policy consultations. Let us know if you **do not** wish to be added or would like your details removed.
- Sign and date the form

Please note copies of all comments will be made available for the public to view, including the name of the stakeholder who submitted the representation, therefore, your response cannot be treated as confidential. However, the Council will not include any personal addresses or signatures.



How to complete the form

Part B: Issues and Options Consultation Questions

- Using the Issues and Options report fill in Part B of the response form.
- Your responses should focus on the questions asked in the consultation paper which are set out on the response form.
- You do not need to respond to all of the questions. Focus on what interests you, or tell us what you feel needs changing or should stay the same.

5. Proposal 1 – 2036 Vision for South Kesteven				
Q1a – The Vision				
Do you agree that the Vision should be broadly the same for the new plan but updated with respect to the plan period and housing growth level?				
Yes		No		Unsure
If not please provide details.				
Q1b – The Vision				
Do you consider that the current Vision is sufficient to deal with climate change and the economic recovery of the District?				
Yes		No		Unsure
If not please provide details.				

6. Proposal 2 - Objectives				
Q2 – Objectives				
Do you agree that the Objectives should remain the same for the new plan?				
Yes		No		Unsure
If not please provide details.				

7. Proposal 3 – Policies not proposed to be changed significantly				
Q3 – Policies not proposed to be changed significantly				
Do you agree with the list of Local Plan policies that are not proposed to be changed significantly?				
Yes		No		Unsure
If not please provide details.				



How to complete the form

Part C: Comments about the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

- If you have any comments to make about the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report fill in Part C of the response form.
- The SA Scoping Report can be found on the Council's website along with other consultation materials

Returning the Form



If you can please return your response form by email to planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk



Or Post to **Planning Policy, South Kesteven District Council, Council Offices, St Peters Hill, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6PZ.**

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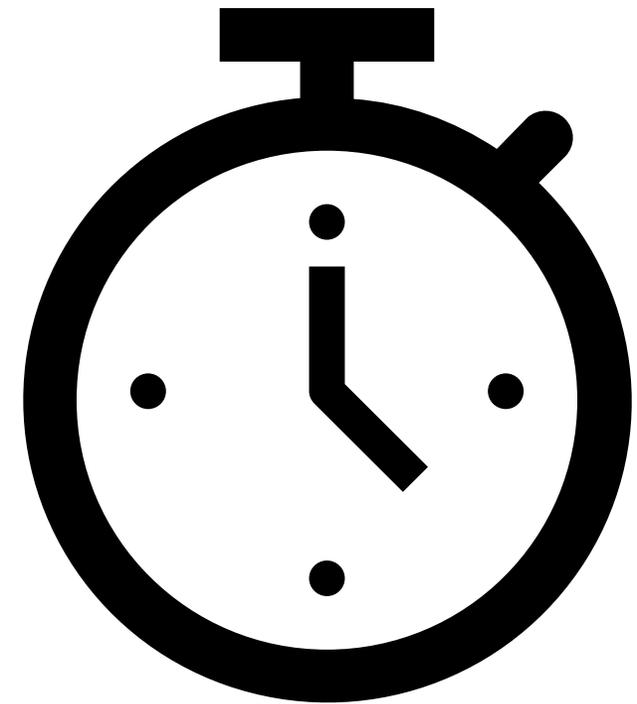


When to respond?

The consultation runs for 6 weeks and starts on **Monday 12th October 2020** and will close **11.59pm on Monday 23rd November 2020**.

If you wish to comment on the consultation, please ensure that your response is received by **11.59pm Monday 23rd November 2020**. Any responses received after this date may not be accepted.

However, there will be future rounds of consultation on this emerging Plan, so you will get a chance to make comments at those future stages





What happens next?





Once consultation on this report has finished, we will carefully consider all of the comments and suggestions received to inform the preparation of the Local Plan.



Further rounds of consultation will be available to comment on during the preparation of the Local Plan.



We are here to help

Your views are important to us, but we understand that the planning system is not always easy to understand or navigate. That's why we are here to help at every stage of the process. You can contact us using one of the methods below;



Email: Planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk



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