



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

South Kesteven District Council Local Plan Review

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice of publication of the South Kesteven Local Plan Issues and Options Report (October 2020) for public Consultation

South Kesteven is seeking comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Report (October 2020).

The current Local Plan for South Kesteven was adopted in January 2020 and sets out the development strategy for growth of the District to 2036. The Inspector's final report on the current [Local Plan \(2011-2036\)](#) commits the Council to undertake an early review of the Local Plan from April 2020 with submission by the end of December 2023. The Council has begun the process of preparing a new Local Plan for the District, which will set out the planning framework for the District over the next 20 years up to 2041. The review enables necessary updates of evidence, and the Council to consider whether its local housing need has changed and needs to be re-evaluated taking into consideration changes to national planning guidance.

The timetable for the review of the Local Plan is anticipated to be examined from January 2024 and adopted in January 2025, until the review has been undertaken and a new Local Plan is found sound and adopted by the Council, the current Local Plan (2011-2036) will continue to be the development plan for the District and used in determining planning applications.

The Issues and Options consultation is the first opportunity for the local community to become involved in the preparation of the Local Plan Review, which sets out the scope of the key policies and proposals to be considered within the review. Reviewing the 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. At this stage, the Issues and Options consultation is not a statement of the Council's proposed planning policies but a statement of intention as to what planning policies may need to be reviewed and updated. The Issues and Options paper asks a series of questions which will help the Council determine the scope and content of the Local Plan review.

As part of the Local Plan Review, the Council has also prepared a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report which is published for comment alongside the consultation paper.

Consultation on the Issues and Options Report will run from **Monday 12th October 2020 to 11.59pm Monday 23rd November 2020**.

The documents, along with further details of the consultation, are available for inspection from **Monday 12th October** on the Council's website; <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=15134>

Hardcopies are not currently available at the Districts Council Offices and local libraries due to Covid-19 and will only be available for inspection online at the Council's website. This is in line with the guidance on reviewing and updating the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), and new legislation which has now come into force for local development documents (amending, on a temporary basis, regulations 35 and 36 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012) until 31st December 2020. However, 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.

Representations should focus on the questions asked in the Issues and Options Report and be submitted via email or post using the Response form available on the Council's website.

Please submit your comments before 11.59pm on Monday 23rd November by;

Email: planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk.

Post: Planning Policy, South Kesteven District Council, Council Offices, St Peters Hill, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6PZ. In light of concerns regarding Covid-19 we are encouraging people to submit their representations electronically wherever possible to help limit spread of the infection. The return of forms via email is therefore preferred.

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.