



# **NORTHAMPTON** **BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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## **Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Submission Draft**

**Statement of Representations  
Procedure Notice  
April 2019**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 that Northampton Borough Council has produced the Northampton Borough (Part 2) Local Plan Regulation 19 Submission Draft which covers the whole administrative area of the Borough of Northampton.

## **TITLE OF THE PLAN**

Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Submission Draft (Regulation 19)

## **SUBJECT MATTER AND AREA COVERED BY THE PLAN**

Northampton Borough Council has published the Local Plan Part 2 that it intends to submit to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The Local Plan Part 2 covers the whole of the current administrative area of Northampton Borough and includes a wide range of policies to supplement the 2014 West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (Local Plan Part 1), update the policies contained in the 2013 Central Area Action Plan and replace the saved policies of the 1997 Northampton Local Plan.

The Northampton Local Plan Part 2 will set out a vision and objectives to 2029 following the strategy established in the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy. There will be development management and site specific policies, as well as site allocations showing where new developments should take place and which areas need to be protected and/ or enhanced. Once adopted, the Northampton Local Plan Part 2, together with the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and the made Neighbourhood Plans, will form part of the statutory development plan for Northampton from which planning applications will be determined.

## **PERIOD FOR MAKING REPRESENTATIONS**

Representations are invited on the Submission Draft Local Plan for a period beginning on Wednesday 01 May 2019 and ending at 5pm on 14 June 2019.

Representations received after this time will not be accepted. Only representations received within this period have a statutory right to be considered by the Planning Inspector at the independent Examination.

## **WHERE TO INSPECT THE DOCUMENTS**

The Submission Draft Local Plan and associated submission documents and representation forms are available from the Council's website:

[www.northampton.gov.uk/lp2proposedsubmission](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/lp2proposedsubmission)

The documents are also available for inspection at the following locations.

1 The Council's One Stop Shop at the Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE

2 Libraries during normal opening hours (please check opening hours online):

- Northampton Central Library, 74-76 Abington Street, NN1 2BA  
*Opening hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 18:00, Saturday 09:00 -17:00*
- Abington Library, Lindsay Avenue, Northampton, NN3 2SJ  
*Opening hours: Tuesday 09:00 – 18:00, Thursday and Friday 09:00 – 18:00*
- St James Library, 138 St James Road, Northampton, NN5 5LQ  
*Opening hours: Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00, Thursday and Friday 14:00 -18:00, Saturday 10:00 – 14:00*
- Hunsbury Library, Overslade House, 11 Overslade Close, NN4 0RZ  
*Opening hours: Monday – Friday 09:00 -17:00, Saturday 10:00 – 14:00*
- Duston Library, Pendle Road, Duston, NN5 6DT  
*Opening hours: Monday – Friday 09:00 -17:00, Saturday 10:00 – 14:00*
- Far Cotton Library, The Rec Centre, Towcester Road, NN4 8LG  
*Opening hours: Monday 12:00 – 16:00, Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00, Thursday 12:00 -16:00*
- Kingsthorpe Library, Welford Road, Kingsthorpe, NN2 8AG  
*Opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 09:00 – 18:00*
- Weston Favell Library, 35 Weston Favell Centre, NN3 8JZ  
*Opening hours: Monday – Friday 09:00 -17:00, Saturday 09:00 – 17:00*
- Wootton Community Centre, Curtlee Hill, Wootton, NN4 6ED  
*Opening hours: Tuesday 10:00 – 17:00, Wednesday – Friday 10:00 – 13:00, Saturday 10:00 – 14:00*

### 3 Neighbourhood Forum Venues at:

- Duston Parish Council, Pendle Road, Duston NN5 6DT  
*Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9:30 to 4pm*
- Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Forum, Springs Family Centre, 9 Tower Street, Northampton NN1 2SN  
*Opening hours: Monday – Thursday 13:00 -16:00, Saturday 13:00 - 16:00*
- Growing Together Neighbourhood Forum, Blackthorn Community Centre, Longmead Court, Blackthorn NN3 8QD  
*Opening hours: Monday - Friday 08:30 – 16:30*
- Queens Park Neighbourhood Forum, Kingsthorpe Community Centre, Mill Lane, Northampton NN2 6RQ  
*Opening hours: 9.30 – 21:30 Mondays to Fridays, 10:00 – 21:30 Saturdays, 10:00 – 18:00 on Sundays*
- Semilong and Trinity Neighbourhood Forum, Briar Hill Community Centre, The Springs, Briar Hill, Northampton NN4 8SX  
*Opening hours: 9.30 – 21:30 Mondays to Fridays, 10:00 – 21:30 Saturdays, 10:00 – 18:00 on Sundays*

Drop in sessions will also be held. The details are:

Date	Venue	Times
29 May 2019	Court Room, Northampton Borough Council, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE	1300 – 1900 (1pm – 7pm)

01 June 2019	Jeffery Room, Northampton Borough Council, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE	0930 – 1300 (9.30am – 1pm)

## WHAT IS THIS CONSULTATION ABOUT?

This is the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Draft Submission that the Council considers is ready for examination and this is your opportunity to comment on the Plan's 'soundness', legal compliance and compliance with the Duty to Cooperate before it is submitted to an independent Inspector to be examined.

### Legal Compliance

The Inspector will first check that the plan meets all the necessary legal requirements and compliance with the Duty to Cooperate before considering the tests of soundness. There are five areas to consider when looking at whether or not the Plan is legally compliant. These are:

- Is the Plan consistent with the Council's production timetables known as the Local Development Scheme (LDS)?
- How has the community been involved in the process and has the Council met its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)?
- Does the Plan meet the requirements for content and consultation set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004?
- Does the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report accompanying the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Draft Submission form a suitable assessment of the sustainability of the Council's proposals and follow the relevant legislation and guidance?
- Has the Council complied with the Duty to Cooperate?

### Soundness

There are four areas to consider when looking at whether or not the Plan is sound. To be sound the Plan should be:

- **Positively Prepared** – providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs, and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- **Justified** an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;
- **Effective** - deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and
- **Consistent** with national policy - the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the Framework.

If you think the content of the Plan is not sound because it does not include a policy where you consider it should do, you should go through the following steps before making representations:

- Is the issue with which you are concerned already covered specifically by national planning policy? If so, it does not need to be included in the Plan as well.
- Is what you are concerned with covered by any other policies in the Northampton Borough Council (Part 2) Local Plan Draft Submission?
- If the policy is not covered, in what way is the Plan unsound without the policy?
- If the Plan is unsound without the policy, what should the policy say?

All of the accepted formal representations received during this stage will be submitted to and considered by, the appointed independent planning Inspector at the public examination of the Plan. The process is likely to include public hearings. The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who ask to participate at this stage.

If you would like to appear and speak at the hearings, please state this and explain in the space provided why you consider it is necessary that you participate. The Inspector will determine what will be discussed at the examination and who should attend.

## **HOW TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS AND ADDRESS TO WHICH REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE SENT**

There are a number of ways to make representations to the Proposed Submission documents:

- You can comment online: [www.northampton.gov.uk/lp2proposedsubmission](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/lp2proposedsubmission) via Survey Monkey
- You can download a representation form from our website to complete and return by email (clearly marked NLP2 SUBMISSION DRAFT) to: [planningpolicy@northampton.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@northampton.gov.uk)
- You can use a hard copy of the representation form or download it from our website to complete and return by post or by hand to: Planning Policy (NLP2 SUBMISSION DRAFT), Northampton Borough Council, the Guildhall, St Giles Street, Northampton NN1 1DE

At this stage of the plan preparation process, representations can only be made about legal compliance, the duty to co-operate and the tests of soundness. The representation form includes guidance notes on what this means and how to make your representation. It also sets out how the Council will use your data.

Representations received cannot be treated as confidential and will be publicly available and published on the Council's website. Full postal address, telephone and email details will not be published.

## **REQUEST FOR NOTIFICATION OF LOCAL PLAN PROGRESS**

The representation form contains an option to request further notifications in relation to the progress of the Local Plan. Further notification requests can be for the following events:

- Submission of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 for independent examination
- Publication of the Planning Inspector's Report on the examination of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2
- The adoption of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2