

What is the Titchfield Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a way for local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for a neighbourhood plan area.
- Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built.
- Identify and protect important local green spaces.
- Influence what new buildings should look like.

Titchfield's Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision for the area and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications and guide development within the designated Neighbourhood Plan area until 2036.

Has there already been a round of public consultation on the plan?

There has been a previous public consultation on the draft Titchfield Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 consultation) organised by the Titchfield Neighbourhood Forum. The consultation ran from 20th July – 10th September 2018. Now that the plan has been submitted to Fareham Borough Council it is the final opportunity to have your say on the neighbourhood plan before it is considered at an independent examination.

What is the next stage in the Plan's preparation?

The Titchfield Neighbourhood Plan will be published for a minimum six-week period of consultation. This public consultation is carried out by Fareham Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority (LPA) in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012. This process will inform the independent examination of the neighbourhood plan following the completion of the public consultation process.

What are the basic conditions?

Neighbourhood Plans are examined against four key tests, these are referred to as basic conditions (as set out in the Localism Act 2011). These basic conditions are as follows:

- Does the plan have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State?
- Does the plan contribute to the achievement of sustainable development?
- Is the plan in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan, i.e. the Adopted Local Plan?
- Is the plan compatible with and not in breach of EU obligations and Human Rights Obligations?

What can I comment on at this stage?

At this stage you can comment on any element of the Titchfield Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents and whether the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions. It is, however important to remember that the examiner will only be able to recommend changes to the plan necessary to ensure that it meets the basic conditions.

When making comments you can request that you are notified of the examiner's report and of Fareham Borough Council's decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) to 'make' the Titchfield Neighbourhood Plan following a community referendum on the Plan. Once a Neighbourhood Plan is made, it will become part of Fareham's Development Plan and have the same status as the Borough's Local Plan.

How long do I have to comment on the consultation?

The consultation runs for **23rd November 2018 until 11th January 2019.**

A summary of the responses made to the Pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation are included in the Consultation Statement submitted with the plan. As a result, the examiner will be aware of those comments, so you do not need to repeat the comments already made at this stage of the plan preparation, although you may if you so wish. Also, if the changes that have been made to the plan since the Pre-submission consultation raise new issues or affect the points you made last time, please feel free to submit further comments.

What happens next?

At the end of the publicity period any comments received will be sent through to the examiner who will then carry out an independent examination of the neighbourhood plan. The examiner will consider whether the plan meets the basic conditions or whether any changes are needed in order to meet those requirements. The examiner will recommend to Fareham Borough Council if the plan should proceed to referendum.

Should I respond as an individual or part of a group?

Where there are groups who share a common view on the Plan, it is helpful for that group to send a single statement which represents their views, rather than for a large number of individuals to send in separate representations which repeat the same points. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised.

How do I respond?

1. Using our online consultation system

The online consultation system is our preferred means of receiving comments as it ensures that your comments are summarised and recoded accurately and are processed quickly. We would encourage everyone, including statutory consultees, agents and landowners to use the online consultation system which can be accessed at the following address: www.fareham.gov.uk.

2. Responding in writing

If you cannot respond using the online consultation system, it would be helpful if you could fill in our response form. Forms can be:

- Filled in electronically and emailed to us at planningpolicy@fareham.gov.uk
- Downloaded from our website: www.fareham.gov.uk
<http://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/titchfieldneighbourhoodplan.aspx>
- Or obtained by visiting the council offices: Civic Way, Fareham, PO16 7AZ.

Questions regarding completion of the form can be directed to the Planning Strategy & Regeneration team by calling 01329 824601. If any members of the public have difficulties completing the form, the Planning Strategy & Regeneration team will accept letters or emails. However, any such correspondence should be specific about which part of the neighbourhood plan is being commented upon.

Where can the Titchfield Neighbourhood Plan be viewed?

The Titchfield Neighbourhood Plan, Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement can be viewed on the Council's website at

<http://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/titchfieldneighbourhoodplan.aspx>,

And at the following locations during their normal opening hours:

- At the council offices: Civic Office, Civic Way, Fareham. PO16 7AZ
- Fareham Library, Osborn Road, Fareham, PO16 7EN
- Portchester Library, West Street, Portchester, PO16 9TX

- Lockswood Library, Lockswood Centre, Locks Heath District Centre, SO31 6DX
- Stubbington Library, Stubbington Lane, Stubbington, PO14 2PP

Will my comments be made public?

The information collected will be processed in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations. By responding to the consultation, you are accepting that all the information (except personal details) within it could be made available to the public.

Your details and comments will be forwarded to the examiner prior to the examination.

As all representations received must be made available for public inspection, they cannot be treated as confidential. They will be posted in full on the Council's website and will be available, on request, for public inspection. Personal information such as signatures, addresses, private phone numbers and email addresses will not be published on the Council's website.

Details on the Council's Privacy Statement can be found on the Council's website at <http://www.fareham.gov.uk/privacy.aspx>.