

Fareham Borough Council
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
Regulation 19: Revised Publication of Local Plan
Statement of Representations Procedure (incorporating the Statement of Fact)

Notice is hereby given that Fareham Borough Council has published and is inviting comments on revisions to its Publication Plan contained in the Revised Publication Local Plan which it intends to submit to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

The Fareham Local Plan 2037 will replace the adopted Fareham Local Plan Parts 1 and 2. The Fareham Local Plan 2037 sets out the development strategy and policy framework for Fareham and once adopted, will be used to guide decisions on planning applications up to 2037. The Revised Publication Local Plan, which the Council is now consulting on, includes the addition of further sites that have been identified for development in the Borough to meet increased housing and employment need, as well as amendments to the policies that will be used to make decisions on planning applications in accordance with changes to legislation and as a result of previous Regulation 19 responses. These changes are indicated using struck through text and with additional text in red.

The Revised Publication Local Plan is accompanied by a revised policies map which shows the policy allocations and designations.

Where to view the proposed submission documents:

The Revised Publication Local Plan, the proposed submission documents and the relevant evidence base, including any documents which have been amended or updated since the Publication Local Plan consultation in late 2020 will be available for inspection from 18 June 2021 until 30 July 2021:

- a. on the Council's website at <https://www.fareham.gov.uk/localplanconsultation>
- b. subject to Covid 19 restrictions, by prior appointment at the Fareham Borough Council Offices during office hours:

Office opening hours (excluding Bank Holidays) are:

Monday to Thursday 8.45 a.m. to 5.15 p.m.

Friday 8.45 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.

During this consultation the revised Publication Local Plan and paper copies of the survey will be available for viewing at the libraries below.

Location	Opening Times
Fareham Library Osborn Road Fareham PO16 7EN	Monday & Tuesday 9.30am to 4.30pm Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am to 1.30pm Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm Saturday 9.30am to 4pm Sunday - Closed
Portchester Library West Street Portchester PO16 9TX	Monday 9:30am to 5pm Tuesday – Closed Wednesday 9.30am to 1.30pm Thursday 9.30am to 5pm Friday - Closed Saturday 10am to 12 midday Sunday- Closed
Lockswood Library Lockswood Centre Locks Heath District Centre SO31 6DX	Monday – Closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am to 5pm Friday- Closed Saturday- 10am to 12 midday

	Sunday- Closed
Stubbington Library Stubbington Lane Stubbington PO14 2PP	Monday & Tuesday 9.30am to 5pm Wednesday & Thursday – Closed Friday 9.30am to 5pm Sat 10am to 12 midday Sunday- Closed
Gosport Discovery Centre High Street, Gosport PO12 1BT	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday- 9.30am – 4.30pm Thursday - Closed Friday - 9.30am to 4.30pm Saturday – 9.30am to 4pm Sunday- Closed

Period of publication for representations:

The Council will receive representations on the **revisions to** the Publication Plan for a six-week period which runs from **18 June 2021 until 11.59pm on 30 July 2021**. As set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 20 (2), **any representations must be received by the date specified.**

How to make representations:

Representations can be made through the following means:

- Online: By using the Council's online response form at <https://www.fareham.gov.uk/localplanconsultation>
- Copies of the response form are available to download from the Council's website at: <https://www.fareham.gov.uk/localplanconsultation>. These can be emailed to consultation@fareham.gov.uk or posted to address below.
- Paper copies of the response form are available upon request by telephoning 01329 824601 or from local libraries
- Paper copy response forms should be sent to the Consultation Team, Fareham Borough Council, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham, PO16 7AZ and must be received within the six-week consultation period stated above.

Content and structure of representations

Following the consultation period, the Revised Publication Local Plan will be submitted for examination by an independent Planning Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector's role is to examine whether the submitted plan meets the tests of soundness (as defined in the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 35) and meets all the relevant legislative requirements, including the duty to co-operate.

The Planning Inspector will consider representations made during this period of consultation **as well as representations made in respect of the Publication Local Plan during the previous period of consultation which took place from 16 November 2020 until 18 December 2020.**

Any comments on the **Revised Publication Local Plan** should specify the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made.

Only the following matters will be of concern to the Planning Inspector:

- **Legal Compliance** – does the plan meet the legal requirements for plan making as set out by planning and environmental laws?
- **Soundness** – has the plan been positively prepared, is it justified, effective, and consistent with national policy?
- **Meeting the Duty to Cooperate** – has the Council engaged and worked effectively with neighbouring authorities and statutory bodies?

Request for further notification of Local Plan progress

When making a representation you can ask to be notified, at a specified address, of any of the following:

- Submission of the Revised Publication Local Plan to the Secretary of State for examination
- Publication of the recommendations of the Planning Inspector on behalf of the Secretary of State
- Adoption of the new Fareham Local Plan

It is important that the Planning Inspector and all participants in the examination process are able to know who has given feedback on the Revised Publication Local Plan. All comments received will therefore be submitted to the Secretary of State and considered as part of a public examination by the Inspector. In addition, all comments will be made public on the Council's website, including the names of those who submitted them. All other personal information will remain confidential and will be managed in line with the Council's Privacy Statement.

The Examination Process

The examination is open to the public. Subject to the venue's seating availability and any Covid-19 restrictions, anyone can attend to listen to the discussions but there are strict rules which apply to those who wish to participate. If you wish to appear at the examination as a participant, such a request must be made as part of the representation on the Publication Plan. The right to appear and be heard by the Inspector at a hearing session is defined in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 section 20 (6).

In light of Covid-19 restrictions, the examination may take place virtually. Full details of how the examination will take place and how people can attend to listen will be provided.