

Consultation & Engagement Strategy for the Northampton Local Plan (Part 2) Options Consultation

The Consultation and Engagement Strategy sets out the proposed arrangements for communication and consultation with the local community and all other stakeholders in respect of the Local Plan Issues consultation. The strategy meets the statutory requirements, as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, and the Northampton Statement of Community Involvement.

Timing	Actions
September 2016 (Before the consultation)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Plan Newsletter for all Borough councillors to provide briefing on the Options consultation including overview of content, consultation actions and timetable. 2. Two press releases: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. one just prior to the Cabinet papers being made public ie. around Monday 29 August prior to dispatch on 30 August. b. one just prior to the start of consultation, i.e. around Monday 19 September prior to start of consultation on Wednesday 21 September. 3. Social media communications on the Council's Twitter and Facebook. 4. Design & Distribute Plain English Leaflet and Frequently Asked Questions for external use.
21 September – 2 November 2016 (During consultation)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. All Options consultation documents to be made available at the Inspection locations (the One Stop Shop at the Guildhall and all libraries in Northampton Borough). 6. All Options consultation documents to be made available for review/ download with on-line response facility available on the NBC website.

	<p>7. All letters or emails explaining the Options consultation and providing details of how to respond sent to specific consultation bodies¹, the general consultation bodies², neighbouring authorities, prescribed bodies³ and other organisations and individuals as appropriate.</p> <p>8. Paper copies of consultation documents to be made available at Parish Council and other community offices where possible.</p> <p>9. Paper copies of Options consultation documents to be made available on request.</p> <p>10. Options consultation workshop for all Borough councillors.</p> <p>11. Options consultation workshop for all Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Forums in Northampton Borough.</p>
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¹ The specific consultation bodies are listed in Regulation 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and relate to organisations responsible for services and utilities and infrastructure provision.

² The general consultation bodies are also specified in Regulation 2 of the 2012 Regulations and comprise: voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit any part of the local planning authority's area bodies which represent the interests of:

- different racial, ethnic or national groups in the local authority's area
- different religious groups in the local planning authority's area
- disabled people in the local planning authority's area
- persons carrying on business in the local planning authority's area

³ The prescribed bodies are specified in Regulation 4 of the 2012 Regulations (as amended) and in the case of Northampton are: Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, Civil Action Authority, Homes and Communities Agency, NHS, Office of Rail Regulation, Highways England, Northamptonshire County Council Highways, Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership, South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership, Northamptonshire Local Nature Partnership

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="546 268 1928 341">12. Options consultation documents to be made available at The Guildhall during the consultation period – staff available at designated times to answer questions/ provide advice.<li data-bbox="546 379 1789 416">13. Meetings/ briefings to be arranged with key organisations including statutory bodies.<li data-bbox="546 454 1910 528">14. Information boards to be made available at The Guildhall and at various locations across the Borough.
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