

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

Sites Consultation

The Consultation and Engagement Strategy sets out the arrangements for communication and consultation with the local community and all other relevant stakeholders in respect of the Local Plan (Part 2) Sites Consultation. The legal requirements for consultation and community involvement in plan-making are set by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended. The strategy meets these statutory requirements and the requirements of the Northampton Statement of Community Involvement.

Timing	Actions
September 2017 (before the consultation)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Local Plan Newsletter for all Borough Councillors to provide briefing on the Sites 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, around 4th September prior to dispatch on 5th September.b. one just prior to the start of consultation.3. Social media communications on the Council's Twitter and Facebook.
2 nd October – 13 th November 2017 (During consultation)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. All consultation documents to be made available at the One Stop Shop at the Guildhall.5. All Consultation Documents to be made available at Libraries in the Borough.6. All consultation documents to be made available for review/ download with on-line response facility available on the NBC website.7. All letters or emails explaining the consultation and providing details of how to respond sent to specific

	<p>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 offices and other community offices where appropriate.</p> <p>9. Paper copies of consultation documents to be made available on request.</p> <p>10. Consultation briefing for all Borough Councillors.</p> <p>11. Consultation briefing for all Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Forums in Northampton Borough.</p> <p>12. Consultation documents to be made available at The Guildhall during the consultation period – staff available to answer questions/provide advice.</p> <p>13. Discussion as appropriate with key organisations including statutory bodies and adjoining local planning authorities.</p> <p>14. Public Notice will be placed in the Chronicle & Echo</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 include:
Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, Civil Action Authority, Homes and Communities Agency, NHS, Office of Rail Regulation, Highways England, Northamptonshire County Council Highways, South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership, Northamptonshire Local Nature Partnership