

Local Plan final draft

The final draft of our Local Plan, setting out how the district should be shaped until 2033, will be published on 11 October.

Between that date and 22 November for you to have a say before the plan is submitted to the government for consideration by a planning inspector.

We would like to thank all of you who have already taken part in previous consultations - your feedback has been taken into consideration and has helped to shape the Local Plan through the various stages to get us to the point that we are at now.

It is important to note that the planning inspector will be giving more weight to comments on the technical soundness of the plan – this means the comments need to relate to the legality of the plan. From 11 October, please look out for a factsheet and short video on our [website](#) to help explain what this means.

We are organising events for you to find out more and submit comments:

- **14 October: 10am-2pm Wallingford St Mary's Church**
- **19 October: 4pm-8pm Culham Primary School**
- **21 October: 10am-2pm Henley Town Hall - Council Chamber**
- **31 October: 3pm-7pm Didcot Cornerstone**
- **7 November: 3pm-7pm Berinsfield Church Hall**
- **9 November: 3pm-7pm Wheatley, The Merry Bells Village Hall**
- **13 November: 3pm-7pm Thame Town Hall**
- **17 November: 3pm-7pm Chalgrove Village Hall TBC**

If you are unable to attend one of these events, you will also be able to view the final draft of the Local Plan and submit comments via the [council website](#).

We hope to submit the final plan to government by the end of 2017 and expect public examination of the plan, including comments and evidence gathered, to take place early next year.

Government proposals for changes to planning policy

The government is currently consulting on a number of changes to planning policy and legislation, which includes a proposed approach to calculating housing need.

We are required to work on the existing housing needs figures until any government guidelines are finalised and published, and also need to consider economic growth, affordable housing and the need for new infrastructure. We will work to ensure the inspector considering our Local Plan will take any changes to guidance into account during the examination process.