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Have Your Say



How Should Reading Develop Over The Next 18 Years?

We'd like to hear from you.

Tell us what you think of future development proposals within Reading for new housing, business uses plus much more, to help shape our town up to 2041 as a part of Reading Borough Council's Local Plan Partial Update.

It's also your chance to share your thoughts about how Reading can become a better place to live.

What Are We Doing?

The Council is updating its Local Plan, which sets out a number of policies that guide proposed developments within Reading. Once adopted, The Local Plan will be the main document that informs how we decide planning applications and covers a wide variety of important matters, policies and specific areas for development.

The current Local Plan, dating from 2019, needs updating because of the ongoing housing crisis and need for additional housing, including vital affordable housing. Updates are also needed to ensure that the right land is identified for the right uses, such as employment, retail, leisure and/or cultural use so that Reading can continue to serve all residents in the best way possible.

The Council is committed to working towards a net zero carbon Reading by 2030 and future development in the town needs to help us achieve this. Changes in national law and policy mean that greater protection must be afforded to biodiversity, wildlife and existing habitats. The Council takes this extremely seriously and the proposed updates look to address these issues head-on.

We Need Your Views

This first consultation is currently taking place on the Local Plan Partial Update Scope and Content document, which sets out the direction of travel for the proposed policy updates, including housing numbers per year, as well as sites that could potentially be developed for housing and/or employment up to 2041.

The Council is keen for people who live in the town to share their views and help us shape the future of the borough for individuals and communities in a fair and sustainable way.



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How To Get Involved

Read Reading Borough Council's Local Plan Partial Update here
www.reading.gov.uk/localplanupdate



How To Respond

Comments can be made in writing by **5pm on 31 January 2024**. Comments should be submitted by email or post. Emailed comments should be sent to planningpolicy@reading.gov.uk Comments sent by post should be addressed to: Planning Policy Team, Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Reading RG1 2LU.

The Local Plan Scope and Content document can be viewed on the Council's website. Physical copies can also be viewed at the Civic Offices (between 9am and 5pm on weekdays) and in all Council libraries (during normal opening hours).

Join a community drop-in session: We will be holding two drop-in sessions where you can discuss the proposed changes in more detail with a member of the planning policy team at our Civic Offices, Bridge Street, RG1 2LU (main reception) on 7 December from 1pm to 6pm, and on 11 December from 2pm to 7pm.

We will also be hosting an online webinar on 13 December from 6 to 7pm. This session will include opportunities for you to raise questions and find out more. If you would like to attend, please can you confirm attendance by emailing planningpolicy@reading.gov.uk Check the local plan webpage www.reading.gov.uk/localplanupdate or our social media channels for more information:

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