

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, Part 4, Regulation 20

Notice of Scoping Consultation

Stafford Borough New Local Plan 2025 - 2045

Stafford Borough Council is publishing this Notice of Scoping Consultation to invite representations on the Stafford Borough New Local Plan 2025-2045 through the following documents to cover the whole of the Stafford Borough administrative area:

- Scoping the Issues and Early Participation
- Communication and Engagement Strategy
- Sustainability Appraisal /Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report

The purpose of this Notice is to give communities and other stakeholders the opportunity to make representations on matters relevant to the preparation of the New Local Plan including what the plan should contain, as well as how the Council will engage and involve stakeholders in the preparation of the New Local Plan.

Copies of documents related to this consultation stage for the Stafford Borough New Local Plan 2025-2045 will be published on the Stafford Borough Council website and will be accessible through the following webpage:

www.staffordbc.gov.uk/new-local-plan-2025-to-2045

Alternatively copies of documents related to the Stafford Borough New Local Plan 2025-2045 can be inspected at Ground Floor Reception, Stafford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford, during normal office hours Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm, Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm. Reference copies have been supplied to Public Libraries within Stafford Borough.

Representations on the matters contained in the New Local Plan 2025-2045 documents should be received by Stafford Borough Council before **12noon on Tuesday 28 July 2026** using the following email address:

strategicplanningconsultations@staffordbc.gov.uk

Please submit comments using the online consultation form available here:

online1.snapsurveys.com/local-plan-2025-2045-scoping-consultation

Alternatively, representations must be received before **12noon on Tuesday 28 July 2026** by hard copy post to Strategic Planning and Placemaking, Ground Floor Reception, Stafford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford, ST16 3AQ.

Requests to be notified at a specific address when one of the following New Local Plan stages occurs should be provided using the following email address or via post to Strategic Planning and Placemaking, Ground Floor Reception, Stafford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford, ST16 3AQ:

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- Consultation on proposed Local Plan content and evidence (Regulation 23)
- Publication of observations or advice
- Consultation on the Proposed Local Plan (Regulation 27)
- Submission of the Proposed Local Plan for Examination
- Independent Examination of the Local Plan (Regulation 35)
- Decision of the Examiner to consider further matters and pause the Examination
- Publication of document and evidence related to further matters
- Publication of the Examiner Report with recommendations and reasons
- Adoption or approval of the Local Plan

This notice has been made available from **3 June 2026**.