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The preparation of a new Central Lancashire Local Plan is well underway following a commitment made by the three Councils of Chorley, Preston and South Ribble in November 2017 to continue to work in partnership in plan-making. The local plan will set out the strategic priorities for development of the boroughs and there are a number of opportunities for stakeholders, partners, members of the public and members to engage in the process and shape the places we are creating for future generations.

A local plan should plan positively for the development and infrastructure communities need and include policies to deliver:

- Housing (including affordable homes and those to meet needs of specific groups such as older people)
- Retail, leisure and other commercial development
- Infrastructure for transport and technology such as car charging points
- Education, health and community facilities
- Protection and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape, wildlife, open space and listed buildings
- Protection of homes and property from flooding

The new Central Lancashire Local Plan will cover the period to 2021-2036 and will need to pass several crucial tests of 'soundness' by the Planning Inspectorate prior to adoption in 2022. A brand new jointly funded Central Lancs Local Plan team was established in 2018 and following two rounds of 'call for sites' when we invited submissions from landowners, developers, communities and all stakeholders to come forward with ideas for potential sites for future development, we are now preparing for the next key stage in plan preparation which is the 'Issues and Options' Consultation.

The Issues and Options Consultation will comprise of a discussion paper and questionnaire, prepared on behalf of the three councils, which will seek views from stakeholders, residents, public bodies etc, about key issues facing our boroughs. The discussion paper will also include 'site suggestions' resulting from the first filter exercise of the sites collected so far. A member learning session will be delivered on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 during which, full details of the Issues and Options consultation will be provided, and members can find out how they can get involved and encourage constituents to participate.

For more information, please see our website <https://centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk/>