



Report of	Meeting	Date
Central Lancashire Planning Local Plan Coordinator	Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee	28/10/2019

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. To note contents of this report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

General update on the progress of the Local Plan and programme for consultation.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) (If the recommendations are accepted)

2. None, for information only.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None.

Local Plan Progress – Issues and Options

4. The Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and options consultation is due to commence on Monday the 18th November 2019 and run until Friday 14th February 2020 following approval by the three councils. The consultation will encourage the use Citizen space, our online consultation tool, as the main means of responding to this consultation. Documents will also be made available at agreed deposit across the 3 Councils and a series of drop in events will also be held in each area, as agreed locally, to give consultees the opportunity to ask officers questions about the consultation and to discuss any concerns they may have.

FURTHER CALL FOR SITES

5. During the Issues and Options Consultation, a further Call for Sites window will be open. This will be the last opportunity to submit sites before the Preferred Options Document is prepared.

6. Any additional sites submitted during this stage will be added to the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) database and a detailed review of the submissions will be undertaken.

DEVELOPER FORUM

7. A Developer Forum is being set up to run throughout the development of the Plan. This is made up of landowners and developers who have indicated a wish to be involved in the forum and the development of the Local Plan. The initial developer forum will take place during the 12 week consultation. Availability of Council leaders is being sought in order to arrange this event.

EVIDENCE DOCUMENTS

STRATEGIC HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT LAND ASSESSMENT (SHELAA)

8. The purpose of the SHELAA is to provide an evidence based document to support the development of the Central Lancashire Local Plan (CLLP). The SHELAA only identifies opportunities for housing and/ or employment development on sites that are considered deliverable, developable and available. It does not allocate sites to be developed, this is the role of the Local Plan.
9. The SHELAA methodology, which is to be used to assess the suitability, availability and deliverability of the sites, is included as part of the consultation along - side the Issues and Options Document. This is to allow stakeholders the opportunity to view and comment on the process to be used to identify sites which would then be fed in to the Local Plan.
10. Any additional sites received during the further call for sites will be added to the SHELAA database and assessed alongside the existing site suggestions. This work will then be used to help refine the list of site suggestions to take forward as part of the preferred options.

INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT(IA) SCOPING REPORT

11. The IA Scoping report consultation took place between 12th August and 7th October 2019. A total of 17 responses have been received to the consultation and these have been used to review and revise as necessary the content of the Scoping Report and the IA Framework. A separate report of the IA consultation is being presented to JAC.
12. The final IA scoping report will provide the framework for assessment of policies and sites developed as part of the Local Plan.

STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT (SFRA)

13. JBA have been appointed to undertake the work on the SFRA and started work on this earlier this year. Previous updates have informed on the delay to this work due to issues with the data held by LCC. LCC and consultants JBA are working together to digitise the data they hold on their behalf for use in this study. It is envisaged that this work will take around 3 months to complete.
14. In addition to the above, there have been changes to the guidance on what should be included in an SFRA, as such this requires additional work to be undertaken which was not included in the original specification. This is not expected to impact further on the timetable for completing the SFRA level 1.

15. JBA are working on a revised timetable for completion of the SFRA Level 1 following digitisation of the LCC data. It is expected that the consultants will be able to provide a full update on this for the next JAC in January 2020.
16. The results of this work will be available to feed in to the development of the Preferred Options Document, specifically assessing the suggested sites.

HOUSING STUDY

17. Consultants Icenl have produced a draft report on housing numbers and suggested distribution across the 3 councils based on the Standard Method, this is being presented in a separate report to the JAC. This information will be used in the development of the Preferred Option stage of the Local Plan and to inform a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the 3 Councils.

OPEN SPACE AND PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

18. The Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategies have been completed for Central Lancashire and the findings of this were presented to JAC at the last meeting on the 4th of June. Each Council is now looking at developing locally specific documents based on the findings of this work and identifying any specific infrastructure needs going forward.

PROGRAMME

19. From a review of the current Local Plan Timetable it is clear that the current programme has slipped. This is due to a number of factors including delays in recruitment to key roles within the Central Lancashire Local Plan team, as well as the time required to appraise the number of sites which were received through the two call for sites exercises.
20. A revised work programme and LDS are currently being prepared and will be presented at the next JAC in January 2020.

DUTY TO COOPERATE DISCUSSIONS

21. To ensure that we meet our duty to cooperate requirements with Lancashire County Council, meetings have already taken place with education colleagues, with meetings planned with transport and health over the coming months. We are also working closely with LCC on the preparation of a Transport Plan for Central Lancashire.

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