Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update – Addendum (Regulation 19 to Pre-Submission) Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Title of Document

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Subject matter and area covered

The Stevenage Borough Local Plan was adopted on 22 May 2019. The Plan sets out a spatial vision for the town to 2031 and contains detailed land use policies for the Borough. It looks to guide development and covers areas like housing, the built and natural environment, infrastructure, businesses, open spaces and more.

We held two recent consultations on the Local Plan Review and Partial Update. Firstly, a Regulation 18 Consultation was held from 5 July to 15 August 2024, and a second, Regulation 19 Consultation, was held from 21 November 2024 to 14 February 2025.

After careful consideration, we have proposed an addendum to the Local Plan Partial Update. If a local authority wishes to make changes following a Regulation 19 consultation and before submission; and wish these changes to be considered as part of a submitted plan (to the Secretary of State) the local authority will need to prepare an addendum to the plan containing the proposed changes [modifications].

Therefore, the Council is now carrying out a focused consultation, specifically on these changes to the Local Plan to secure the soundness of the Local Plan Partial Update, prior to Submission to Government.

Period of publication for representations

Representations are invited on the Stevenage Borough Local Plan – Partial Update – Addendum, **Tuesday 24 June 2025 to 11.59pm Monday 4 August 2025.** This statement provides details on how to make comments.

Where to view the documents (Statement of Fact)

Between Tuesday 24 June 2025 to 11.59pm Monday 4 August 2025, copies of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan – Partial Review and Update and its accompanying documents, including the representation form, will be:

- available to view on the Council's webpage: <u>https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-partial-update</u>
- available for inspection at Stevenage Borough Council offices, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, SG1 1HN during normal office hours (excluding Bank Holidays).
- available for inspection, during normal opening hours (excluding Bank Holidays) at Stevenage Town Library and Stevenage Old Town Library

Representations

Representations should be made on the representation form. The use of the standard representation form is strongly recommended as this will ensure that comments are related to matters relevant to the subsequent examination by a Planning Inspector. If you are objecting to the proposed submission Local Plan and wish to speak at the examination, it is imperative that you make this clear on your representation form.

The representation form can be downloaded via the Council's website: <u>https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-partial-update</u>

Representation forms are also available from the Council offices reception and from town libraries. A paper copy can also be provided by e-mailing planning.policy_SBC@stevenage.gov.uk.

Completed forms can be submitted on-line, returned by email To <u>planning.policy SBC@stevenage.gov.uk</u> or posted to: Planning Policy Team, Stevenage Borough Council, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, SG1 1HN.

Where requested, all named representatives will be notified of future stages.

Please note that copies of all comments received will be available for the public to view and cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments received will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and considered as part of a public examination by an independent Planning Inspector.

Data will be processed and held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The Council's privacy policy can be found here: https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/about-the-council/access-to-information/privacy-notices/privacy-policy

Using the representation form you can request to be notified at an address or e-mail address of the following:

- The submission of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination
- Publication of the Planning Inspector's Report on the Regulation 19 (Pre-Submission) version of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update
- Adoption of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update

For further information, please contact the Planning Policy Team at planning.policy_SBC@stevenage.gov.uk

Planning Policy Team Stevenage Borough Council 24 June 2025