

Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2011–2031

Partial Update

Adoption Statement

In accordance with Regulation 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) this Adoption Statement hereby gives notice that on 22 July 2026, Stevenage Borough Council adopted the Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2011–2031 Partial Update as a development plan document.

The Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination in August 2025 and was the subject of an independent examination conducted by L Fleming B.Sc. (Hons) MRTPI IHBC. The Inspector's Report was published on 27 May 2026, which confirmed that the Plan Partial Update was sound, subject to a number of main modifications, and recommended its adoption. The recommended main modifications, along with additional minor modifications, now form part of the adopted Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update. They can be viewed separately via the following link: (link to be provided)

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the 2012 Regulations, the following documents have been made available:

- (i) The Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2011–2031 Partial Update
- (ii) This Adoption Statement
- (iii) The Sustainability Appraisal Report

These documents can be viewed on the Council's website at: <https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan> and are available for inspection (free of charge) during normal opening hours at the following locations:

- Stevenage Borough Council Offices, Danestrete
- Stevenage Central Library, Southgate
- Old Town Library, 38 High Street

Any person aggrieved by the Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2011–2031 Partial Update may make an application to the High Court under Section 113(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- (i) the document is not within the power (as defined in section 113(9) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004); or
- (ii) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update was adopted (i.e. six weeks beginning on 22 July 2026).

For further information please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01438 242158 or by email at: Planning.Policy_SBC@stevenage.gov.uk.

A copy of this statement will be sent to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.