

Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update: Main Modifications

Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Regulation 19

Title of Document

Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update

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.

Tackling the Climate Emergency is an issue we are deeply committed to addressing. This means we are consulting on a partial update of our Local Plan to make sure that we are thinking sustainably for the next, and future generations. The aim of this review is to not replace the existing Plan with an entirely new plan, instead focus on areas that we feel need urgent attention.

It is important to remember that the Local Plan Review, at this stage, consists of a Partial Update of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan (May 2019). As such, the scope of the review to policies and supporting text is limited to necessary changes only, related to key drivers of change since the Plan was adopted in 2019. Other wider changes will be considered for the next stage of the Local Plan Review, a new Local Plan. Main areas of review include Climate Change, Environment, Houses in Multiple Occupation, Flooding and Drainage, Station Gateway Major Opportunity Area and Design, among other minor amendments.

The Local Plan Partial Update was submitted to the Secretary of State (MHCLG) on 15 August 2025, ahead of an independent Examination in Public by an appointed Planning Inspector.

The Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update Examination in Public Hearing sessions were held from 2–10 December 2025 and conducted by an independent Planning Inspector (PINS). Further details regarding the Examination in Public can be viewed at the dedicated Examination website: <https://www.hwa.uk.com/projects/stevenage-local-plan-partial-update/>

At the conclusion of the Examination in Public Hearing sessions, the Inspector advised that the Plan was capable of being found sound, but that Main Modifications (MM) would be required.

Period of publication for representations

Representations are invited on the Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update Main Modifications for a period of six weeks, from 12.00am on Wednesday 18 February 2026 to 11.59pm Tuesday 31 March 2026. This statement provides details on how to make comments.

Where to view the documents (Statement of Fact)

Between 12.00am on Wednesday 18 February 2026 and 11.59pm Tuesday 31 March 2026, copies of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update Main Modifications and its accompanying documents, including the representation form, will be:

- available to view on the Council's website at <https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-partial-update>
- 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 examination by a Planning Inspector. If you are objecting to the proposed Local Plan Partial Update Main Modifications, it is imperative that you make this clear on your representation form.

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

Representation forms are 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 Planning.Policy_SBC@stevenage.gov.uk 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 the ongoing public examination.

Data will be processed and held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

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

- Publication of the Planning Inspector's Report on 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.

The relevant regulations are the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).