

## **Statement of the representation procedure and availability of documents**

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)  
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

**West Suffolk Local Plan 2024-2041 - consultation on proposed Main Modifications  
Tuesday 4 March 2025 to Tuesday 15 April 2025**

### **Title of the document:**

- West Suffolk Local Plan Main Modifications

### **Subject matter and area covered:**

The West Suffolk Local Plan sets out the overall housing quantum and distribution between settlements and site allocations and general policies against which, (amongst other material considerations), planning applications will be determined across the district of West Suffolk.

The examination hearings for the West Suffolk Local Plan were held between 5 November to 11 December 2024. The inspectors' issued a letter to the council on 9 January 2025 setting out next steps in the examination and asking the council to prepare main modifications. Information on the local plan examination can be found here [West Suffolk Local Plan \(Regulation 24\) 2024 - Examination in public - West Suffolk Planning Policy Consultations](#)

The council has prepared revised comprehensive schedules of main modifications to the local plan and changes to the policies map, along with updated sustainability appraisal and habitat regulations assessment reports. All of the above are available for public consultation.

In addition, the council has prepared a schedule of additional modifications for information only. Such changes do not materially affect the policies and proposals within the local plan, but relate to matters such as typographical errors, minor editing, factual updates and name changes. These are not matters for the Inspectors' consideration and do not form part of the public consultation but are being published for information purposes only.

The significant stages in the preparation of the West Suffolk Local Plan document can be summarised as follows:

- October to December 2020 – consultation in respect of the issues and options.
- May to July 2022 – consultation in respect of preferred options.
- January to March 2024 – Consultation in respect of the submission version of the West Suffolk Local Plan.
- May 2024 - Submission of local plan for examination
- November to December 2024 – examination in public
- **Current stage** – March to April 2025 - consultation on main modifications to the West Suffolk Local Plan

### **How to view the documents**

The schedule of main modifications, schedule of policies map modifications, updated sustainability appraisal (SA) and habitats regulations assessment (HRA) are available to view at:

- Electronically on the [council's consultation portal](#)
- In hard copy for inspection at the following locations during normal office hours:
  - Brandon Library, The Brandon Centre, Bury Road, Brandon, IP27 0BQ
  - Haverhill House, Lower Downs Slade, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 9EE
  - Mildenhall Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7JX
  - Newmarket Library, 1a the Guineas, Newmarket CB8 8EG
  - West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU

### **Consultation period**

Representations should be received within the consultation period, which will run from **9am Tuesday 4 March 2025 until 5pm Tuesday 15 April 2025**.

### **How to make a representation**

Representations should relate to the 'legal compliance' and 'soundness' of the proposed main modifications and should not relate to parts of the plan that are not proposed to be modified.

Where possible, representations should be made using the [council's online consultation portal](#)

Representations can also be sent by email to [planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk)

or by post to:

West Suffolk Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation  
West Suffolk Council  
Strategic Planning Team  
West Suffolk House  
Western Way  
Bury St Edmunds  
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Any representations received may also indicate a request to be notified of the adoption of the plan.

**West Suffolk Council  
Strategic Planning  
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