



Date: January 2021
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Dear Consultee,

**Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012
(as amended)
Regulation 18 Preparation of a Local Plan
Local Plan 2018-2037 Consultation Draft**

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council is updating the current adopted local plans, specifically the Core Strategy (adopted 2011) and the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies (adopted 2015). This will lead to a new Local Plan to replace the existing adopted plans, and will cover the period 2018 to 2037.

The first stage of the Local Plan review was a consultation on *Issues and Options* in 2019. Since the 2019 consultation, further evidence has been gathered and a draft Local Plan has now been produced. At this stage, the draft Local Plan and draft Policies Maps along with supporting evidence are being made available for a six-week consultation period from **8th January until 19th February 2021**.

In summary, the draft plan presents a **Balanced Growth** strategy, with development proposed in suitable locations to help encourage investment to the area and the new development which Blackburn with Darwen needs. It also seeks to protect the most valuable features of the environment throughout the Borough, and shows the key major infrastructure schemes which are planned to support the new development proposals, such as roads, schools and health facilities.

The consultation documents, including interactive Policies maps can be viewed on the Council's website. **You can view all relevant documentation and respond by going to blackburn.gov.uk/localplan.**



Display boards outlining the plan's ambitions can be seen by anyone who is already out doing their essential shopping in both Blackburn and Darwen Markets following Covid safe guidelines. Everyone else is encouraged to view the boards on the web page. Please do get involved and have your say.

There are three main ways that you can comment on the consultation:

- **Online survey at:** blackburn.gov.uk/localplan
- **By post to:** Local Plan Consultations, Growth Team, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, Third Floor, One Cathedral Square, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1FB
- **By email to:** forwardplanning@blackburn.gov.uk.

If you choose to respond by post or email, please clearly indicate the consultation question(s) or section of the draft plan on which you are commenting.

Please note that any comments made will be available for public inspection, including your name and address. Comments with no name and address will be treated as anonymous, and cannot be accepted. If you have any concerns regarding the use of personal information, further details of how the Council uses your data can be found on the Council's data protection page <http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Data-protection.aspx>.

The Council will consider all responses received during this consultation, and will continue working on its new Local Plan through 2021. In response to consultation feedback, and potential Government planning reforms, the final plan may evolve from its present format. We aim to submit the Local Plan to the Government by the end of 2021, and hope to adopt it during 2022.

If you wish to continue to be contacted regarding future consultations on the emerging Local Plan, please register your details through the online survey at blackburn.gov.uk/localplan or email forwardplanning@blackburn.gov.uk.

If you need any more information please do not hesitate to contact the planning team using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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