

Help us build a better Arun

We are updating the Local Plan – we want your views and ideas.

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Arun Local Plan update | Direction of Travel Document Issues and Options consultation

Why do we need a Local Plan and what is it?

Arun District Council is legally required to deliver a Local Plan by National Planning Policy. The Plan must identify how Arun District Council will accommodate and prepare for growth in employment, transport, retail and housing.

The Local Plan is also an opportunity to shape change in towns and villages in a sensitive and sustainable way. It will guide the provision of infrastructure to support growth and identify how much and where new housing and economic growth is required.

What is this consultation about?

As part of the Local Plan process, we need to consult you on the issues and options which the district faces. This has been set out in the Direction of Travel Document which is available on the Arun District Council website.

The Issues and Options consultation is an important part of the Local Plan process. It is the first stage of public consultation, where residents are asked how they would like to tackle a range of planning issues and proposed options for the future development of the district.

We are seeking your views and suggestions on how Arun should grow and develop in the future. This consultation identifies the issues and challenges facing the district and the options that could help address them. We are asking your views on how best to balance the delivery of growth and regeneration across the district to meet future needs whilst at the same time protecting the things we value about Arun. This consultation includes many questions, but you don't have to answer them all. Feel free to pick and choose – you can just answer the questions on the subjects that mean the most to you, on the other hand you might want to answer them all.

This consultation does not identify potential development sites or draft policies, this will be done at a later stage of the Local Plan process.

What is the Local Plan process?

The development of the Local Plan comprises various steps and key milestones which are as follows:



Call for sites

The council asks for suggested sites which might be suitable and available for development in the district.



Issues and options

(Direction of Travel Document)
The council gathers evidence on the needs of the local area and asks for views on different ways in which future development could meet these needs.



Regulation 18 consultation

A draft Local Plan is presented to the public and residents are invited to give their feedback on the draft policies, sites and strategy.



Regulation 19 consultation

The next version of the Local Plan is published and consulted on for 'soundness' - whether it is legally compliant and aligns with national policy, rather than whether people agree with the plan.



Examination

The council submits the Local Plan to government for an independent examination.



Adoption

The Local Plan becomes policy and will be used when determining planning applications.

Have your say on the issues and options for the Local Plan

Arun District Council is asking residents, business, and anyone else with an interest in the future of the area, for their views on issues such as housing, jobs, infrastructure, health, climate change and the environment.

All responses will help the council to develop more detailed proposals, which people will be able to comment on in the future.

The consultation runs from Monday 25 March 2024 until 5pm on Monday 6 May 2024.

The Direction of Travel document is available on the council website: <https://www.arun.gov.uk/arun-local-plan-update-2023-2041>



Our vision

The Local Plan has a vision for how the district will develop.

By 2053 Arun residents will share in a sustainable, higher quality of life for all. Achieved by living in quality designed, sustainable places which are safe from flooding and the impacts of a changing climate. Arun will have a greener, diverse, and regenerated economy, whilst local people will enjoy rich heritage, diverse culture and leisure, as we progress towards achieving net-zero carbon emissions.

Climate change



Our key issues and challenges are:

- reducing demand for carbon-based energy
- flooding and sea level rise
- ground and surface water issues
- low water supply and water pressure issues
- nitrate neutrality and water neutrality
- wastewater and bathing quality
- extreme temperatures and weather events
- protecting our coastline

Have a look at chapter 4 of the Direction of Travel document and tell us what you think.

100% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Homes in the right places



Our key issues and challenges are:

- masterplanning needed to improve quality design housing
- smaller sites needed (i.e. under 300 dwellings)
- high demand from people moving into the district
- greater level of lower paid/skilled jobs so affects affordability
- provide quality housing people can afford and meets their needs flexibly through their lifetime
- balance housing with jobs and in the right locations
- new housing mix offering a range of sizes
- balance the efficient use of land, meet growing housing need

Have a look at Chapter 6 of the Direction of Travel document and tell us what you think.

Sustainable economic growth • a better environment • creating safe communities • improving health and wellbeing

Placemaking, heritage and culture



Our key issues and challenges are:

- respecting distinct local character, culture, diversity and heritage
- protect heritage and the local identity of existing settlements
- high quality design of buildings, streets and places
- carbon neutral energy efficiency standards
- ensuring existing and new communities are connected
- most daily needs within a 20-minute walk from where you live
- regenerate existing and create new cultural facilities/assets

Have a look at chapter 8 of the Direction of Travel document and tell us what you think.

20 minute neighbourhoods. Communities with accessible housing, services, jobs and travel networks are within 20 minute travel time.

Conclusion questions - what do you think?

Are there any other issues or challenges that we have missed from this document?

Are there any other policy options we should be considering?

Do you have any other comments in relation to what should be in the Arun Local Plan update?

Tell us what you think via the consultation document <https://arun-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/>



Our environmental life support network



Our key issues and challenges are:

- accommodating new development in sensitive areas
- accommodating the delayed A27 Arundel bypass scheme
- protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land
- delivering growth while protecting habitats and species
- protecting settlements and areas of the countryside
- delivering new infrastructure including roads and schools
- ensuring that green infrastructure is integrated in communities

Have a look at Chapter 5 of the Direction of Travel document and tell us what you think.

339 parks and open spaces. **106** local green spaces.

Economy, health and wellbeing and telecommunications and digital infrastructure



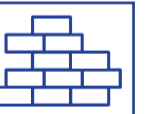
Our key issues and challenges are:

- regenerating high streets and the towns of Littlehampton and Bognor Regis, the historic attraction of Arundel and the rural economy
- establishing a thriving visitor, culture and leisure sector
- securing high quality advanced digital infrastructure
- quality health and wellbeing environments
- active travel and transport networks connecting people to greenspace, leisure, sport and services
- providing new broadband

Have a look at Chapter 7 of the Direction of Travel document and tell us what you think.

17% population growth. The population of Arun has grown by just over 24,000 people since 2001.

Infrastructure to support our needs



Our key issues and challenges are:

- support Arun's economy to create sustainable new communities
- the right infrastructure to be delivered in the right places
- address infrastructure capacity constraints
- new schools (both primary and secondary level)
- the need to upgrade the capacity of the ageing wastewater network to address existing and new demand from housing and new developments
- road network improvements to increase capacity
- rail and station improvements
- provide GP surgeries, health clinics and dental practices

Have a look at Chapter 9 of the Direction of Travel document and tell us what you think.

£187k Community Infrastructure Levy given to the Parish and Town Councils between April 2022 and March 2023 to be spent on their local infrastructure projects.

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