



Local Plan

The Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026

Notice of Local Plan Scoping Consultation

In accordance with [Regulation 20](#) of the Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, Cheshire West and Chester Council gives notice that the Scoping Consultation for the 'Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan', which incorporates the minerals and waste plan, begins at 9am on 7 September 2026 and ends at 5pm on 28 September 2026.

During this period the Council is inviting representations from relevant 'general' and 'specific' consultation bodies (defined in [Regulation 2](#) of the regulations) on:

- (i) such matters relevant to the preparation of the local plan as the authority or body considers appropriate, including what the plan should contain, and
- (ii) how the authority should engage with them on the preparation of the local plan.

Any person or organisation can make representations on these matters.

The Scoping Consultation can be viewed, and comments should be submitted online via: <https://planningpolicy.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cheshire-west-and-chester-local-plan-scoping-consultation>

Copies of the Scoping Consultation are also available for inspection at:

- the Council's principal office: The Portal, Wellington Rd, Ellesmere Port CH65 0BA, during normal office hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)
- and Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, CW7 1AH during normal opening hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 1pm; Tuesday and Thursday 3pm to 5pm)

Representations on the Scoping Consultation must be received by the Council by 5pm on 28 September 2026.

Representations should be submitted via the online consultation form

The Council will also accept written responses to the questions included in the Scoping Consultation, by email to: planningpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk, or by post to: The Portal, Wellington Rd, Ellesmere Port CH65 0BA.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified when one or more of the following steps occur:

- (i) the making available of proposed local plan content and evidence under regulation 23(1)(b) (consultation on proposed local plan content and evidence);
- (ii) the publication of observations or advice under section 15CA(5) of the Act;
- (iii) the making available of the proposed local plan submission documents under regulation 27(1)(b) (consultation on the proposed local plan);
- (iv) the submission of the proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 15D(1) of the Act;
- (v) the making available of the matters specified in regulation 35(2) in accordance with regulation 35(1)(a) (independent examination: local plans);
- (vi) a decision of the examiner under section 15D(7) of the Act that the examination under that section is to be paused under section 15DA of the Act for further work to be carried out;
- (vii) the publication under section 15DA(7) of the Act of the document and any evidence which is sent to the examiner under section 15DA(6);
- (viii) the publication of the recommendations and reasons of the examiner received under section 15D or section 15DA of the Act, in accordance with section 15D(13) or section 15DA(10);
- (ix) the adoption or approval of the local plan under Part 2 of the Act.