

# Statement of Representation Procedure

## Consultation on the proposed Main Modifications to the Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016 – 2036)

### **Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, Section 19 and 35**

The Council is inviting comments, also known as representations, on the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016 – 2036) (ED57), the accompanying Main Modifications Sustainability Appraisal report (ED58), and the Schedule of proposed changes to the policies map to reflect the proposed main modifications to the draft Local Plan (ED59). All comments received will be considered as part of the public examination by an independent Planning Inspector. Please note this is not an opportunity to make comments on any other aspect of the local plan. At this stage, representations will only be accepted on the Proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan, the accompanying Main Modifications Sustainability Appraisal report, and the Policies map changes set out in document ED59.

All comments received at this stage must relate specifically to the tests of legal compliance and of soundness, which are explained further in the guidance note.

Please note copies of all accepted representations will be made available for the public to view on our website (including your name but not your contact details) and cannot be treated as confidential. Therefore, in making your comments you consent to your minimum information being published.

The information below sets out how and by when to make comments, as well as where to find the relevant documentation.

<b>Element of Consultation</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Document Title</b>	<p>The Council is consulting on the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016 – 2036) (September 2021) (ED57)</li><li>• Sustainability Appraisal of the main modifications to the Submission Wyre Forest District Local Plan (September 2021) (ED58)</li><li>• Schedule of proposed changes to the policies map to reflect the proposed main modifications to the draft Local Plan (July 2021) (ED59)</li></ul>
<b>Subject matter</b>	<p>The Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016 – 2036) sets out the spatial development strategy for the district for a 20-year period up to 2036. The Local Plan examination commenced in April 2020 when the plan was submitted to Government. The examination hearing sessions were held in January/February 2021 under the direction of the Planning Inspector Ms M Travers BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI.</p>

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	The Planning Inspector has requested that the Council now undertake consultation on a number of Main Modifications required to make the Plan sound in the light of issues identified during the examination. This is without prejudice to the Inspector's ultimate conclusions and recommendations on the Plan. The Main Modifications set out a series of changes required to resolve issues that make the Local Plan unsound or where it is not legally compliant.
<b>Area Covered</b>	Wyre Forest District
<b>Consultation Period</b>	9am on Thursday 14 October 2021 to 12pm on Friday 26 November 2021  <u>Please Note:</u> Responses received outside these dates will not be accepted.
<b>Where to view the consultation documents</b>	The consultation documents are all available to view on the Council's website: <a href="http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanmainmods">www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanmainmods</a>  Hard copies of the consultation documents will also be available for viewing at the following local libraries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kidderminster Library</li> <li>• Stourport-on-Severn Library</li> <li>• Bewdley Library</li> </ul>
<b>How to make representations</b>	Comments can be made online (preferred), by email or in writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment online <a href="http://Wyre Forest District Council - Consultation Home (objective.co.uk)">Wyre Forest District Council - Consultation Home (objective.co.uk)</a></li> <li>• Email - LPR@wyreforestdc.gov.uk</li> <li>• By post - Planning Policy Team, Wyre Forest District Council, Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY11 7WF</li> </ul> <p>All comments and representations will be made publicly available on our website, but personal details will be redacted. Anonymous responses will not be accepted.</p>
<b>What will happen to the Representations?</b>	All valid comments will be forwarded to the Programme Officer for consideration by the Inspector.
<b>Privacy</b>	We will only use the information you provide in your response for the purpose of this consultation. Please note that your name, organisation, system ID and response will be made available for public viewing once we publish the responses. Your contact details will not be published but may be shared with the Programme Officer if she needs to contact you about your response or invite you to any further hearing sessions that the Inspector may require.
<b>Request to be notified</b>	Using the response form, you can request to be notified at a specified address for any of the following:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• when the final recommendations and report of the Inspector appointed to carry out the independent examination have been published; and/or</li> <li>• when the Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016 – 2036) has been adopted.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Supporting Documents</b>	<p>The following additional supporting documents are also made available for information purposes only on the Council's website at: <a href="http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanmainmods">www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanmainmods</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule of Additional (Minor) Modifications to the Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016-2036) (July 2021) (ED53)</li> <li>• Schedule of Appendix B Map updates (July 2021) (ED54)</li> <li>• Correction Note for document SD03: Amendments to Pre-Submission Policies Map (July 2021) (ED55)</li> <li>• Wyre Forest District Council Five Year Housing Land Supply at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 (ED56)</li> </ul> <p><u>Please Note:</u> the 'Additional (Minor) Modifications' are minor updates and clarification to the Local Plan including minor changes to the Policies Map. These changes do not relate to whether the plan is 'sound' or not. The document does not form part of this consultation but is provided for completeness. No representations should be made on it.</p>
<b>Further details</b>	<p>For further details on the Local Plan, please contact the Planning Policy Team by email: <a href="mailto:planning.policy@wyreforestdc.gov.uk">planning.policy@wyreforestdc.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Any queries concerning the Examination, and any matters that anyone wishes to raise with the Inspector should be submitted via the Programme Officer by email: <a href="mailto:louise@poservices.co.uk">louise@poservices.co.uk</a></p>