

Coventry Local Plan Review Regulation 19 Proposed Submission Plan (Main Modifications Consultation Stage)

Consultation Guidance Note August 2026

This Guidance Note has been prepared to help in responding to the Main Modifications to the Local Plan.

The consultation runs for 6 weeks from **Wednesday 19th August to Thursday 1st October 2026**.

Only representations received within the consultation period have a right to be considered by the Inspectors as part of the ongoing examination.

Please read our Data Protection & Privacy Notice before submitting a response this can be seen at <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/planningpolicyprivacynotice>

Coventry City Council adopted its Local Plan and accompanying Area Action Plan for the City Centre in December 2017. These documents set out how much and what kind of development is needed up until the year 2031, where it should go, and what policies should be applied in order to help the Council decide whether planning applications are acceptable or not. They are known as Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and are prepared in line with a strict legal process. These documents are out of date and so have been reviewed to ensure that the Council has an up to date Local Plan for Coventry.

The reviewed Local Plan must be examined in public. It was submitted to the Secretary of State on 9th September 2025, and two Planning Inspectors were appointed to undertake the examination. They have been assessing whether or not the Plan is legally compliant and sound. The tests of Soundness are set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023) as this is the version of national policy under which with plan is being examined.

The tests are as follows. The Plan must be:

- Positively prepared
- Justified
- Effective
- Consistent with national policy.

The Inspectors have concluded that, as submitted, the plan is unsound but could be made sound subject to some changes. The changes needed are called Main Modifications. We are now consulting on these, along with the accompanying changes to the Policies Map, the updated Sustainability Appraisal addendum (SA) (this document includes the updated Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening) and the updated Equalities and Health Impact Assessment (EqIA).

Making a representation

Your comments (representations) should only relate to the Main Modifications (including associated changes to the Policies Map, the Sustainability Appraisal addendum, the Habitats Regulations screening contained within this addendum and the updated Equalities and Health Impact Assessment).

Comments should be clear and succinct and specify which Main Modification reference / associated modification document they relate to and why you think it should be changed – supported by evidence where possible.

To make representations please use the form which you can find here
<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-review/4>

Separate forms should be used for each Main Modification you wish to comment on.

Response forms should be received via the below methods no later than 11.59pm on the closing date of 1st October 2026.

- Via the **online consultation system**:
<https://coventrycitycouncil.inconsult.uk/system/home>
- **By email** to: planningpolicy@coventry.gov.uk
- **By post** to: Planning Policy Team, PO Box 7097, Coventry City Council, CV6 9SL.

Printed copies of the consultation documents are available to view at the Council House reception: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory-record/50249/council-house> and all community libraries:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/libraries-1/join-find-use/5>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/keresleylibrary>

Useful Links:

Local Plan Review webpage: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/localplanreview>

Local Plan Review examination website: <https://www.hwa.uk.com/projects/coventry-local-plan-review/>