



# Review of Lancaster's Local Plan 2020 - 2031

Current consultation

Friday 25 September 2020 to Friday 20 November 2020



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**YOUR say**  
...on Climate Change  
in the Local Plan

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What changes would you like to see from a climate change perspective?

## What does a Local Plan do?

The Local Plan is written by the Council and sets the policies against which planning applications in Lancaster district are determined. It covers areas such as housing, employment, the environment and recreation, infrastructure, transport and heritage and conservation. The Local Plan is written following in-depth consultation and is based upon a significant and robust evidence base. It sits within a national policy framework but ensures that local issues are considered and addressed within its policies.

## Hasn't the Council just written a Local Plan?

Yes! The Council adopted the current Local Plan in July 2020 but wants to do further work to ensure climate change is given even more focus.



## So why is the Council reviewing the Local Plan so soon?

Like many Local Authorities, Lancaster City Council declared a climate emergency in January 2019. Whilst the adopted Local Plan does seek to address climate change, the Climate Declaration came too late in the preparation of the Plan to fully influence the actions and directions of the declaration. A revised plan to take account of climate change is therefore being produced. The benefit of a recently adopted Plan means that the detail included in the Plan is up to date and therefore the Council can focus purely on Climate Change issues and addressing this important agenda in the best way for Lancaster District without having to re-visit other matters.

The Plan will not therefore revisit housing and employment land allocations and numbers and other areas such as Bailrigg Garden Village. The review will also only consider climate change issues in the context of the planning system. Other climate change activities are being dealt with by the Council separately to this review.

What are the 3 issues that are most important to you in terms of climate change?



## What is the Climate Emergency declaration?

On 30 January 2019 Lancaster City Council declared a Climate Emergency. This committed the Council to a number of actions including convening a Citizens' Assembly to help identify how the Council's own activities might be made net-zero carbon by 2030.



Do you think we are missing anything?

Is the scope of the review right? If not, why not?

What do you see as the most important issue and how would we address this?

What would you do? Can you suggest examples?

Progress is being made and in November 2019 the Council's Cabinet endorsed an outline plan to reduce the Council's own direct CO2 emissions to net-zero by 2030. The January 2019 declaration also committed the Council to work with partners across the district, county and region to help deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources. While the Council has not set a target for all activities in the district to be net-zero by a target year it is likely to continue to explore this goal.

## What can a Review of the Local Plan do to address Climate Change?

In looking at reviewing the Local Plan in terms of the climate change agenda, the exact scope of the review needs to be defined. Whilst much is prescribed at a national level within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which we must adhere to, the Council also needs to determine what areas can be explored within the context of the planning system at the local level and how it might go about addressing the issues identified.

To do this, we need your help and would like you to answer the questions outlined in our online survey.

What policies do you think would be most effective against climate change?

What impacts do you think new planning policy in the context of climate change could have on your business, organisation or community?

What do you think are the main challenges we face?

What should the Council's priorities be?



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## Timescales and Next Steps...

Stage in Local Plan Production	Timescale
Current Consultation	25th September 2020 - 20th November 2020
Draft Plan	March 2021
Submit to Secretary of State	July 2021
Examination of Plan	August 2021
Adoption of Plan	June 2022

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## Where can I find out more?

Lancaster City Council Local Plan  
[www.lancaster.gov.uk/about-local-plan](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/about-local-plan)

Lancaster City Council Climate Emergency  
[www.lancaster.gov.uk/climate-emergency](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/climate-emergency)

Details of this consultation  
[www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning-consultation](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning-consultation)

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