

Advice on making your comments

Before you make your comments on the Hastings Local Plan consultation draft (Regulation 18) document, here are some things you might like to consider

You don't have to comment on everything - we will be pleased to receive your views on the issues which are most important to you.

It's easy to find the section you are interested in using the index of the document. Just scroll down the page and choose the Hastings Local Plan consultation draft (Regulation 18) document from the list of documents open to current consultation [online](#). You can then open whichever bit of the document you like and comment using the speech bubble symbol next to the relevant part. If you don't have an OPUS account, you'll need to create one, the software will take you through the steps you need to take. Remember to check your spam folder for any emails just in case they don't come direct to your main inbox.

Once you've identified those parts of the Plan you want to comment on you can tell us how the draft Plan needs to change and why. This includes letting us know about any issues and policy areas we might have missed. You can also tell us about aspects of the Plan you support as well as those you do not.

When you make your comments, you may wish to focus on:

- The proposed Development Strategy - do you agree or disagree with it? Does this need to change? If yes, tell us how
- The strategic policies which flow from this strategy are based on the evidence we have gathered - is there anything missing from these policies? or does the wording need to be changed?
- The potential development sites which are central to the delivery of the Plan, including the four Focus Areas where we think highest levels of growth and change can best accommodated. Have we identified the most appropriate uses for these sites and areas, are there any other locations you would like considered?
- The Development Policies section, where we have set out our design expectations to ensure that development is of high quality and that the impact of developments is properly addressed. Do these policies enable us to protect important assets in our town while also encouraging new development and new investment? If not tell us how these need to be changed.

You can also comment on our Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and its technical annex which accompanies the draft Plan. When you comment on these documents you need to tell us which part of the document your comment(s) relates to.

Please do not include within your comment anything that can identify you, a member of your family, friends or colleagues i.e. address, name(s), workplace etc.

Can my local group get involved?

Yes. If you are part of a local group who share a common view, it would be helpful for your group to submit a single set of comments, rather than each member to send in separate comments with the same points.

If you need any help, please email fplanning@hastings.gov.uk or call our Local Plan voicemail on 01424 451102 and leave a message with your name and contact information for us to get back to you.