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### Main Modifications Consultation

Following approval by members at Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel, Cabinet and Full Council, the Local Plan has proceeded to the Main Modifications stage. These modifications include key alterations to some policies, site allocations and general wording updates which are proposed to be included in the future adoption of the Local Plan. The proposed modifications have been drafted to ensure that the policies set out in the Local Plan are sound.

We would like to hear the views of residents, the community and all other stakeholders on the Main Modifications of the Local Plan. The documents being consulted on are:

- Main Modifications Schedule
- Main Modifications Policies Maps
- Supporting Documents including a Sustainability Appraisal, Housing Note: Requirement & Supply and a Habitat Regulations Assessment.

The Main Modifications consultation will run from **Wednesday 4th January 2023** to **Wednesday 15th February 2023**. Once the consultation has ended, the comments will be considered and reported to Members at a date to be confirmed. If you would like to view or make a comment on the proposed modifications, go to <https://welhat-consult.objective.co.uk/kse> or visit Campus East Reception to view a hard copy. Hard copies have also been distributed to local Parish Councils and libraries. Please note that representations can only be made on proposed modifications set out in the schedule, maps or supporting documents.

### Ten-year Adoption and Supply

To enable the soundness of the Local Plan and its subsequent adoption, the Planning Inspector has confirmed that the Local Plan can progress with a housing supply to meet the ten-year requirement post-adoption, to 2032/33. The plan will be subject to an early review once adopted to take into account changes in national policy, updates to the evidence base and whether any new sites are required to meet the remaining need.

### Housing Trajectory Update

Welwyn Hatfield has recently produced an updated housing trajectory.

The housing trajectory document states the number of dwellings that will be developed and the estimated build out rate for key housing sites across the borough. The document also includes contributions from previous dwelling completions, commitments, windfall sites and small sites to provide a total supply for the plan period.

To view the document, visit the Local Plan Examination Documents page on the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council website: [archive.welhat.gov.uk/local-plan/new/examination/documents](https://archive.welhat.gov.uk/local-plan/new/examination/documents).



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## Consultation, Consultation

In addition to the Main Modifications Consultation, there are also other consultations which have recently concluded or are due to start shortly.

The Welwyn Village Conservation Area Appraisal concluded on 6th January 2023. All comments received will be considered and presented to Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council's Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel (CPPP). This report also includes any proposed modifications to the appraisal and management plan and the conservation area boundary. The Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan Consultation also closed on 30th September 2022 and an independent examiner has begun to consider all duly made representations. Following the examiner's report, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council can agree to go out to referendum on whether the plan should be made.

Further consultations on electric vehicle charging throughout the borough and on the possible introduction of a conservation area in Lemsford will be considered by members in the new year. For more information on the progress of these consultations please contact the Planning Policy team.



Lemsford Village

## OTHER INFORMATION

The **evidence base** that supports the Plan in the form of completed technical work and reports are available on the council's website, and as new reports are completed, or existing work updated, they will also be published: [www.welhat.gov.uk/evidencebase](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/evidencebase).

Reports to Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel updating progress on the Local Plan can be found at: [Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel](#).

Copies of the Statement of Community Involvement and Local Development Scheme can be found at: [Statement of Community Involvement Local Development Scheme 2017](#).

Details of the latest planning consultations can be found at: [www.welhat.gov.uk/planningconsultations](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/planningconsultations).

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