

# BOROUGH PLAN

for Nuneaton and Bedworth



Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

## **Borough Plan Review**

## **Preferred Options**

2024-2039

# **Consultation Statement**

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## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This statement is the 'Consultation Statement' for the Preferred Options of the Borough Plan Review (2019) as required by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). This statement sets out how the public and other stakeholders were consulted on the Issues and Options stage and what key issues were raised by stakeholders in relation to this and how the Council have responded.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The current Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan was adopted on 11th June 2019 and covered the period up to 2031. Policy DS9 of the current adopted Borough Plan states that The Plan will be reviewed (either wholly or partly) if there are significant changes to national policy or any other reason to make the Plan unsound.
- 2.2 National legal requirements within Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012) and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2021 requires that local plans are updated every five years. Paragraph 33 of the NPPF states that policies in local plans should be updated within five years of adoption and also every five years and take in any changing circumstances.
- 2.3 The Council has committed to undertaking an immediate review of the adopted Borough Plan following the publication of the updated National Planning Policy Framework 2021. It was also considered an opportunity to update the plan to reflect the Environment Act 2021 and emerging policies; the ongoing 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development<sup>1</sup> and climate change crisis.
- 2.4 The Borough Plan will influence what development will take place, how much and where within the borough it will be located. This emerging Plan extends the timeframe covered by the adopted Borough Plan until 2039. The Plan considers a wide range of economic, social, and environmental matters that together will enable the achievement of cohesive and sustainable communities. The Plan outlines a spatial vision and strategic objectives for the area, along with a strategy and policies to enable its delivery. Measures to monitor progress in achieving the aspirations of the Plan are also identified. Once adopted the Borough Plan will replace the Borough Plan adopted in 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

### 3.0 Public consultation

- 3.1 The first stage of the review was the Issues and Options stage (that was required by Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012). Consultation on the Issues and Options document took place between 11th June 2021 and 6th August 2021. The latest document is the Preferred Options stage, an informal stage between the Issues and Options and Publication stages.
- 3.2 All consultees on the Council's consultation database were notified of the Issues and Options consultation stage including statutory consultees (such as adjoining Local Authorities), and other consultees (such as individuals, developers and community groups).
- 3.3 Hard copies of the Issues and Options were made available at Bedworth Library, Bulkington Community Library and Nuneaton Town Hall. A press release was issued, the consultation was posted on the Council's Facebook and Twitter accounts and all information was held on the Council's dedicated consultation webpage at [www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/consult](http://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/consult)
- 3.4 A number of drop-in sessions were also held as follows:

Venue	Date	Times
Nuneaton Market	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021	12:00-14:30
Bedworth Market	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	09:00-11:30
CHESS centre	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	17:00-19:30
Nuneaton Academy	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	17:00-19:30
Goodyers End Primary School	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	17:00-19:30
Chetwynd School	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	17:00-19:30
Higham Lane School	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	17:00-19:30
Bulkington Village Hall	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	17:00-19:30
Bermuda Phoenix Centre	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	17:00-19:30
Woodlands Working Mens Club	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	17:00-19:30
Hawkesbury Meeting Place	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	17:00-19:30

- 3.5 Comments could be emailed to: [planning.policy@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk) or posted to Planning Policy, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Town Hall, Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5AA. A telephone number was also provided for those who wanted to ask questions or seek further information.

3.6 Comments received during the public consultation along with the Council's response to those comments are set out in Appendix 1. Section 5 of the Preferred Options document provides a list of the questions asked within the Issues and Options and the suggested options. The section also provides a table stating which policies respond to the particular responses. Where there were no specific policies that could relate to the responses e.g., for questions 1, 2, 3, 25 and 26 these were addressed within the section 5 of the Preferred Options.