

Bristol Neighbourhood Plan Network

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Bristol Local Plan Review update

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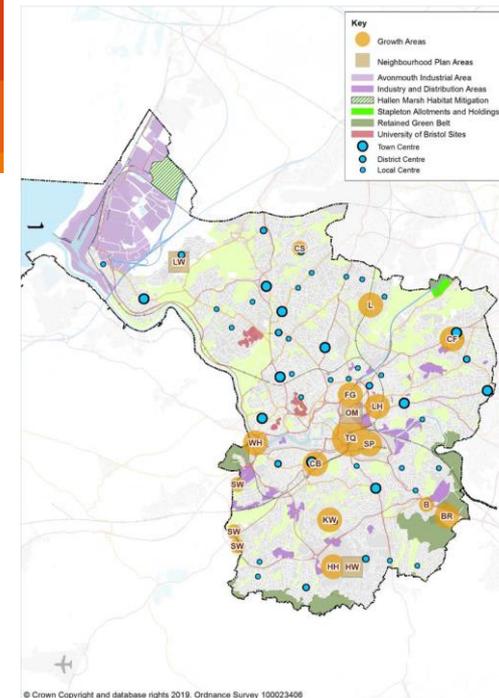
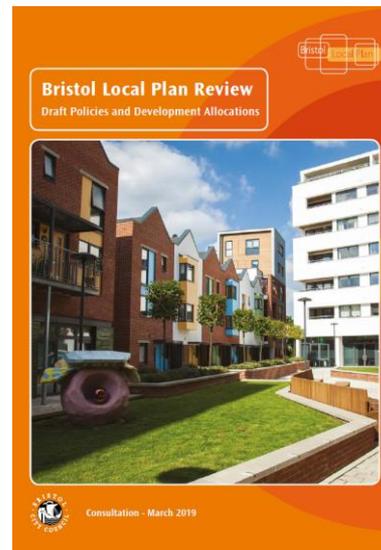
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Story so far

2019 consultation

- Draft development strategy for 33,500 homes by 2036, working under a then-proposed West of England Joint Spatial Plan.
- 14 Areas of Growth and Regeneration.
- Green Belt releases at southwest Bristol and Bath Road, Brislington.
- Draft policies for infrastructure, urban living, housing, the economy, open spaces, transport, climate change, design, health and wellbeing.
- At the time, proposed to retain several policies from the adopted Bristol Local Plan.



Changed context

- The draft West of England Joint Spatial Plan was withdrawn in 2019.
- The subsequent Spatial Development Strategy that was being developed by WECA will also not be progressed.
- The approach to strategic planning policies and strategic cross boundary matters will be addressed through the Bristol Local Plan / local plans of the neighbouring authorities.
- The local plan will have to address various strategic policy matters that would have otherwise been concluded through the SDS process. Includes determining the housing requirement for Bristol.



Revised programme

| Duty to cooperate engagement process | | Bristol Local Plan | |
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| June – Nov 2022 | Housing need evidence review. Discussions with SGC, B&NES and NSC | 6 Sep 2022 | Local Plan progress and news update message to stakeholders |
| Jan – Mar 2023 | Finalise DTC discussions and confirm approach to unmet need | Nov 2022 – Jan 2023 | Further engagement on elements of draft Local Plan (Reg. 18¹ – 6+ weeks) |
| | Publish statement of common ground (with BCC Reg.19) | Spring 2023 | Local Plan to be agreed at Full Council |
| | | Summer 2023 | Publish Local Plan formally for representations (Reg. 19² – 6+ weeks) |
| | | Autumn 2023 | Submit for examination |
| | | Early 2024 | Examination phase |
| | | Mid 2024 | Inspector’s report |
| | | Autumn 2024 | Full Council adopts Local Plan |

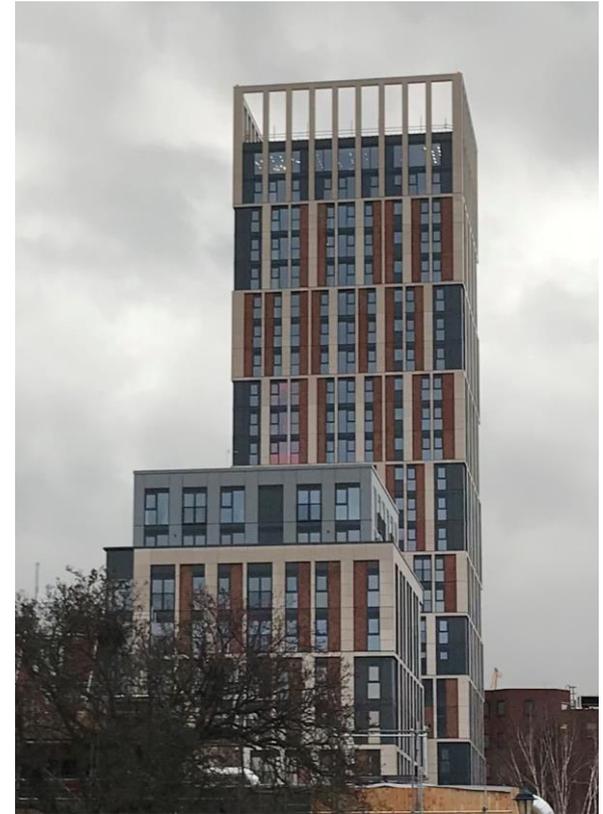
¹ 'Preparation of a local plan' (invite people to make representations to the local planning authority about what the local plan ought to contain)

² 'Publication of a local plan' (any person may make representations about the local plan which the local planning *authority propose to submit to the Secretary of State*)

Next consultation (Nov 2022)

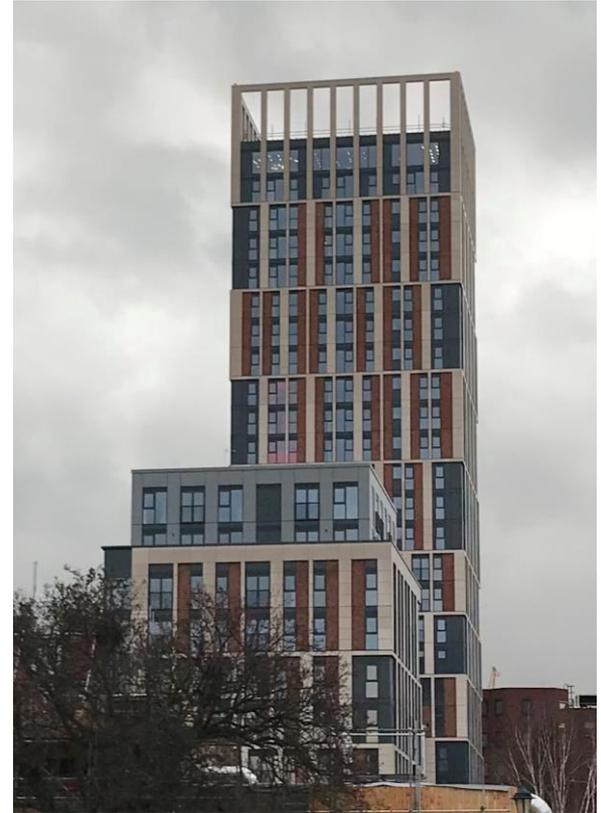
Further engagement of elements of the local plan.

- Vision – objectives and aims
- Housing need and requirement
 - Explore housing need and the appropriate level of new homes
- Draft policies on:
 - Affordable housing
 - Net zero and climate change
 - Biodiversity gain and nature recovery
 - Design
 - Sustainable food
 - Shopping, services and the evening economy
- Update on development locations and allocations



Next consultation (Nov 2022)

- This will be an online consultation
- Supplemented with targeted stakeholder engagement
- Paper copies available in Bristol Central Library



Approach to centres and the evening economy

The approach to employment will be complemented by seven draft policies on shopping, services and the evening economy, which will appear in the November 2022 consultation.

- The draft policies will seek to maintain the relevance of Bristol's centres in a changing context, offering some flexibility to allow for diversification and change while seeking to maintain a core retail and service offer.
- A number of new local centres will be added to Bristol's existing centre hierarchy, providing support and protection for additional locations particularly in south and east Bristol which are currently under-represented.
- A supportive approach is taken to the development of the evening and night-time economy, with existing uses also protected under the Agent of Change principle.
- The draft policies will continue to take a centres-first approach to shopping, services and the evening economy, directing investment in such uses towards centres in the first instance.

Approach to net zero

The approach to net zero is set out in five draft policies which will appear in the November 2022 consultation:

- Draft Policy NZC1: Climate change, sustainable design and construction
 - Draft Policy NZC2: Net zero carbon development: Operational Carbon
 - Draft Policy NZC3: Embodied carbon, materials and waste
 - Draft Policy NZC4: Adaptation to a changing climate
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Approach to biodiversity and nature recovery

The approach is set out in five draft policies which will appear in the November 2022 consultation:

- Draft Policy 1: Nature conservation and nature recovery
 - Draft Policy 2: Multi-functional green infrastructure
 - Draft Policy 3: Achieving biodiversity gain
 - Draft Policy 4: Trees
 - Draft Policy 5: Development adjacent to Bristol's waterways

Complemented by policies around green spaces / allotments etc to be included in the draft plan next summer.

Approach to transport

Updated draft transport policies will appear in the Publication draft in 2023.

Transport programmes, projects and policies are set out in other documents such as the local transport plan. The local plan reflects and coordinates with those. It focuses on matters such as:

- Supporting a pattern of development that can secure overall objectives;
- Setting out development management policies related to the transport aspects of development including parking and EV charging;
- Reflecting the transport proposals for the area, including safeguarding land needed for their implementation; and
- Setting out transport and access requirements associated with development site allocations.