

Have **your** say...



Issues and Options

Consultation begins 4 December 2024 - 29 January 2025



Scan the QR code to find out more
and have your say, or visit
eastleigh.gov.uk/localplanreview

**Let's shape our
future together**



Events schedule

We are at the first stage of public consultation on the Local Plan Review. There will be nine drop-in sessions across the Borough where you can look at the proposals and speak to members of the planning team. Come along to find out more and have your say on Eastleigh Borough's future growth up to 2044.

Thursday 5 December 4.30pm - 8.30pm

St Edward's Church,
1 Grange Road, **Netley** SO31 5FD

Wednesday 11 December 4pm - 8pm

The Pilands Wood Centre,
Chamberlayne Road, **Bursledon**
SO31 8DT

Thursday 12 December 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Hamble Village Memorial Hall,
2-4 High Street, **Hamble-le-Rice**,
SO31 4JE

Monday 16 December 3.30pm - 7.30pm

St James' Church, Church Hill,
West End, SO30 3AT

Tuesday 7 January 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Underhill Centre,
St John's Road, **Hedge End**,
SO30 4AF

Wednesday 8 January 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Boorley Green Sports Pavilion,
Boorley Green, SO32 2TG

Monday 13 January 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Village Hall (Grace Mears Room),
Shorts Road, **Fair Oak**, SO50 7EJ

Thursday 16 January 4pm - 8pm

Bishopstoke Community Centre,
Church Road, **Bishopstoke**,
SO50 6DJ

Monday 20 January 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Eastleigh House, Upper Market Street,
Eastleigh, SO50 9YN



Have your say

Now is your chance to have your say on how Eastleigh Borough will grow over the next twenty years.

We're currently at the first stage of our roadmap to the new Local Plan. The Local Plan will identify how much development we need in the next twenty years and where it should go. It will also include policies to protect the environment, respond to climate change, and ensure high-quality design to create places that meet community needs.

We want your views on the key issues for you, now and in the future including where we should locate development, and how our existing policies need to change.

Our current Local Plan was adopted in 2022, however we now need to start the process of updating it, to ensure it is fit-for-purpose and we have a robust guide to grow Eastleigh Borough sustainably. We are considering a wide range of development locations across the Borough and want your views.

A lot has changed since we prepared the last Local Plan including the Covid-19 pandemic which impacted how we work and what we want from our green spaces and town centres. It is important we understand your views so they can shape the future of Eastleigh Borough.

A more detailed issues and options document is available on our website eastleigh.gov.uk/localplanreview



How do I comment?

This consultation takes place between **Wednesday 4 December and Wednesday 29 January 2025**.

This eight-week period gives you the opportunity to comment on the key issues facing the Borough, options for where growth should be delivered, and the policies to help shape the draft Local Plan.

This is the first stage of public consultation on the Local Plan review. We haven't made any decisions about where growth should be delivered. The sites included in this consultation have been put forward by landowners and developers. The council has no view on them at this stage and we want to hear your thoughts.

To help shape the future of the Borough:

Head online or scan the QR code

Fill out a short form to give us your feedback:

<https://eastleighboroughcouncil.citizenspace.com/local-plan/issues-and-options>



Our roadmap to the Local Plan review

1 Consultation on Issues and Options

Winter 2024 to 2025

We seek your views on the issues and options and how the Borough should grow to 2044.

2 We develop the draft Local Plan

2025 - 2027

We develop a draft Local Plan based on our evidence base, technical studies and consultation responses. We then select a preferred option for sites to test in more detail.

3 Consultation on the draft Local Plan

Autumn 2027

We publish the draft Local Plan and seek your views on the preferred option for growth and draft policies.

4 Examination of the plan

Spring 2028 to 2029

We submit the draft plan, consultation comments and supporting documents to Government for independent examination.

5 We adopt the Local Plan

Spring 2029

Once adopted, we will use the plan to make planning decisions up to 2044.



Did you know?

Average house prices are **9.6 times** the average salary in the Borough.



In addition to what is already planned, we need to consider how we could find new sites for an extra 6,590-11,730 new homes over the next twenty years, that's an **extra 329-587 new homes each year**. This range depends on if we use the Government's existing or proposed new method to calculate housing need. Our Local Plan will provide a strategy for how we can do this sustainably while providing a range of homes for everyone that are affordable and sustainable.

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Growing Eastleigh Borough Sustainably

Our Local Plan is about helping the Borough to grow sustainably. This includes finding a balance between the need for new homes and jobs and protecting the environment.

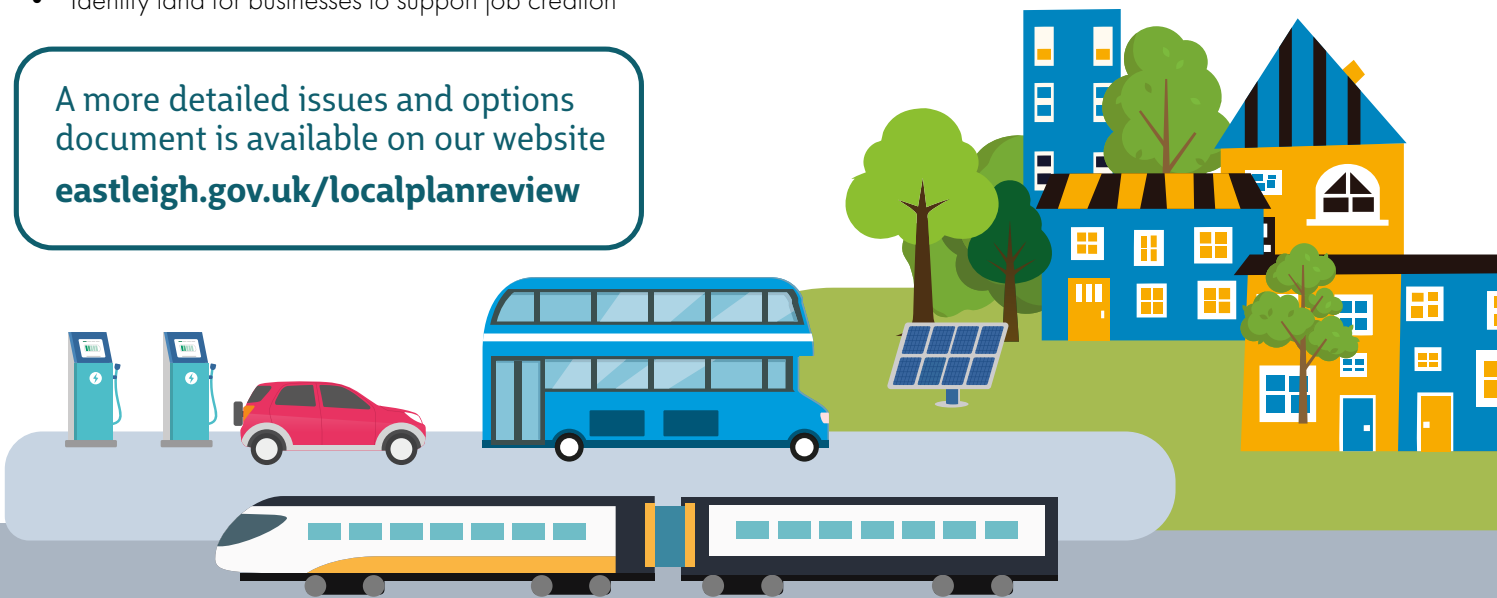
It is important to plan positively for growth in a way which is right for the Borough. We need to put the right development in the right places, with the right infrastructure and community facilities, while protecting and enhancing important green spaces, countryside, and the character of our towns and villages.

The Local Plan can help to tackle some of the issues faced in the Borough, by delivering high-quality new development that benefits existing and new residents. The Local Plan can help us:

- Adapt to climate change and reduce carbon emissions
- Identify land for businesses to support job creation

- Deliver safe, efficient and sustainable travel options and improve air quality
- Strengthen our high streets and town centres
- Protect high-quality countryside and gaps between settlements
- Conserve and enhance our heritage and biodiversity
- Deliver a variety of affordable, quality homes to meet residents' needs
- Provide a range of services in the right locations to support our growing communities including transport, healthcare, schools, community centres and parks.

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Our vision for Eastleigh Borough

A vision is a key element of a Local Plan. Its role is to provide a framework for all policies and proposals to set a clear direction for the Local Plan and will help to deliver the vision for the Borough.



Our vision for Eastleigh Borough



We have also drafted a set of objectives to support the vision and help address the issues we have identified; these can be viewed in the Issues and Options Paper.

Options

There is a significant need for new homes and business space in the Borough. This consultation includes options for where future development should go. We will focus development within urban areas where possible, but we need to consider green field sites for an extra 4,430-9,570 new homes.

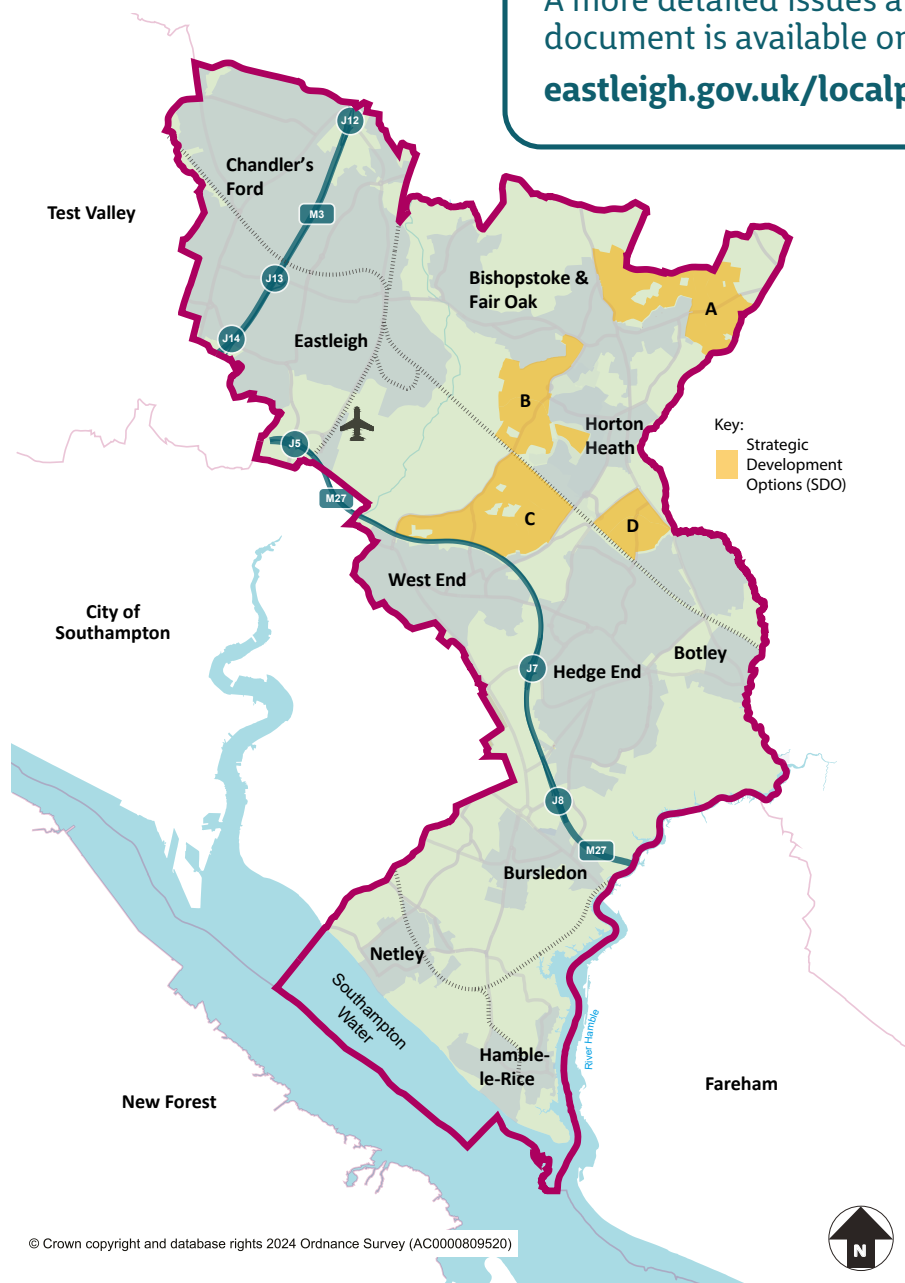
From the sites proposed to us by developers, we have identified four large areas across the Borough where we could possibly focus development. These are called Strategic Development Options (SDOs). We need to decide which of these options, or which parts of these options, should be allocated for development, and which should remain protected countryside. These SDOs have the potential to create new communities providing new homes, jobs, infrastructure and facilities such as schools, open space and transport links.

Over 50 smaller sized sites have also been suggested by developers and landowners, and we need to decide which of these sites should be allocated for development as well.

No decisions have been made on where future growth should be located and we want to hear your views at an early stage to inform the next stage of the plan.

A map of the small and medium sites can be found online at eastleigh.gov.uk/localplanreview

A more detailed issues and options document is available on our website eastleigh.gov.uk/localplanreview



What happens next?

Following this consultation, we will review all the comments we receive and publish the key findings.

We will then use the comments, alongside national policy, evidence and studies, to shape the next stages of the Local Plan review. First, we will identify our preferred options for growth, then we will test the deliverability of this option and draft policies to prepare a full Local Plan. We will seek your views on this document by undertaking another round of consultation.



Have your say

To provide feedback visit our website at the following link and use the response form provided: <https://eastleighboroughcouncil.citizenspace.com/local-plan/consultation-2024> or scan the QR code.

If you prefer not to answer the detailed questions in our main document, you can also take part in the consultation by answering the following questions in our shorter questionnaire:

1. **What are the key issues that you want the plan to address, and how?**
2. **We won't be able to build all the new homes we need within urban areas. Where should we develop greenfield sites and why?**
3. **What do you think we should prioritise when planning new developments?**

4. Do you have any wider comments on the plan?

A more detailed, full-length Issues and Options Consultation Document is also available on our website. The paper includes more specific questions if you would like to respond in more depth on a specific topic: eastleigh.gov.uk/localplanreview

If you have any general queries on this consultation or require further information or assistance, please email local.plan@eastleigh.gov.uk

To sign up to receive updates on the Local Plan review process visit our website: eastleigh.gov.uk/localplanreview

Consultation closes at 5pm on Wednesday 29 January 2025.



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