

# Scoping consultation: Frequently Asked Questions



Consultation closes at 5pm on Tuesday 20 October 2026. You can answer as many or as few questions as you wish.

## 1. What is a Local Plan?

A Local Plan is the main planning document for an area. It guides growth, development and land use for at least 10 years. It identifies where homes, employment, infrastructure, open space and community facilities should be located and sets policies used to decide planning applications.

## 2. Why is Broxtowe preparing a new Local Plan?

The Council needs an up-to-date plan that responds to housing and employment needs, infrastructure, climate change, environmental protection and local priorities. The Government has also introduced a new plan-making system intended to produce shorter, clearer and more locally focused plans.

## 3. What is a scoping consultation?

It is the first formal stage of preparing the Plan. It asks what the Local Plan should cover and what evidence should be prepared before detailed policies, options and site allocations are developed.

## 4. Is the Council consulting on development sites now?

No. This consultation does not present a preferred spatial strategy or a final list of development sites. Later stages will provide opportunities to comment on options, site assessments, policies and the draft Local Plan.

## 5. What is the consultation asking about?

The document asks 24 questions covering Broxtowe's future vision, where growth should go, homes, jobs, town centres, infrastructure, transport, climate change, flood risk, nature, heritage, design, Green Belt, environmental assessment, evidence and community involvement.

## 6. Do I have to answer all 24 questions?

No. You can respond to as many or as few questions as you wish. You can focus on the places or issues that matter most to you.

## 7. What area will the new Local Plan cover?

The work is currently being prepared for the existing Broxtowe Borough area. Although local government reorganisation may change future council boundaries, the Council has been instructed to continue progressing the Local Plan.

## **8. How much housing is being considered?**

The current local housing need figure set by Government is 658 homes per year for Broxtowe. The Plan will need to test the appropriate housing requirement, taking account of national policy, existing commitments, infrastructure, site availability, constraints and deliverability.

## **9. What types of homes will the Plan consider?**

This includes affordable and family housing, smaller homes, accessible and adaptable homes, housing for older people, specialist and supported housing, student and shared housing, and Gypsy and Traveller accommodation.

## **10. How will jobs and town centres be addressed?**

The Plan will consider the amount and type of employment space needed, the future of important employment areas and strategic locations, and how Beeston, Eastwood, Kimberley, Stapleford and other centres can support services, activity, jobs and regeneration.

## **11. How will infrastructure be planned?**

The Council intends to align growth with transport, schools, healthcare, utilities, water and wastewater, digital connections, open space, sports and community facilities. An Infrastructure Delivery Plan is expected to identify needs, costs, responsibilities, funding and phasing.

## **12. What does the document say about transport?**

It asks how growth can be located and designed to support walking, cycling, wheeling and public transport while managing highway impacts. It highlights road capacity, access to jobs, rail, tram and bus connections, active travel networks and weaker north-south public transport links.

## **13. How will climate change and flood risk be considered?**

The Plan will consider carbon reduction, energy-efficient buildings, low-carbon energy, sustainable drainage, water efficiency and resilience to overheating, drought, intense rainfall and flooding. Development should not increase flood risk elsewhere.

## **14. What about nature and green spaces?**

The Plan will consider how to protect and enhance biodiversity, parks, open spaces, waterways, landscapes and ecological networks. It will also look at biodiversity net gain, nature recovery, blue and green infrastructure and better access to nature.

## **15. How will heritage and design be addressed?**

The Plan will set expectations for well-designed, safe, inclusive and sustainable places that respond to local character. It will consider listed buildings, conservation areas, scheduled monuments, other heritage assets, design codes, masterplans and the reuse of historic buildings.

## **16. What does the consultation say about the Green Belt?**

The Plan will need to consider whether boundaries remain appropriate, whether a review is required, how national grey belt policy applies locally and what benefits or compensatory improvements would be needed if land were released.

## 17. What is Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal?

These processes assess likely environmental, social and economic effects and help inform choices as the Plan develops.

## 18. What evidence will support the Plan?

Potential studies cover housing, employment, town centres, sites, Green Belt, viability, infrastructure, transport, flood risk, water, biodiversity, climate, heritage and design. The consultation asks whether any additional studies are needed or whether any proposed work is unnecessary.

## 19. How can I respond?

Email [policy@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:policy@broxtowe.gov.uk) or write to the Planning Policy Team, Broxtowe Borough Council, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1AB. Telephone enquiries can be made on 0115 917 7777.

## 20. When does the consultation close?

The consultation runs from Tuesday 15 September 2026 until 5pm on Tuesday 20 October 2026.

## 21. Can I request an accessible version?

Yes. Contact the Planning Policy Team if you need the document in a different format, language or accessible version.

## 22. What happens after the consultation?

The Council will analyse the representations and publish a Scoping Consultation Summary identifying the main issues and explaining how responses have informed the next stage. The next expected consultation will cover proposed content and evidence, including a draft vision, aims and objectives, initial spatial strategy options and policy approaches.

## 23. When is the Local Plan expected to be adopted?

The document gives an indicative adoption date of April 2029. The timetable is provisional and may be affected by local government reorganisation.

## 24. What makes a useful response?

Explain what issue or place you are commenting on, what you support or would change, and why. Where possible, suggest an alternative or provide evidence, examples or local knowledge. Clear and specific comments are the most helpful.

**Have your say by 5pm on Tuesday 20 October 2026**

Local Plan webpage: [www.broxtowe.gov.uk/broxtowe\\_localplan](http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/broxtowe_localplan)

Download the response form: [Broxtowe Local Plan Scoping Response Form](#)

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