



**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England)
Regulations 2012 as amended**

**Forest of Dean District Local Plan 2021 to 2041
Draft Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation**

The Forest of Dean District Council are preparing a local plan, it needs to show how the needs of the district will be provided for up to 2041. These include how the environment will be protected, how the Plan will help reduce the impacts of climate change and how and where new development will be expected to take place. It will need to show how the substantial changes needed over that time will be provided for.

The Local Plan goes through a number of stages of preparation, where we ask for comments. Taking into account feedback received from those stages, a Draft Local Plan has been developed. It was agreed by Full Council in May 2024 for the Draft Local Plan to proceed to a Regulation 18 consultation. The Local Plan will:

- ensure that its policies and proposals do the optimum to address climate change;
- protect rural areas and landscapes;
- provide environmental protection throughout, support biodiversity and nature recovery and provide new Green Infrastructure;
- continue developing existing sites identified in the Allocations Plan.
- promote Lydney as the largest of the forest towns with increased housing, employment, retail and supporting services. Improve access to the town and support nearby settlements;
- provide for the regeneration and redevelopment for mixed uses of land at Beachley Camp.
- support a mixed use site, with improvements to circulation and transport and complementary facilities at Newent.
- provide for sustainable development in other settlements.
- support the towns and villages taking advantage of the existing networks and reinforcing sustainable transport and travel opportunities;
- achieve a high standard of sustainable design across the Forest of Dean District.

The Council would now like to hear from anyone who has any views about the Draft Local Plan. The consultation period runs from **Monday 8th July 2024 to Monday 19th August 2024**. Drop in sessions will take place at the following venues:

Monday 15 July - Council Offices, Coleford (3pm – 7pm)

Tuesday 16 July - Memorial Hall, Newent (3pm – 7pm)

Wednesday 24 July - Lydney Community Centre, Naas lane, Lydney (3pm – 7pm)

Wednesday 31 July - Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, Sedbury (3pm – 7pm)

Further information is available from the Local Plan Team. Email: localplans@fdean.gov.uk. Copies of the Draft Local Plan document can be viewed on the Council's website <https://www.fdean.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/developing-our-new-local-plan/draft-local-plan-2041/>, at the Council Offices, Coleford and local libraries.

Representations may be made:

Online at <https://fdean-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/>

E-mail: localplans@fdean.gov.uk ;

Letters should be sent to: Local Plan Team, Forest of Dean District Council, Council Offices, High Street, Coleford, Gloucestershire, GL16 8HG.