



**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
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**Forest of Dean District Local Plan 2021 to 2041
Second Preferred Option 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 over the next 20 years. 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.

Work on the new Local Plan began in 2019, when we identified and consulted on a range of Issues and Options. In 2020, we held public consultations on a Preferred Options Strategy. Using feedback received from those events, and understanding the need to revise some elements of the first preferred strategy, we have now developed a Second Preferred Option strategy, which supersedes the first. The revised strategy 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.
- 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 revised preferred strategy. We welcome comments which propose alternative sites, support or suggest that the strategy should be changed in any way. In view of the need to identify specific sites in the forthcoming draft plan, representations proposing specific sites or confirming support for those we are already aware of are welcome.

The consultation period runs from **Monday 1st August 2022 to Monday 26th September 2022**

Further information is available from the Local Plan Team. Email: localplans@fdean.gov.uk Copies of the Second Preferred Option document can be viewed on the Council's website <https://www.fdean.gov.uk/LocalPlanSecondPreferredOption>

Representations may be made:

Online at <http://fdean-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

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.