

Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents

Bolton Local Plan Publication Version

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Subject matter and area covered

The Bolton Local Plan covers the administrative area of Bolton. Once adopted it will form part of the statutory Development Plan for the borough and will be used to determine planning applications.

The plan sets out policies for managing development to 2042, allocates land to meet the borough's needs for homes and jobs, and identifies the designations that protect the borough's environmental and historic assets, its centres, its employment areas and its open space.

The Local Plan is published for representations before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent public examination.

Consultation Period

You may submit comments, known as representations, on the Local Plan or any of its supporting documents from Thursday 15 October 2026 **until 23.59pm on Thursday 26 November 2026.**

Representations received after this deadline will not be accepted.

The availability of documents

The Bolton Local Plan, the Policies Map, this statement, the Sustainability Appraisal and the other supporting documents are available to view online at www.bolton.gov.uk/planning-policy-strategy/local-plan

You can view the Local Plan, the Policies Map, this Statement and supporting documents at the Council's main office Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.30pm:

The Town Hall One Stop Shop

**Bolton Council,
Victoria Square,
Bolton,
BL1 1RU**

You can also view the Local Plan, the Policies Map, this Statement and supporting documents at libraries across Bolton. You can find details of libraries at the end of this document.

How to make comments

Representations can be made in writing:

- Using the form available on the council website: <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/planning-policy-strategy/local-plan>
- By email to ldfconsultation@bolton.gov.uk
- By post to: **Local Plan, Strategic Planning Team, Bolton Council, 3rd Floor, Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bolton, BL1 1RU.**

All representations should include a name, an email address where applicable, and a postal address including postcode, and should clearly state which policy, policies or chapter of the Local Plan the representation relates to.

Representations should say whether you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant and 'sound' and, where you do not, what change would be needed to make it so. 'Sound' means the plan been positively prepared, and is justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

You should also indicate whether you wish to appear at Local Plan examination hearings which are conducted by an independent Planning Inspector.

Your right to request to be notified of further progress

Any representation you submit may be accompanied by a request to be notified, at a specified postal or email address, of any of the following:

- The submission of the Local Plan for independent examination under Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- The publication of the recommendations of the Planning Inspector appointed to carry out the independent examination.
- The adoption of the Local Plan.

Data protection

Representations cannot be made anonymously and representations received during the consultation period including relevant contact details will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and the appointed Planning Inspector for consideration as part of the examination process. Representations will be 'made available' in line with the Regulations (The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This includes publication of representations alongside the respondent's name on the Council's website. Personal information such as postal and email addresses, signatures and phone numbers will, in published material, be redacted.

The Council processes personal data as part of its public task in preparing the Local Plan, under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), and will retain and process this information in accordance with the Planning Strategy Privacy Notice at www.bolton.gov.uk/downloads/file/3753/planning-strategy-privacy-notice

Next steps

Following the conclusion of the consultation period, the Local Plan together with a report on the representations received will be reported to Council for approval to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent public examination. Subject to that approval, the Plan will then be examined by a Government Inspector, with public hearings anticipated

in Spring / Summer 2027. The Inspector will decide whether the council may adopt the Local Plan (with or without modifications), with adoption subject to Council approval in late 2027.

Library	Address	Opening times
The Town Hall One Stop Shop	Bolton Council, Victoria Square, Bolton, BL1 1RU	Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.30pm
Central Library	Le Mans Crescent, Bolton, BL1 1SE	Mon, Tue, Thu 9am to 7.30pm; Wed 9.30am to 5.30pm; Fri 9am to 5.30pm; Sat 9am to 5pm; Sun 10am to 4pm
Blackrod Library	Church Street, Blackrod, Bolton, BL6 5EQ	Mon 10am to 5pm; Thu 10am to 7pm; Sat 10am to 1pm; closed Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun
Brightmet Library	Brightmet Fold Lane, Brightmet, Bolton, BL2 6NT	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 10am to 1pm; Tue 10am to 7pm; Thu 10am to 5pm; closed Sun
Bromley Cross Library	The Crescent, Toppings Estate, Bromley Cross, Bolton, BL7 9JU	Mon 1pm to 5pm; Tue 2pm to 7pm; Thu 10am to 5pm; Sat 10am to 1pm; closed Wed, Fri, Sun
Farnworth Library	Market Street, Farnworth, Bolton, BL4 7PG	Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 10am to 5pm; Tue 10am to 7pm; closed Wed, Sun
Harwood Library	Gate Fold, Harwood, Bolton, BL2 3HN	Mon, Thu, Sat 10am to 5pm; Tue 10am to 7pm; closed Wed, Fri, Sun
High Street Library	High Street, Bolton, BL3 6SZ	Mon, Thu, Sat 10am to 5pm; Tue 1pm to 7pm; closed Wed, Fri, Sun
Horwich Library	Jones Street, Horwich, Bolton, BL6 7AJ	Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 10am to 5pm; Tue 10am to 7pm; closed Wed, Sun
Little Lever Library	63 Market Street, Little Lever, Bolton, BL3 1HH	Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 10am to 5pm; Tue 10am to 7pm; closed Wed, Sun
Westhoughton Library	Library Street, Westhoughton, Bolton, BL5 3AU	Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 10am to 5pm; Tue 10am to 7pm; closed Wed, Sun