

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Allerdale Local Plan?

The Local Plan determines how development will shape your community up to 2029. The Plan covers the area of the Borough outside the Lake District National Park. It outlines the growth and spatial strategy for the local area and planning policies for managing development proposals through the planning process.

What is the Site Allocations DPD?

This is Part 2 of the Local Plan. It determines where development will take place, by allocating sites for a range of different uses such as housing, employment, open space and nature conservation. It also reviews the development boundaries of the towns and villages within the settlement hierarchy.

Identifying areas for development and protection is the best way to protect Allerdale's sensitive areas from unplanned and inappropriate development.

Are there detailed plans for what's proposed for these sites?

The Site Allocations DPD, when adopted, will establish the principle of how the land is used. Detailed proposals would be required when

planning applications are made.

What is the purpose of the Issues and Options Consultation?

The Council is seeking your views on the initial catalogue of sites submitted during the 'Call for Sites', and we welcome your comments on how we should identify sites and allocate land uses to meet our needs. This consultation is intended to stimulate discussion amongst residents, parish councils, landowners, developers and all other stakeholders.

Where can I view the documents and maps?

You can view the Site Allocations DPD Issues and Options Discussion Paper and associated documents online at www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations, or at your local library or Council office.

All maps can also be viewed using our online interactive mapping system.

Has any assessment of the suitability of sites been carried out?

The sites included within the Issues and

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Options Discussion Paper have been submitted during the 'Call for Sites' by land owners, developers and communities.

It is important to note that these sites are displayed as submitted and are not endorsed for development by the Council. The Council has not carried out any analysis or consideration of the suitability for development/protection.

How many of these sites will be needed?

Only a small proportion of the land that has been put forward will be needed for development.

The 'Call for Sites' received over 350 responses with a substantial number of sites submitted for development and protection throughout Allerdale. It is clear that the sites submitted for development are well in excess of that which is required to deliver the needs and aspirations of Allerdale as set out in the strategy and policies of the Local Plan. The Site Allocation Methodology Paper sets out how the Council will assess and select preferred sites.

Why does Allerdale need more homes?

The population of Allerdale is growing and

people are living longer, therefore, we need to build more homes to meet our needs up to 2029. This has been fully discussed during the development of the Allerdale Local Plan Part 1, including at public examination where the approach was found to be 'sound'. It will subsequently be adopted as the Development Plan.

Can I comment on the overall number of homes being proposed?

No. The Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) sets a target of 5,471 dwellings to be delivered over up to 2029. The Plan also sets the number of homes for Workington and each of the main towns in Allerdale. However, we are seeking your views on the distribution of growth for the Local Service Centres; Abbeytown, Allonby, Brigham, Broughton, Broughton Moor, Dearham, Flimby, Great Clifton, Kirkbride, Prospect, Thursby. Options are detailed in chapter 5 of the Issues and Options Discussion Paper.

Is this just about housing development?

No. Allocation of residential sites is a major part of the Site Allocations DPD. However, we also need land for a range of different uses such as employment, retail, community use,

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infrastructure and open space, as well as looking at areas that should be protected.

Can I suggest changes to the Settlement Hierarchy or the role of each settlement?

No. The strategy and other policies have been set during the development of Part 1 of the Local Plan. A full programme of consultation has taken place over a number of years, in addition to examination in public by a Planning Inspector.

Why should I get involved in this consultation?

Your comments will help to shape the Allocations and therefore the future patterns of development in your area. Your views and ideas could therefore help influence the outcome of future planning applications.

Can I submit another site?

We had a great response to our 2013 'Call for Sites' and received over 350 responses. The sites submitted so far would deliver well in excess of Allerdale's development needs up to 2029. However, we would like to hear from you at the earliest opportunity if you wish us to consider additional sites within the Borough

for allocation or protection.

Please contact the Council or look on our website for details of how to submit additional land. When considering submitting a new site consideration should be given to the strategy and policies within the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1), in addition to the Site Assessment Methodology.

Will there be consultation events?

We are running a series of 'drop in' sessions during the summer at various locations around Allerdale. During these sessions staff will be visiting the following locations to explain the Site Allocations process and discuss the documents or any questions you have.

Aspatria Library Wednesday 30 July 2014
2pm - 6pm

Maryport Library Thursday 7 August 2014
2pm - 6pm

Cockermouth Town Hall Tuesday 12 August
2pm - 7pm

Silloth Library Wednesday 20 August 2pm - 5pm

Wigton Local Links Centre Wednesday 3 September 2pm - 7pm

Workington Library Saturday 6 September
10am - 1pm

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How can I make my comments and get involved?

There are a number of questions set out in the Issues and Options Discussion Paper that we would like you to consider. To comment on the Site Allocations DPD Issues and Options Discussion Paper you can download the comments form from: www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations and email the completed form to: siteallocations@allerdale.gov.uk

Or request a hard copy of the form by writing to the Council or by telephoning **01900 702610**.

All comments must be received by Tuesday 30 September 2014, no later than 4 pm.

What Happens Next?

The consultation responses to this Paper will help inform the Site Allocations DPD Preferred Options which will identify the sites needed to deliver the Local Plan. The next stage of public consultation is planned for summer 2015. This stage will set out the Preferred Sites to deliver the aims and objectives of the Allerdale Local Plan.

This document will also explain why certain sites and land uses have been selected and others rejected.

How will sites be selected?

Sites will be assessed using the Site Assessment Methodology document that is published alongside this paper. The Methodology Paper ensures that the assessment of potential sites and land is transparent and decisions are clearly justified. A key aim of the process is to ensure sites contribute to achieving sustainability objectives, offer the most benefit to the community and minimise any adverse impacts on the built and natural environment.

The process of site assessment considers consistency with the Local Plan strategy, physical constraints as well as economic, social and environmental impacts.

Any other issues or questions?

Please contact the Planning Policy Team by email siteallocatons@allerdale.gov.uk or by telephoning 01900 702610 if you would like more information, help making a comment or you would like this document in an alternative format.

