

# Frequently Asked Questions



## **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 Focused Consultation?**

The Council is seeking your views on a number of additional sites submitted to the Council for consideration following our Preferred Options consultation which concluded in March 2017.

The consultation document also includes some suggested settlement boundary changes.

The Council is also seeking comments on a number of new policies and some policy amendments.

**No new sites should be submitted to the Council as part of this consultation as they will not be taken into consideration.**

## **Where can I view the documents and maps?**

You can view the consultation document and the associated documents online at [www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations), or at your local library or Council office during their normal opening hours.

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

The sites included within the Focused Consultation document have been put forward to the Council during the Preferred Options consultation 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.

Throughout the preparation of the Site Allocations document, the Council has received a substantial number of sites submitted for development and protection throughout Allerdale. It is clear that the number of 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, which was adopted in July 2014.

## **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.

As part of the earlier Issues and Options consultation conducted in 2014, views were sought on the distribution of growth between settlements designated as Local Service Centres (Abbeytown, Allonby, Brigham, Broughton, Broughton Moor, Dearham, Flimby, Great Clifton, Kirkbride, Prospect, and Thursby.)

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## **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, 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 are set out in the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) which was adopted in July 2014 following public examination by an independent inspector.

## **Why should I get involved in this consultation?**

Your comments will help to shape the Site 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?**

No. A large number of sites have already been put forward throughout the preparation of our Site Allocations document. These sites, in

combination with the additional sites which are the subject of this consultation, would deliver well in excess of Allerdale's development needs up to 2029.

## **Will there be consultation events?**

No, not for this consultation. We did run a series of drop-in sessions earlier in the year in connection with our Preferred Options Consultation.

## **How can I make my comments and get involved?**

To comment on the Issues and Options Additional Sites Submitted you can download the comments form from: [www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations).

Please email the completed form to: [siteallocations@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:siteallocations@allerdale.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the form by telephoning **01900 878703** or writing to the Council at the following address:

Planning Policy, Allerdale Borough Council  
Allerdale House, Workington, CA14 3YJ

**All comments must be received by Monday 22 January 2018, no later than 4pm.**

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Although it is preferable if comments are submitted on the official comments form, emails or letters will be accepted.

## What Happens Next?

The responses to the Focused Consultation, and those received in response to the previous consultations, will help inform our final site selection which will be published as our draft Pre-Submission document in 2018.

The draft Pre-Submission document will be consulted on for six weeks, after which it will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for an independent examination.

## How will sites be selected?

Sites will be assessed using the Site Assessment Methodology document published in July 2014. 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: [siteallocations@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:siteallocations@allerdale.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01900 878703 if:

- you have any questions about the Focused Consultation
- you would like more information on the Site Allocations process
- you require assistance making a comment
- you would like this document in an alternative format.

