

West Berkshire Council (WBC) LPR Review:
Latest update from WBC, Monday, 3rd April, 2023

West Berkshire Local Plan Review: submission to the Secretary of State

Please see the email below

From: PlanningPolicy <PlanningPolicy@westberks.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 4:57 PM

Subject: Notice of the Submission of the West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039 to the Secretary of State (31 March 2023)

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to inform you that on 31 March 2023, the West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039 (LPR) was submitted to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

The LPR sets out the Council's vision, objectives and spatial planning strategy for West Berkshire up to 2039. It also includes strategic policies which set out the overarching principles for development, non-strategic site allocations, and development management policies to provide more detail on specific issues.

The LPR has been submitted with the following documents:

- Policies Map
- Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report
- Habitat Regulation Assessment
- Duty to Cooperate Statement
- Statement of Consultation
- Copies of representations received in accordance with the Regulation 19 consultation*
- Other supporting documents and technical evidence base*

** only available online*

The submission documents are available to view and download online at: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/lprexamination>.

Reference copies of the submission documents are also available to view at West Berkshire District Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD between the following hours:

- Monday to Thursday: 8:30am to 5:00pm
- Friday: 8:30am to 4:30pm

What happens now that the LPR has been submitted?

Following the submission of the LPR, an Inspector will be appointed to undertake an independent examination of the LPR in relation to legal compliance and soundness matters. The Inspector will take into account representations submitted at the Regulation 19 stage (consultation on the Proposed Submission version of the LPR, which took place between 20 January 2023 and 4.30pm on 3 March 2023).

The Council has appointed a Programme Officer for the Examination. The Programme Officer is independent, and works directly on behalf of the Inspector to organise administrative and procedural matters. His details are:

Ian Kemp
Address: PO Box 241, Droitwich, Worcestershire, WR9 1DW
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If you advised us through the consultation on the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) LPR that you wanted to appear at the hearing sessions, you will be notified in due course by the Programme Officer of the issues that the appointed Inspector wishes to explore further, the relevant dates, and procedures. Please note that this is not an opportunity to make further representations.

The LPR and all other relevant documents have been compiled into an Examination Library, which will be added to as further documents become available. The Examination Library can be viewed online at: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/lprexamination>.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact with a member of the Planning Policy Team by email at planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk or by phone 01635 519 111.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Lawrence
Executive Director – Place

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