

Development Plan for the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

Notice of Scoping Consultation – 30 July 2026

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is preparing a new local plan called the Development Plan for the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead.

At this early stage, in accordance with Regulation 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2026, the Council is inviting representations from relevant ‘specific’ and ‘general’ consultation bodies (defined in Regulation 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026) on:

- (i) Such matters relevant to the preparation of the local plan as the Council or body considers appropriate, including what the plan should contain; and
- (ii) How the Council should engage with them in the preparation of the Local Plan.

Any person or organisation may make representations on these matters.

Details of the consultation and relevant documents, and about the new local plan more generally, can be found on the Council’s [New Local Plan webpage](#) and on its online [consultation platform](#). They are also available to inspect in the libraries throughout the borough during normal opening hours.

A scoping consultation questionnaire, asking questions relating to (i) and (ii) above, is available online at the [Council’s online consultation platform](#).

Please be aware of the Council’s [privacy notice](#) which sets out how the Council manages personal data.

Representations on the Scoping Consultation can be submitted between **Thursday 30th July 2026 and 11.59pm on Sunday 13th September 2026** using the Council's online [consultation platform](#)

Whilst responding using the questionnaire on the Council's consultation platform is preferred, representations may also be sent to:

- planning.consultation@rbwm.gov.uk; or in hard copy to
- Planning Policy Team, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1RF.

Alongside the Scoping Consultation the Council is also undertaking a "[Call for Sites](#)" inviting site suggestions for housing, other forms of development and land uses.

As part of the Scoping Consultation, you can also request to be notified when one or more of the following steps involved in the production of the local plan occur:

(a) When the Council publishes the consultation on the proposed local plan content and evidence (the second formal consultation on the local plan (*Regulation 23(1)(b) of the Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026*)).

(b) When the Council publishes observations or advice received from a person appointed by the Secretary of State (*section 15CA(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)*).

(c) When the Council consults on the proposed local plan (the third formal consultation on the Local Plan (*regulation 27(1)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026*)).

(d) When the Council submits the proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination (*section 15D(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)*).

(e) When the date, time and place of the Examination hearings and the name of the Examiner is published (*regulation 35(2) and regulation 35(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026*).

(f) If the local plan examination is paused by the Examiner so that further work can be carried out (*section 15D(7) and section 15DA of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)*).

(g) When a document or evidence is sent to the Examiner and/or published whilst the Examination is paused (*section 15DA(6) and 15DA(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)*).

(h) When the Council publishes the Examiner's recommendations and reasons (*section 15 D or 15DA and in accordance with section 15D(13) or section 15DA(10) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)*).

(i) When the Council adopts the local plan (*Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)*).

If you use the Council's Citizen Space [consultation platform](#) to make your representation, you are able to select any or all of the stages above that you wish to be notified of. If submitting a representation via a different method, please clearly state within it which of the above stages you wish to be notified of.

Other Local Plan documents

As well as being able to be accessed online at [New Local Plan](#), copies of the Timetable for preparing the new Plan and the Notice of Intention to Commence the preparation of the new Plan are also available to view in paper format at the following locations:

- Maidenhead Library, St. Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1QU
- Windsor Library, Bachelors Acre, Windsor, SL4 1ER
- Ascot Durning Library, High Street, Ascot, SL5 7JF

Please refer to the following website link <https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/leisure-and-culture/libraries> for library opening times.

If you have any queries about the Scoping Consultation or about the new local plan more generally please email planning.consultation@rbwm.gov.uk.