HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2026

NOTICE OF SCOPING CONSULTATION

HARTLEPOOL LOCAL PLAN

Hartlepool Borough Council

NOTICE is hereby given under regulation 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 that on 24th November 2026, Hartlepool Borough Council are undertaking the 'Hartlepool Local Plan: Scoping Consultation'. Scoping is an opportunity to identify the issues, priorities and challenges that the new Local Plan should address.

The scoping consultation will commence on 24th November 2026. Representations must be received by the Council on or before 22nd January 2027.

The consultation follows the Notice of Intention to Commence Local Plan Preparation, which was made available in accordance with regulation 19 on 23rd October 2026.

The Council invite representations on the following:

- Communication methods,
- Length of plan period,
- Key priorities that relate to:
  - Sustainable development and climate change,
  - Housing growth – how and where growth should happen,
  - Economic development and employment land,
  - The vitality and viability of Hartlepool retail and commercial areas,
  - Transport and connections,
  - Healthy communities,
  - Heritage and design,
  - The natural environment.

The Council is inviting representations from the public and specific consultation bodies it considers may have an interest in the preparation of the Local Plan. Any person may also make representations on the matters above.

Where to view the consultation documents, this notice and submit comments

The Local Plan scoping consultation documents and this notice will be available in the following locations:

- Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY,
- Community Hub Central during normal opening hours, 124 York Road, TS26 9DE,
- Website: Live land use policy consultations | Hartlepool Borough Council,
- Council`s Your Say Platform: https://yoursay.hartlepool.gov.uk/local-plan-scoping-consultation,
- Comments can also be submitted directly by email: landuseconsultation@hartlepool.gov.uk

- By scanning this QR Code:

Copies of information can be provided upon request by contacting the Land Use Policy team on either 01429 401878 or by email at landusepolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk

All responses received will be carefully considered and will help shape the next stages of the Local Plan.

Requests for notification of future stages

1. Consultation on proposed Local Plan content and evidence;
2. Publication of observations or advice;
3. Consultation on the proposed Local Plan;
4. Submission of the proposed Local Plan for examination;
5. Independent examination of the Local Plan;
6. Decision by the examiner to consider further matters and pause the examination;
7. Publication of documents and evidence relating to further matters;
8. Publication of the Examiner's Report with recommendations and reasons; and
9. Adoption or approval of the Local Plan.

If you only want to be contacted at certain stages in the preparation of the Local Plan, this request can be made by emailing landusepolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk

If you have any queries about the consultation or require further information, please contact Land Use Policy on 01429 401878 or e mail landusepolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk

Dated: 24th November 2026