



Planning Policy Update from Lancaster City Council - June 2025

Local Plan Timetable

The Local Plan Timetable for the Council was [approved by Cabinet 15 April 2025](#). The timetable sets out the timetable for preparing the documents which will form part of a new Local Plan for Lancaster District. Once completed the new plan will replace the current Local Plan. The new Local Plan will cover the whole of Lancaster district, including Lancaster, Morecambe, Heysham and Carnforth, the rural areas and all the villages in the district, and the parts of the two National Landscapes (previously called Areas of Outstanding National

Beauty) at Arnside & Silverdale and the Forest of Bowland that are within the district. The only part of the district that will not be covered by the new Local Plan is the area within the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the northeast of Cowan Bridge. Further information can be found on the Council website: [Local Plan Hub>>>>>](#)

Local Plan Supporting Evidence

We continue to collect evidence (information) to support the new Local Plan. You can view the latest evidence completed, located on our Local Plan Hub:

- Employment Land Review
- Open Space Study
- Local Soils Model Policy and Guide

Local Plan Call for Sites - 2nd Round

As part of the preparation of the Local Plan we would like to know of potential sites or even broad locations that the Council can investigate as opportunities for development. The **‘Call for Sites’** process is the opportunity for landowners and developers to suggest sites or areas of land that could be identified as being suitable for development in the new local plan. The Council will collect evidence on the submitted suggestions and then consider the suitability of the sites for development. You can submit sites for any type of future use including housing, employment, and retail. This is the 2nd round of the ‘Call for Sites process’. Go to our Local Plan Hub to find out more! Go to our Local Plan Hub to find out more!!.

Call for Local Green Spaces

We need your help to identify special areas of Local Green Space across the district.

Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for health and the wellbeing of communities. Local communities are being asked to identify the Local Green Spaces that are of special local importance. They could be special for many reasons, for example they may have an association with an historical event or represent a valuable feature in the landscape. Areas of land identified as being Local Green Spaces are protected from development in much the same way as Green Belt. Local Green Spaces can only be designated when a Local Plan is being prepared or updated. **The call for Local Green Spaces is open until Monday 28 July 2025.** Go to our Local Plan Hub to find out more!

Shopfront & Advertisement Supplementary Planning Document Consultation

This Supplementary Planning Document will assist anyone proposing to install, alter or replace a shopfront or advertisement anywhere within Lancaster district. This SPD applies not only to retail uses but also the following use types:

- Restaurants and Food & Drinks; and
- Financial and Professional Services

The SPD can be viewed on the council website:

Making a representation, you can

- Complete the online response form:
<https://keepconnected.lancaster.gov.uk/sf-spd-2>
- Email your comments to: planningpolicy@lancaster.gov.uk
- Post your comments to: Heritage Team & Design Team (Conservation), Lancaster City Council, PO Box 4, Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster LA1 1PJ.

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Many thanks
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