

# Comment on the **Joint Local Plan**



Comments can be made between  
**15 March and 26 April**

The best way to make your  
comments is online:

[www.plymswdevonplan.co.uk](http://www.plymswdevonplan.co.uk)

If you do not have access to the internet  
you can post your comments to:

**Joint Local Plan Team,  
Floor 2, Ballard House  
West Hoe Road, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ**

All comments will be published online. They will then be passed onto the Planning Inspector who will decide which representations need addressing and who needs to participate in the Public Examination. Late comments will be marked and may not be taken into account.

## Guidelines for making your comments

The Planning Inspector will be interested  
in views on whether the Plan:

- will meet housing, employment and infrastructure needs;
- is based on sound evidence;
- can be delivered by 2034; and
- is consistent with national policy.

To have the greatest influence at this  
stage try and relate your comments to  
what we are calling the **soundness** of  
the plan, or to its compliance with  
**legal requirements**.

### Soundness means the Plan is:

- based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities;
- is consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- is the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence;
- effective and deliverable;
- based on effective joint working on crossboundary strategic priorities; and
- consistent with national policy (NPPF).

### Legal requirements

- **Local Development Scheme:** has the Plan been prepared in accordance with the **Statement of Community Involvement** and the Council's **Statement of Consultation** and have the appropriate bodies been consulted?
- **Duty to Cooperate:** has the Plan been prepared in cooperation with other local planning authorities and prescribed bodies, such as the Environment Agency and the Local Enterprise Partnership?
- **Sustainability Appraisal:** has a Sustainability Appraisal been carried out in accordance with the appropriate Regulations?
- **Appropriate Assessment:** has an Appropriate Assessment (Habitats Regulations Assessment) been carried out?
- **National Policy and Legislation:** does the Plan comply with national policy and legislation?