SPELTHORNE LOCAL PLAN SCOPING CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

Consultation at a glance

When?

June - August 2026

How?

Online surveys, interactive maps, email, in writing, stakeholder engagement.

Who?

- Residents
- Businesses developers
- Statutory consultees
- Infrastructure providers
- Community organisations
- Internal consultees

183 responses received

45% mapped places relating to green spaces

#1 objective = infrastructure alongside growth

83 interactive map survey responses

Interactive Map Findings



Key issues, challenges and priorities

These are key themes, issues, challenges and priority actions identified by respondents to the consultation.

Infrastructure

Challenge:

Ensuring infrastructure is in place alongside growth and accompanied by investment in services and facilities.

Priority actions:

- Considering healthcare capacity
- Considering the capacity of educational spaces
- Ensuring appropriate community facilities
- Considering utlity infrastructure

Green Belt and Open Space

Challenge:

Balancing future growth with the protection of Spelthorne's Green Belt, biodiversity and valued open spaces.

Priority actions:

- Considering brownfield first for development
- Protecting Green Belt and open space
- Strengthening green infrastructure networks
- Enhancing biodiversity and nature recovery

Delivering Housing Needs Sustainably

Challenge:

Meeting housing need by prioritising previously developed land and underutilised urban sites.

Priority actions:

- Maximising brownfield land before developing Green Belt
- Prioritising developing vacant buildings, former employment sites and underused commercial spaces
- Ensuring environmental protection through brownfield development
- Supporting investment and regeneration in town and local centres

Climate Resilience and Environmental Quality

Challenge:

Responding to climate change while managing flood risk, biodiversity loss, air quality and sustainable development.

Priority actions:

- Ensuring flood resilient development and Sustainable Drainage Systems
- Considering renewable energy and carbon reduction
- Considering climate adaptation measures
- Ensuring environmental quality (e.g. air quality, open green spaces etc.)

Protecting Local Character

Challenge:

Managing future growth while maintaining the distinct identity of Spelthorne's towns and villages.

Priority actions:

- Ensuring high quality design of future development, considering local identities
- Considering heritage conservation and protecting assets
- Considering sensitive regeneration and well-designed places
- Ensuring investment in public spaces, town centres and community facilities

KEY MESSAGE

Respondents to the consultation broadly support a Local Plan that balances housing, jobs and regeneration with strong protection of Green Belt, environmental assets, local character and biodiversity. The areas of strongest question relate to infrastructure, climate resilience and evidence-led decision-making .

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