...We are now at '*Regulation 19 stage*' of our Local Plan process

➢ *Our current timeline of the Basildon Local Plan preparation*

COMPLETED	**Issues & Options** June to September 2023
COMPLETED	**Regulation 18** Preparation of a Local Plan (included x3 public consultations) • *1st Draft Consultation Nov 2024-Jan 2025* • *2nd Draft Consultation February-April 2025* • *3rd Draft Consultation Dec 2025- Jan 2026*
We are here	**Regulation 19** – Publication of a Local Plan (including consultation) 10th August - 22 Sept 2026
December 2026	**Regulation 22** – Submission of a Local Plan to the Secretary of State
From January 2027	**Regulation 24** – Independent Examination
Autumn 2027	**Regulation 25** – Recommendation from the Independent Examiner
Winter 2027	**Regulation 26** – Adoption of the Local Plan.

What is the Regulation 19 consultation?

- This is <u>your final opportunity</u> to comment on the Proposed Submission Draft Basildon Borough Local Plan before we send it to central government for examination by 31 December 2026.
- As such, please use this final consultation stage to influence this policy document
- At this Regulation 19 stage, your comments are required to focus on the '**legal compliance**'[1] and '**soundness**'[2] of the Local Plan; and you can suggest any changes you think are needed
- Your comments will be considered by the Council and the Planning Inspector once the Local Plan is submitted for examination.
- The **consultation period** for the Regulation 19 publication runs for six weeks between: **10th August - 22 September 2026**
- Please submit your comments to our consultation platform at: https://basildon-lp-reg19.commonplace.is/

[1] **Legal compliance** means mean the Council has followed all the rules and procedures required by law to prepare this Local Plan

[2] **Soundness** is the term used understand whether the proposed policies of the draft Local Plan are evidence-based, sensible and that they are likely to work and deliver what they set out to achieve. There are 4 tests used to evaluate 'soundness' of a Local Plan; set out at paragraph 36 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2024). National Planning Policy Framework - 3. Plan-making - Guidance - GOV.UK