

Amended Development Strategy Policy Note for all applications

The Council is currently consulting on its Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan for a period of eight weeks until 5pm Tuesday 29th August. The Draft Local Plan sets out how Central Bedfordshire will develop over the period to 2035. It identifies a range of homes and jobs to be provided, outlines the overarching strategy for growth and also sets out more detailed policies which will be used to determine planning applications. Taken together the Draft Local Plan will ensure that the growth we need is delivered in the right place, is of the right character and quality, and is delivered with the supporting roads, schools and services such as health, as well as retail, leisure and community facilities. Although the Plan itself is still at a relatively early stage of preparation and therefore the weight which can be attributed to individual policies is limited, it would be prudent to have regard to the Council's emerging strategy, and in particular the direction of travel of the Local Plan.