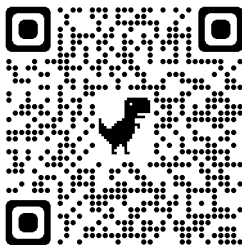


# Forest of Dean District Local Plan

## Second Preferred Option

**Monday 1st August 2022-  
Monday 26th September 2022**



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## What is the Local Plan and what are Preferred Options?

The Forest of Dean District Council is preparing a new Local Plan which must look forward to 2041. It needs to show how the needs of the district will be provided for over the next 20 years in the most sustainable way. Work on the new Local Plan began in 2019, when we identified and consulted on a range of Issues and Options. In 2020, we held public consultations on a Preferred Option Strategy. Using feedback received from those events, we have now developed a Second Preferred Option strategy, which supersedes the first. The **Second Preferred Option Strategy** is the document we now wish you to comment on.

## What are the differences between the first Preferred Option strategy and the current Second Preferred Option strategy?

The first Preferred Option Strategy proposed the allocation of a New Settlement intended to provide about 27% of the housing requirements of the Local Plan, to be located where it could enable more sustainable travel solutions and establish a longer term basis for development beyond the plan period. The Second Preferred Option Strategy does not provide for development in a new settlement, although this may be an option which is reconsidered at subsequent plan reviews, particularly nearer the end of the plan term.

## Why should I participate?

Your comments are particularly important at this time as they will help to shape the plan, the potential sites and the policies and may even identify alternative approaches. Comments are especially welcome which:

- Support or seek to modify the strategy
- Propose alternative sites for major or minor development
- Suggest any changes to the strategy showing how the plan's needs can be met in another way
- Provide more information about sites which the council is already aware of (such as through the SHLAA process)

## What are the key themes of the new Local Plan?

- Address climate change
  - Support the towns and villages
  - Protect rural areas and landscapes
- Provide environmental protection
  - Promote Lydney
  - Support biodiversity and nature recovery and provide new Green Infrastructure
- Address local housing needs
  - Encourage a strong local economy
  - Achieve a high standard of sustainable design

## What are the main proposals for development?

- **Major development at Lydney to support an enhanced role as a focal point for the Forest of Dean District.**

Lydney is well located and accessible within the District and already offers a good range of services and amenities. Development opportunities are greatest at Lydney providing it can benefit from improvements to the present travel facilities. It is proposed that the town of Lydney will accommodate at least 33% of the new development proposed in the Local Plan, including housing, employment and supporting services.



- **Development of land at Newent to support a mixed use site, improvements to circulation and transport and complementary facilities to the centre.**



Potential changes for development in Newent are mainly to the south east of the town on condition that they could provide improved access and will also support the town centre as well as providing for better, wider transport connections. Development here could accommodate about 600 new dwellings, or possibly more, and would include substantial green infrastructure, areas for improved biodiversity and recreation, employment and community facilities to accompany the new housing.

- **Redevelopment for mixed uses and regeneration of land at Beachley Camp.**

To achieve sustainable development, the best use should be made of previously developed land. The largest single site of this nature within the Forest of Dean District is the army camp at Beachley, which is expected to become vacant during the plan period. This site is considered suitable for a mixed-use development with about 600 dwellings, employment and supporting development being accommodated on about 20ha out of the total 50ha land area within the camp. This development is likely to occur during the mid or latter part of the plan period.



- **Supporting mixed use developments at major villages and towns and sustainable development at some villages.**



The Local Plan will provide for mixed development in a variety of settlements provided that the scale of change is sustainable and in proportion with the size of the settlements, their facilities and their current and future transport connections.

## What about Climate Change?

Combatting climate change is at the heart of the new Local Plan and the strategy seeks to incorporate measures that are compatible with the Forest of Dean District Council's 'Climate Emergency Declaration' and its 2030 net zero target.





## Where can I view the document and how do I comment?

Online:

<https://fdean-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/event/36968>

Email: [localplans@fdean.gov.uk](mailto:localplans@fdean.gov.uk)

By post : Local Plans Team, Forest of Dean District Council,  
Council Offices, High Street, Coleford, Glos, GL16 8HG

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Tel:01594 810000 and ask for a member of the Local Plan Team

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## What next?

Following this current consultation, the next stage will be the preparation of a draft Local Plan. This is expected mid 2023 and will involve further public consultation.

## Come to a community workshop to find out more:

**Sedbury Village Hall - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022, 3pm - 7pm**

**Newent Memorial Hall – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 3pm - 7pm**

**Lydney Community Centre – Thursday 25th August 2022, 3pm - 7pm & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 3pm - 7pm**

**Coleford District Council Offices – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 3pm - 7pm**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!**