



Eastbourne Local Plan: Draft Local Plan Consultation 2026

Eastbourne Borough Council is preparing a new Local Plan that will guide the type, amount and location of development in the Borough up to 2042. In order to meet the Government deadline of submitting a plan for examination by December 2026, Eastbourne Borough Council is now consulting with local communities and other stakeholders on a Draft Local Plan.

We are keen to receive views on any aspect of the Local Plan. Your input will help in the ongoing preparation of the Eastbourne Local Plan, and will be really important in determining how the town grows and develops into the future.

The consultation is open for an 8-week period between **Friday 13th February and Friday 10th April 2026**. All consultation responses should be received by 5pm on Friday 10th April.

Please use this representation form to submit comments on the Draft Local Plan. Please specify which part of the Draft Local Plan you can commenting on. Please submit a separate representation form for each part of the plan that you wish to comment on.

Once completed, submit the representation form(s) either by email to: LocalPlan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk, or post to: Planning Policy, Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG.

If you have any questions or experience any difficulty in submitting your representations, please contact us, the Planning Policy Team, via email at LocalPlan@leweseastbourne.gov.uk or by telephone on 01323 410000 quoting 'Eastbourne Local Plan'.

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4.1 Spatial Strategy

Please provide your comment below. Please find evidence to support your representation where appropriate.

Eastbourne Borough Council acknowledges that it will be unable to plan to meet the identified local housing need across the new Local Plan period. Lewes District Council is in a similar situation.

Lewes and Wealden Districts, along with East Sussex County Council, have long advocated the restoration of a rail link between Lewes and Uckfield, and Railfuture has for some time advocated such a link via Ringmer (avoiding the South Downs National Park) as a focus for planned long-term housing growth. Such a link would serve the growing population of an expanded Ringmer, and could join the East Coastway line via a 'delta' junction east of Glynde station facing both Lewes and Eastbourne. Such a link would then enable some of Eastbourne's unmet housing need, located in an expanded Ringmer and bolstering the case for a new rail link, to have direct access to its 'host' town.

See [Railfuture | Uckfield Lewes](#)

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