

Local Plan Consultation Questionnaire

What is your vision for the future of Southampton? What sort of city do you want for yourselves and future generations?

The population is growing, we are living longer, the way we shop and work is changing. We are becoming more aware of environmental issues and using technology more and more every day. But what does this mean for the city? We will need to build more homes and workspaces but ensure that we enable everyone to live in a more sustainable and healthy way.

We are starting to make plans for future development in Southampton, and your input is essential. We must understand what you value and need as well as what kind of places you think we should be creating across the city. Help us by having your say.

We understand that everyone is busy so we have tried to make this as quick and simple as possible. The questions are optional so feel free to tell us as much or as little as you wish.

Please complete and return this questionnaire by midnight **19 April 2020**

This consultation forms part of our Regulation 18 consultation in line with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The results of this consultation will inform the next part of our Regulation 18 consultation where we will present 'Preferred Options' and other supporting evidence documents.

You can also complete this online at: www.southampton.gov.uk/cityvisionhaveyoursay

How are you responding to this consultation?

As an individual

Representing a business or organisation (Please complete this questionnaire online at www.southampton.gov.uk/cityvisionhaveyoursay)

If you are responding as an individual, select the options below that describe you? (Please select all that apply)

Live in Southampton

Live outside of Southampton

Work in Southampton

Student in Southampton (18 years or older)

Child or young person (under 18 years)

The Future Challenge

The challenge for the city is to attract, accommodate and manage growth. We can do this by setting out a clear vision of what development we want to take place and where. This will ensure that the city grows in a sustainable way and provides the right homes, facilities and workspaces that we need whilst attracting investment which can benefit everyone.

Delivering our vision for the city will not be without challenge. As we plan for future development we must ensure that we are building and shaping a city that is both fit for the future and child-friendly. The world is also changing at a rapid rate and there are various global and local challenges that we must consider.

The following list highlights some of these challenges. Please tick the two which are most important to you:

Environment and Climate Change

Technology

Homes for a growing and ageing population

Growth and investment in the city (including economy, high streets, culture and leisure)

Sense of community and city pride

Getting around the city

How can we contribute to addressing these issues through the Local Plan?

A Local Plan must demonstrate that sufficient land has been allocated to deliver new homes, workspaces and infrastructure. It must also show that these sites are the most suitable and that proposals are sustainable and deliverable. Southampton aspires to develop a city that is child-friendly and is a space that children, young people and families will want to play, stay and work in for most, if not all, of their lives.

But how are we going to do this?

Whilst we know there are things that we must include in our new plan, you now have the opportunity to influence how we do this and ensure we create places that reflect your needs and you are proud to call home. Firstly, we need to understand what facilities matter most to you so that we can ensure we are maintaining and improving what you really value.

Neighbourhood and city pride, a sense of community.

We want residents to be proud of where they live and work and enable them to influence what can and cannot be built in the coming decades. The playability and movability of the space, particularly for children, is vital to how we want the city to grow and develop. We want to know what matters most to you in your local area and in the city centre to ensure that, as we develop plans for the city, we understand the differences between our neighbourhoods. We want to work towards addressing the needs of all neighbourhoods and ultimately reducing inequalities across the city.

The following list shows the things we could focus on as part of the Local Plan. We would like to know which ones are the most important to you. Please choose the five that are most important to you in your local area?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety and places that feel safe for me to go to | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport & leisure facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to services that are close by (such as GPs, schools or other council delivered services rather than shops) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural facilities (e.g. theatre, museum, place of worship, library) and opportunities to take part in activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing pollution and improving air quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Community spaces/buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs & training opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants/cafés |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Footpaths & cycle paths | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks/open spaces /nature & conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car-free or pedestrianised areas (including active travel zones) | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to frequent and reliable public transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbours/community | <input type="checkbox"/> Late night entertainment (bars, clubs & casinos) |

From the same list, please now choose the five that are most important to you in the city centre?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety and places that feel safe for me to go to | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport & leisure facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to services that are close by (such as GPs, schools or other council delivered services rather than shops) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural facilities (e.g. theatre, museum, place of worship, library) and opportunities to take part in activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing pollution and improving air quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Community spaces/buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs & training opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants/cafés |
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We have more detailed information on some of our key challenges and aspirations and the opportunity for you to tell us what you think about them. The following sections of the questionnaire are optional, so answer as many or as few of them as you like.

Environment and Climate Change

This is one of the most significant challenges that we face. Southampton City Council has made clear commitments through the 'Green City Charter' and a target to be carbon neutral by 2030. We would also like to know what else we can do and what standards we should set for buildings in the future.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following ideas?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
All new buildings should be carbon neutral Please note: 'carbon neutral' refers to the process of removing as much carbon (which contributes negatively to climate change) from the atmosphere as is put in by a particular entity (e.g. a development, building, product or business).					
All new homes should have solar panels					
All new homes should have electric car charging points					
Sustainable transport should be available across the city so that people can walk, cycle or take public transport					
Biodiversity and the quality of our green spaces should improve.					

As part of the process of developing a new Local Plan we have to demonstrate that all proposals are sustainable and measures are in place to protect and enhance the environment. Both our natural and historic environments are important assets for the city and we must ensure they are protected and enhanced. The city also has a number of parks, open spaces and marine and river habitats to consider with any future development. As part of this process we are legally required to produce two key reports:

1. Sustainability Appraisal
2. Habitats Regulations Assessment

Both of these documents are available online at: www.southampton.gov.uk/cityvisionhaveyoursay

They are also available to view in our libraries and the Civic Centre.

Please use the following space to tell us your comments or suggestions on our ideas for Environment and Climate Change and the reports on Sustainability and Habitats Regulations. If you would prefer to look at the reports later, you can also email us your comments on the report by midnight on 19 April 2020 to: local.plan@southampton.gov.uk

Homes for a growing and ageing population

By 2040 the total population of Southampton will have increased by around 26,000. Over half of this increase will be in people aged 65 and over. Southampton City Council (like all planning authorities) has a target for the number of new homes it must build each year. This is set by central government and is based on how much the population is expected to grow and how affordable it is to buy a home in the area. The government's target for Southampton is to build over 20,000 new homes by 2040, equivalent to just over 1,000 per year. Southampton City Council has also committed to provide 1000 new Council owned homes by 2025, which will contribute to the overall target. Our new plan will have to show how we will meet this target and we need to understand what types of homes we will require to meet the needs of our population, including children, so that every child born and living in Southampton has the best possible start in life.

More homes

The target of 1000 new homes per year (around 20,000 more homes by 2040) is challenging as space is limited so we need to think about how we can deliver the new homes we need.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Constructing more high rise buildings					
Adopting a national space standard (To guarantee that new homes have a liveable amount of space)					

Ageing Population

With people living longer there is a need to ensure that we are all doing more to live healthier and more independent lives. We can help this by introducing homes that are adaptable and built in a way that makes it easier to live healthily. We can start by integrating infrastructure that encourages people to get around in sustainable ways and design that helps to ensure people maintain regular social contact throughout their lives. The homes we build and the neighbourhoods we place them in also need to be child-friendly, safe and accessible so that people of all ages can live and thrive together.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
All new homes should be 'homes for life' that can be easily adapted to meet the changing needs we experience throughout our lives.					
Some developments should provide homes designed specifically for older people and their needs					

Do you have any comments or suggestions about homes?

Technology

Southampton has a long history of leading the way in technology and design. How could technology change the way we live, work and engage with the world around us in the future? What infrastructure will we need and what type of workspaces might we need in order to attract investment and visitors to the city?

Technology brings huge benefits which could help us to tackle some of the other challenges we face, such as supporting people in their homes. We also need to consider what infrastructure this might require across the city in homes, workspaces and the public realm.

Whilst there are lots of positive benefits of new technology, we must also consider the fact that there may be negative impacts as a result of introducing them within our city. For example, although technology connects us, it can sometimes replace human interaction. As such, there may be possible social impacts from introducing new technologies such as the loss of jobs or some businesses. However, it is just as important to consider the fact that this new technology may give the opportunity for new jobs and businesses to be created, which could in turn help our city thrive.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Southampton is a city with modern technology that benefits me”

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments or suggestions on how we should use technology, or what improvements are needed in the city?

Getting around the city

As one of the largest cities on the south coast, Southampton is a popular visitor and cultural destination. This city has an excellent educational offering from its two universities which currently have around 35,000 students enrolled between them. On top of this, one quarter of the population is under 16 and we want children who grow up in the city to have access to the best the city has to offer.

We need to make sure that development is designed in a way that enables people to get around with ease, have equal opportunity to access all of the great facilities we have and to feel safe and welcome across all of our neighbourhoods.

Southampton is also a port city and a regionally important employment and retail centre which means it is reliant on good transport links by sea, road and rail. As the city grows and changes we need to invest in more sustainable ways of getting around and use road space more efficiently. Last year a new Local Transport Plan, Connected Southampton, was approved and published after a period of consultation. The Transport Strategy sets out the long-term vision and approach for transport planning and investment through to 2040. To take a look at the plans and projects and the Connected Southampton Transport Strategy itself visit: www.transport.southampton.gov.uk/

We want to know what more we could be doing and what you think about the accessibility of the city in general and how welcoming you feel it is.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following ideas?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Everyone feels safe and welcome in all neighbourhoods across the city					
People can get around with ease, whether on foot, with a buggy, wheelchair, cycling or by public transport					
The city is welcoming to visitors locally, nationally and internationally and those who come to study here					
People can easily find out what's going on in the city					

Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding the accessibility of the city?

Growth and investment in the city

Following the launch of the city's Master Plan in 2012, Southampton has attracted £3bn of investment and 6 out of the 7 major projects are now completed or underway. Forecasts produced by the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) indicate that Southampton has the potential to be the key focus of jobs growth in South Hampshire over the next 20 years. This is based upon its key assets of the port, the city centre, higher education, and the opportunities presented by new technologies – digital, artificial intelligence (AI), and autonomy. The challenge for the city is to attract, accommodate and manage the growth that will come with the expansion in these industries in a way that is environmentally and socially sustainable and brings benefits to our residents.

The city will also need to apply positive solutions to the challenges that face our key shopping areas across the city, which have been brought about by changes in consumer behaviour. It is vital that everyone, including children and families, feels able to access and interact with the resources they need and that we, as a city, have an exciting and vibrant cultural offer.

The way we shop is changing, but we would like to know what is important to you. How often do you currently use your local shopping area for the following?

	Every week	Every two weeks	Once a month	Every 2-3 months	Every 6 months	Less than once a year	Never / I don't go to the local shopping area for this
Food shopping							
Clothes or shoe shopping							
Shopping for other items (e.g. newspapers, stationery, toiletries, electronics)							
To meet with friends or family							
To have a drink/coffee/tea							
To eat meals out							
Evening/night time entertainment (pubs, clubs etc)							
To visit a post office							
To visit charity shops							
To visit a bank							
To visit a library							
To visit a hairdresser/barber/ beauty salon							
To visit a pharmacy							
To visit the doctors							
To visit the dentist							

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following ideas?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
There is a strong and inclusive cultural and creative programme and opportunities to take part in activities across the city					
There are good sports and leisure facilities across the city.					

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following ways that businesses and organisations should operate in Southampton?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Businesses and organisations should have good 'green credentials' (believe it is important to protect the natural environment and be taking action to do so)					
Businesses and organisations should demonstrate social value (consideration of the local community and its wellbeing)					
Businesses and organisations should be child and family friendly					
Businesses and organisations should have good staff conditions – for example no zero hours contracts					

Do you have any comments or suggestions about growth and further investment in the city?

Any other suggestions

Do you have any other comments regarding anything you have read in this consultation or any alternative suggestions or priorities you feel we should consider? Or is there anything else that **you feel the new Southampton City Vision Local Plan ought to contain?**

About you

To help us better understand what you have told us, we would like to know a little bit about you.

How would you describe yourself?

- Male
- Female
- In another way
- Prefer not to say

What is your age?

- Under 10
 - 11 - 13
 - 14 - 17
 - 18 - 24
 - 25 - 34
 - 35 - 44
 - 45 - 54
 - 55 - 64
 - 65 - 74
 - 75+
 - Prefer not to say
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What is your ethnic group?

- White
- Asian or Asian British
- Black, African, Caribbean or Black British
- Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups
- Any other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say

What is your postcode? (This is used for analysis only and will not be used to identify or contact individuals)

What happens next?

The consultation closes on **19 April 2020**. After this date, all feedback will be analysed and considered before any final decisions are made.

Thank you for your time.

Please return completed surveys to:

Local Plan Team
Planning Department
Southampton City Council
Civic Centre
SO14 7LY

Or alternatively hand completed surveys into Southampton Libraries, Gateway or Civic Centre reception

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