

Eden Local Plan 2014 – 2032 Partial Review (Climate Change and Design): Regulation 18 Scoping Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Eden Local Plan 2014 – 2032 Partial Review (Climate Change and Design): Regulation 18 Scoping Consultation

My reason for writing is to inform you of the Council's decision to commence a partial review of the Eden Local Plan 2014 - 2032 and to advise you that the Council is consulting on the scope of the partial review between **Friday 25 June and 12 noon on Monday 9 August 2021**.

Background

On 11 October 2018, Eden District Council formally adopted the Eden Local Plan (ELP). Although in September 2019 the Council took the decision to commence a full review of the ELP, it has now taken the decision in April 2021 to prioritise a partial review of the ELP to consider climate change and design matters.¹

The Council is keen to complete the partial review and adopt the new policies, in as short a timescale as possible, so as to start making a difference as soon as possible in guiding new development.² This will enable the Council to make a positive impact on the sustainable future of Eden District. With that in mind it is necessary to keep the scope of the new policies narrow and the content of the policies focused on key priorities. This means the Partial Review will not cover all planning policy matters relating to climate change and design.

It is anticipated that the Partial Review will entail the introduction of two new policies which will replace parts of the adopted ELP. The intention is that the two new policies will be supported by a new Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The Design SPD will be prepared simultaneously with the partial review to indicate how the new policies will be interpreted and applied.

Please note that as the Local Plan partial review focuses specifically on climate change and design it will not be revisiting the spatial strategy (settlement hierarchy), housing and employment allocations and numbers.

Why we are consulting

We are at the early stages of the partial review and we would like to hear your views on the priority climate change and design issues that should be addressed by the new policies. Your input is important at this early stage as this will help to influence the scope of these policies. As we are at the start of the process, no decisions have yet been made.

Climate change relates to a number of planning policy areas including flood risk and water management, biodiversity, sustainable construction and energy efficiencies,

¹ The Council's decision can be viewed by accessing the Report to Executive 20 April 2021 at <https://democracy.eden.gov.uk/jelListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=2834>

² The Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) setting out the timetable for the preparation of the Partial Review can be accessed at www.eden.gov.uk/overview-lds-sci-and-idp

renewable energy and transport. We want to understand your climate change priorities when preparing the new policies.

Similarly 'Design' and what is 'high quality design' can cover a number of considerations including the relationship between buildings and open spaces, the relationship of new development to its surroundings, the appearance of buildings, their accessibility and internal room sizes. We would like to hear from you as to what elements of design, a new policy should cover to help us to secure high quality design. The Government is proposing to introduce national design codes and with your help, we want to prepare local design guidance and codes that reflect your views on what constitutes good quality design.

How to get involved

We have put together a few simple but key questions we would like you to answer. We would prefer if you could respond online <http://www.eden.gov.uk/ELP-partial-review-consultation>. Comments are invited via:

- Completion of an online questionnaire
- VideoAsk – a web app that also works on Android and iPhone and allows you to record a video of your answers to our consultation questions –try it out!

Alternatively if you are unable to respond online you can fill in a paper copy of the questionnaire available at libraries or on request from Loc.plan@eden.gov.uk / Telephone: 01768 817817 and return by post to:

Planning Policy, Eden District Council, Mansion House, Penrith, CA11 7YG

The consultation will run for just over 6 weeks from **Friday 25 June to 12 noon on Monday 9 August 2021**.

If you have any queries, please contact: Loc.plan@eden.gv.uk or Telephone: 01768 817817.

Timescales and next steps

Following this consultation the Council will consider all the responses and prepare a Consultation Response Report. Early in 2022 the Council will publish the new draft policies and any consequential amendments to the adopted Eden LP for a further public consultation (Regulation 19) together with supporting evidence. The proposed amendments to the Eden LP including the new draft policies and the representations received in response to the Regulation 19 public consultation will then be submitted to an independent Inspector for examination later in Spring 2022.

Thank-you for your time in taking part in the partial review.

Yours faithfully



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