

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE AND AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Title of document

Rother Local Plan 2025–2042: Proposed Submission Local Plan.

Subject matter and area covered

Rother District Council has published the Proposed Submission version of the Rother Local Plan 2025–2042 (the “Local Plan”) for a six-week period of formal representations under Regulation 19, prior to submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

The Local Plan covers the whole administrative area of Rother District. Once adopted, it will replace the existing Rother Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and Development and Site Allocations (DaSA) Local Plan (2019).

The Local Plan sets out the spatial vision, strategic objectives, development strategy, site-specific allocations, and development management policies to guide future development, conservation, and climate resilience across the district up to 2042.

Period of publication for representations

The formal representation period runs for six weeks:

- Commences: Monday 12 October 2026
- Closes: Tuesday 24 November 2026 at 23:59

Any representations received after the consultation has closed will not be considered.

How to make a representation

Responses at this stage must focus on whether the Local Plan is legally compliant and sound.

Representations can be made during consultation period via one of the following methods:

- **Via the Online Consultation Portal**

This allows representations to be made directly against specific policies, sections of the Plan, and site allocations. This is available at [here](#)

- **Using the Response Form**

The Response Form is available to download [here](#)

Completed forms can be returned:

- Via email to: draftlocalplan@rother.gov.uk.
- By post to: Planning Policy Team, Rother District Council, Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3JX.

Submissions should specify the relevant policy, paragraph, or site allocation, explain why the Plan is or is not sound or legally compliant, and suggest any necessary modifications.

Request to be notified

Anyone submitting a representation may request to be notified at their specified contact details of the following statutory stages:

- The submission of the Rother Local Plan 2025–2042 to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Section 20 of the Act (Regulation 22);
- The publication of the recommendations and report of the Planning Inspector appointed to carry out the independent examination; and
- The formal adoption of the Rother Local Plan 2025–2042.

When registering on the online consultation portal, you can confirm your notification preferences, and the Council will notify all registered representors as the plan progresses.

If you are submitting via our offline Response Form, the form includes dedicated check-boxes to indicate notification preferences.

How to view the documents

The Proposed Submission Local Plan and supporting documents can be inspected:

1. Online

All documents are available to view and download free of charge on the Council's website at:

- <https://www.rother.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/emerging-local-plan/>

2. Council Office

The Proposed Submission Plan, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Statement of Representations Procedure and other supporting evidence base studies and background documents are available to view during normal office hours at:

- Rother District Council Town Hall, London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 3JX (Opening hours: Monday to Thursday: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM; Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM)

Paper response forms are also available.

3. Public deposit points (public libraries)

Paper copies of the Proposed Submission Plan, this Statement of Representations Procedure, and Response Forms are available for public inspection during normal opening hours at:

- Bexhill Library: Western Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1DY
- Battle Library: 7 Market Square, Battle, TN33 0XB
- Rye Library: 20 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JF
- Northiam Community Library: Frewen Close, Northiam, Rye TN31 6LH
- Wadhurst Library: High Street, Wadhurst TN5 6AP

Please check the [East Sussex County Council Library Service](#) for current opening hours of Bexhill, Battle, Rye and Wadhurst Libraries before visiting. Northiam Community Library is currently open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Public Record and Data Protection

All duly made representations will be submitted to the Secretary of State alongside the Local Plan and its supporting documents, together with a summary of the main issues raised during the consultation period. The representations will be considered as part of a public Examination held by an independent Planning Inspector.

Representations cannot be treated as confidential. In accordance with statutory regulations, all valid representations will be published on the Council's website and submitted to the Secretary of State and the independent Planning Inspectorate.

Your name, organisation (if applicable), and comments will be made publicly available. Personal contact information (such as telephone numbers and email addresses) will be redacted in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Council's Planning Policy Privacy Notice.

Date of Notice: 12 October 2026

Rother District Council