

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Cheshire East Local Plan Scoping Consultation-Response Guidance

How to Begin Your Response

- Start with a short opening paragraph explaining:
- You are responding to the Cheshire East Local Plan Scoping Consultation
- You are a Cheshire East resident
- Why the future of the borough and Adlington matters to you

Example:

"I am responding as a resident of Cheshire East because I care about how future development will affect our countryside, infrastructure and local communities."

Writing Your Response in Your Own Words

Use personal experiences:

- Farms you pass
- Wildlife you see
- Fields you walk through
- Views you value
- Local services you rely on
- Traffic or infrastructure issues you experience
- Short, personal responses are far more effective than templates.

What should I actually write?

Use the points below as prompts. Please do not copy a template or the given examples word for word. A short response written in your own words is far stronger and more valuable.

Topic	Think about saying ...
Infrastructure	"I am concerned that ..." / "I would like the Local Plan to demonstrate ..."
Farms	"The farmland around Adlington is important because ..."
Wildlife	"I regularly see/use/enjoy ..." / "The Local Plan should protect ..."
Green Belt	"The countryside is important to me because ..."
Brownfield first	"Before Greenbelt land is considered, I believe the council should ..."
Cumulative impact	"The council should look at all potential development around Adlington together because ..."

Example Response (to personalise for email or post)

"I am responding to the Cheshire East Local Plan Scoping Consultation because I care about the future of Adlington and the countryside around it. I want the new Local Plan to be evidence-led, infrastructure-led and brownfield-first."

Before any land is allocated for housing, the council should show that the necessary roads, public transport, schools, healthcare, water, sewerage and drainage can be provided. The cumulative impact of development around Adlington must be assessed, not just individual sites in isolation."

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I also want the Local Plan to protect working farms and productive agricultural land. Farmland is not empty space: it supports food production, farming businesses, wildlife and the character of the countryside. Once it is built on, it is permanently lost.

The same applies to wildlife. Hedgerows, trees, ponds, streams, grassland and farmland form habitats and wildlife corridors. The council should consider the wider ecological network and the cumulative effect of development, not just individual protected species.

I support a brownfield-first approach and ask the council to demonstrate that suitable brownfield and previously developed land has been properly considered before Greenbelt or productive farmland is released. I also want residents to have meaningful opportunities to comment as the Local Plan develops."

How to Submit Your Response

Email: localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Subject: Local Plan Scoping Consultation Response

Or

Comment Online via the Cheshire East consultation portal:

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/newlocalplan

The consultation portal contains several sections covering the scope, context, evidence and proposed engagement for the new Local Plan.

You don't need to write something in every section. Comment on the sections where you have something relevant to say, using your own experience and views.

Or

Post:

Strategic Planning Team
Cheshire East Council Delamere
House
Delamere Street
Crewe
CW1 2LL

However you respond ensure you Sign-Off!

Include:

- Your name
- Your postcode (to log your response as a local issue)