

FAQs: Understanding the Local Plan Call for Sites Process

1. What is the Call for Sites process?

The Call for Sites is an early stage in the Local Plan process where the Council invites landowners, developers, and the public to suggest land that may be suitable for future development or other uses.

2. Why does the Council carry out a Call for Sites?

It helps the Council build a comprehensive evidence base of land that may be available and suitable for a range of uses, including housing, employment, infrastructure, and green spaces. This is essential for planning responsibly for future needs.

3. Who can submit a site?

Anyone can submit a site—landowners, developers, agents, community groups, or individuals. Submissions are not limited to those with development interests.

4. What types of land can be submitted?

Both previously developed (brownfield) and undeveloped (greenfield) land can be submitted. Sites can be proposed for:

- Housing (including specialist housing and Gypsy & Traveller sites)
 - Employment and commercial uses
 - Community infrastructure
 - Green infrastructure and biodiversity improvements
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5. Does submitting a site mean it will be developed?

No. Submission does **not** guarantee that a site will be allocated for development. It is simply a way for the Council to understand what land may be available.

6. Does the Council endorse the submitted sites?

No. The publication of submitted sites does **not** imply any support or endorsement by the Council. All sites will be assessed against planning criteria and wider evidence before any decisions are made.

7. What happens after sites are submitted?

The Council reviews all submissions and assesses them for suitability, availability, and achievability. This forms part of the evidence base for the Local Plan, which will go through public consultation and examination before adoption.

8. Can the public comment on submitted sites?

Yes. While the Call for Sites itself is not a consultation, the submitted sites are made public, and there will be opportunities to comment during formal consultation stages of the Local Plan process.

9. When will decisions be made about which sites are included in the Local Plan?

Decisions will be made in later stages of the Local Plan process, following detailed assessments, evidence gathering, and public consultation. For Brentwood, the next consultation (Regulation 18) is scheduled for **Summer 2026**.