

Wakefield District

Local Plan 2036

Planning Growth and Protecting Places

Publication Draft Plan Consultation

Statement of Community Involvement COVID-19 Addendum October 2020

- The Wakefield Statement of Community Involvement and this COVID-19 Addendum can be downloaded from:
<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/planning/policy/community-involvement>
- The Government has issued advice on the importance of progressing Local Plans during the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to support the country's economic progress. The Council is continuing to progress its Local Plan in accordance with Government advice on social distancing.
- In response to this, a review has been undertaken of parts of the Statement of Community Involvement, relevant to publishing the Publication Draft version of the Wakefield District Local Plan 2036 and the Pre-Submission Consultation, under Regulation 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). This takes account of temporary changes in guidance and legislation.
- The following temporary changes will apply only to the Pre-Submission Consultation on the Publication Draft of the Wakefield Local Plan 20136:
 - Instead of a manned public exhibition, there will be an online exhibition. In addition to the usual publicity methods, a large poster advertising the consultation will be located in the Customer Access Point at Wakefield One, which will be visible from outside the Wakefield One building through the windows serving the Customer Access Point.
- The temporary changes to the legislation remove the requirement for documents to be available to be viewed at the Council libraries. However, the Council libraries are currently open and operating in accordance with Government advice in relation to COVID-19. Therefore, the documents will continue to be available at Council offices and libraries, subject to any quarantine and specific restrictions of individual local libraries. The implications for visiting the libraries at this time can be found at:
<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/libraries-and-local-history/your-local-library>
or by contacting local libraries.