

Adoption Statement for the Watford Borough Council Local Plan 2021-2038

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012: Regulation 26.

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given that Watford Borough Council adopted the Watford Local Plan 2021-2038 on 17 October 2022.

The Watford Local Plan 2021-2038 sets out a range of planning policies which will set a strategic direction for growth in the borough as well as detailed requirements and restrictions on development where necessary. The Plan also includes housing, mixed use, employment and education allocations with associated site specific criteria. The policies in the Plan fully supersede the policies in the Watford Core Strategy 2006-2031 and the saved policies in the Watford District Plan 2000. A new policies map has also been published to reflect the designations and policies in the Plan.

The Plan was subject to independent examination by Mr Will Fieldhouse BA (Hons) MA MRTPI, an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities. In his report following this examination, issued 20 September 2022, he found the Plan to be sound subject to a number of main modifications being made. The adopted Local Plan incorporates these modifications alongside some additional minor modifications to address factual updates and corrections.

Any person who is aggrieved by the adoption of the Watford Local Plan may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- the document is not within the appropriate power; or
- a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any application must be made no later than the end of the period of six weeks beginning the day after the date on which the Local Plan was adopted, i.e. before 29 November 2022.

Any enquiries should be made to strategy@watford.gov.uk or 01923 278263.

Document Availability

This Adoption Statement, the Local Plan, changes to the policies map, the Inspectors Report and associated schedule of main modifications and additional modifications, and the Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement are all available to view online at www.watfordlocalplan.co.uk.

Alternatively they will be available to view in hard copy at the following locations during opening hours:

Venue	Address	Open Days	Opening Hours
Watford Borough Council Offices	Watford Town Hall, WD17 3EX	Monday, Friday Wednesday	9:00am-3:00pm 11:00am-5:00pm
North Watford Public Library	St Albans Rd, Watford, WD24 7RW	Monday-Wednesday Friday Saturday	9:30am-6:00pm 1:00pm-6:00pm 9:30am-4:00pm
Watford Public Library	Hempstead Road, Watford, WD17 3EU	Monday, Wednesday Tuesday, Thursday Friday (self-service only in morning) Saturday Sunday	9:30am-6:00pm 9:30am-7:00pm 9:30am-6:00pm 9:30am-4:00pm 1:00pm-5:00pm

A copy of this Adoption Statement will be sent to all parties who have asked to be notified of the adoption of the Local Plan and to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.