



## Notice of Scoping Consultation

### South Hams and West Devon Joint Local Plan

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, Part 4, Regulation 20

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, Part 4, Regulation 20. South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council give notice that they are undertaking a Scoping Consultation on the emerging South Hams and West Devon Joint Local Plan.

The local plan Scoping Consultation commences on Monday 20 July 2026 and is open until 11:59pm on Thursday 24 September 2026.

During this period the councils are inviting representations on:

1. What the vision and objectives for the local plan should be.
2. What the key issues are for the local plan to address, including in relation to topics such as:
  - Settlement hierarchy
  - Housing
  - Economy
  - Climate change
  - Natural environment and landscapes
  - Historic environment

- Health and wellbeing
  - Transport, infrastructure and facilities
3. How the authorities should engage with the public in the preparation of the local plan.

### **How to respond**

The best way to read and respond to the local plan scoping consultation is on the Councils' [online consultation platform 'Commonplace'](#) where responses can also be submitted.

Printed copies of this notice of scoping consultation, the survey questions and supporting information are also available on request at the Council Offices:

**Follaton House**, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5NE (open Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.)

**Kilworthy Park**, Drake Road, Tavistock, PL19 0BZ (open Tuesday from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.)

Representations should be submitted by:

- The [online consultation platform](#)
- Email to: [strategic.planning@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.planning@swdevon.gov.uk)
- By post to Strategic Planning, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes TQ9 5NE

**Representations on the South Hams and West Devon Joint Local Plan Scoping Consultation must be received by the Councils no later than 11.59pm on Thursday 24 September 2026.**

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified when one or more of the following steps occur:

- Consultation on the proposed local plan content and evidence
- The publication of observations or advice received at the Gateway 2 assessment
- Consultation on the proposed local plan
- The submission of the proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination
- Publication of matters relating to the local plan examination

- A decision of the examiner to pause the examination for further work to be carried out
- The publication of any document or evidence which is sent to the examiner
- The publication of the recommendations and reasons received by the examiner
- The adoption or approval of the local plan.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation or would like any further information, please contact the Strategic Planning Team:

[strategic.planning@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.planning@swdevon.gov.uk)