

Council

Local Plan Debate – Process for submitting amendments

Opposition Group Amendments

Deadline: These must be received by Committee and Members Services before 1.00pm on three working days before the meeting (Wednesday, 21st January 2026), and preferably earlier than that.

These are considered as substantive amendments to the submitted Local Plan and must be available in advance. These are published in the briefing note.

These must be discussed with the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services and include his commentary before Committee and Members Services will accept these for publication.

Minor amendments, or individual amendments, arising as a result of the debate on opposition group proposals

Deadline: These must be set out clearly and legibly **on the form** (below) and emailed to Committee and Member Services in advance and by no later than **15 minutes before the start of this section of the debate**.

These must be discussed with the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services before acceptance for debate. The Director of Planning and Regulatory Services will review these and decide if an amendment is minor and can be taken; or substantive and cannot be taken at this late stage. His decision is final.

Council needs to be clear what is being suggested along with the implications for the budget so the form should set out

- What is proposed and why;
- Impact on the budget - cost and how it is to be funded;
- Commencement and duration of the proposal.

Amendments will be taken in the order given to Committee and Member Services.

Debating minor/ individual amendments

These are taken separately or in groups as appropriate

1. Lord Mayor calls the amendment number
2. the amendment is taken as read – so the proposer and seconder should only speak briefly
3. the Lord Mayor will take one speaker from each Group.
4. If the seconder has not already spoken, they can do so.
5. Cabinet Member responds.
6. Proposer sums up.
7. Vote.

Proposer _____ **Cllr Miles** _____ **Seconder**
_____ **Cllr Fouweather**

What is proposed

"Urban Design and Heritage" subheading for the site allocation policy SPN1: Diamond Place and Ewert House:

"Public toilet facilities are currently located on the site. Development proposals should demonstrate how these facilities will be re-provided or justify an alternative approach. "

Officer advice: The subject and framing of this proposed amendment would provide additional clarity to the draft policy. Should Council be minded to support this amendment, it could be added as bullet point L under the Urban Design and Heritage section of the Diamond Place policy (SPN1), with subsequent bullet points renamed.

Reason

There is currently no reference to the existing public toilets on this site in the local plan draft text for this site allocation. To ensure these public facilities are retaining in some capacity in any new development it is essential that reference is stated in the document to ensure developers include them.