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|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Dear Consultee,  The Council is beginning work on the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (LP4B). The LP4B will allocate sites for development in the period up to 2040 to meet the housing and economic development needs of Buckinghamshire.  We are keen to ensure that when new development takes place, it is sustainable and makes best use of available land. To achieve this, we have undertaken two ‘Call for Brownfield Sites’ consultations where we asked for previously developed land to be submitted for consideration. During this process, we received over 300 submissions of brownfield sites. A list and map of these sites can be found at:  [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/brownfield-sites](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/brownfield-sites)  Not all of the brownfield sites submitted to the council previously will be suitable, achievable and available, this will be assessed by the Council in the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessments (HELAA).  Buckinghamshire Council is still committed to ‘Brown before Green’, however, based on what we currently understand our needs to be and an initial assessment of the brownfield sites submitted to us, it is important to also understand what further sites are available to ensure we have enough capacity to meet our future needs.  This means we are now undertaking a ‘Wider Call for Sites’ (including Greenfield sites) to gather a fuller understanding of the land available for development within Buckinghamshire. All of the sites that are submitted to us through this Call for Sites consultation, and the previous two Call for Sites consultations, will be technically assessed in the HELAA. This will assess sites for their suitability, availability and achievability (including viability) to accommodate development. To give you an indication on how this process will be undertaken, we have published our draft methodology which can be found at:  [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/helaa](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/helaa)  In addition to this, further information is available in government guidance about Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessments (HELAA). This can be viewed at:  [www.gov.uk/guidance/housing-and-economic-land-availability-assessment](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/housing-and-economic-land-availability-assessment). This Call for Sites is open from 13 June 2022 until 11 September 2022, although sites submitted after this may still be considered You can identify a site by:   |  | | --- | | * Using the online form available at: |   [www.buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/document/12](http://www.buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/document/12)   |  | | --- | | * Download a call for sites form at: |   [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/wider-call-for-sites](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/wider-call-for-sites)  Completed forms can be returned by email to [planningpolicyteam.bc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicyteam.bc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or by post to: Call for Sites Planning Policy Buckinghamshire Council Queen Victoria Road High Wycombe HP11 1BB  Thank you for taking part in this important work for the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire.  Kind regards,  Chris Schmidt-Reid  Planning Policy Team Leader Planning, Growth and Sustainability Buckinghamshire Council | |  |
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