

Borough Councillor Update – April 2019

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Local Plan 2030

The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that it will undertake the Examination of the Borough Council's Local Plan 2030 in hearings on the following dates at Borough Hall:

Wednesday 29 May 2019 – Friday 31 May 2019

Tuesday 4 June 2019 – Friday 7 June 2019

Tuesday 18 June 2019 – Friday 21 June 2019

Monday 24 June 2019 – Thursday 27 June 2019

The Examination will assess whether or not the Local Plan is legally compliant and 'sound' in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.

Individuals and representatives of groups who responded to the Council's consultations in 2018 may be asked to make representations, if they indicated at the time that they would like to do so. Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearings. Further details can be seen at www.bedford.gov.uk/examination

Public Space Protection Order Consultation

A consultation is being held by the Council on Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) which are currently used to restrict cycling in the town centre and implement dog control orders throughout the Borough.

PSPOs were introduced in 2016 and the consultation is asking for residents' views on whether or not they should continue or be amended. For more details see <http://www.forms.bedford.gov.uk/PSPO2019/>. The consultation deadline is the 28th April.

Elections 2019

The Council has issued a reminder that Borough residents have until the 12th April to register should they wish to vote in the local elections on the 2nd May. Details of how to register can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>. The election will be for the Mayor, Borough Councillors and Parish Councillors.

Council Website

You may have seen that the Council has a new website as of December 2018. A feature of the new site is the inclusion of 'customer journeys' which aim to make it easier to report or discuss certain issues. For example, residents can now report potholes, graffiti and noise nuisance using the website. New customer journeys are undergoing testing and are being added to the site incrementally. See www.bedford.gov.uk and click on 'Pay, report, request it'

