



Formal Submission of Scotforth Rural Neighbourhood Development Plan

**The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012: Regulation 16 –
Publicising a plan proposal**

**PUBLICATION OF THE SCOTFORTH RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT
PLAN PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL FOR EXAMINATION**

**Lancaster City Council will be consulting on the Neighbourhood
Plan for seven weeks from Tuesday 30 September 2025 to Monday
17 November 2025.**

The Neighbourhood Plan has been formally submitted to Lancaster City Council by Scotforth Parish Council.

Neighbourhood planning gives our communities the opportunity to influence planning decisions. The plans set out policies that reflect each Parishes priorities and can include policies relating to the design of new development, the type of new housing, the protection of spaces and community facilities and bespoke policies on flooding, the historic environment, biodiversity and landscape. A plan must be in line with the district's strategic policies of the Local Plan and is subject to an independent examination and community referendum. If approved, a Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the district's Local Plan and it is used in helping to make decisions on planning applications.

Having formally received a plan for the Scotforth Rural Parish Council area, the council will undertake a final consultation with members of the public before the Neighbourhood Plan can be submitted for examination by an independent examiner, who will determine if the plan meets certain criteria requirements and standards.

Paul Holland, Chair of Scotforth Parish Council said “*This is a significant milestone towards having a Neighbourhood Plan that sets out how the local community wishes to enhance our rural neighbourhood and shape how development occurs. It is the culmination of over two years of evidence gathering and engagement with residents, landowners, developers, statutory bodies and the city council, with the version now submitted to Lancaster City Council reflecting all of the feedback from these parties to our own formal (‘Regulation 14’) consultation during February and March 2025*”.

Anyone wishing to be involved can view the submitted Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents on the Council website: <https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning> or email any comments to planningpolicy@lancaster.gov.uk or by post to Planning and Housing Strategy Team, Lancaster Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster LA1 1PJ.

Please review the Neighbourhood Plan Document before making your responses.

The documents are available for viewing during office hours at:

- Lancaster Town Hall
- Morecambe Town Hall

Please note: Responses should make clear whether they wish to remain informed over future decisions of the Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with Regulation 16 (iv) of the 2012 Regulations.

Please note: The deadline for representations is **Monday 17 November 2025**.

Many thanks

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