

# THE CASTLE POINT PLAN



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## Castle Point Plan – Regulation 19 Further Consultation Explanatory Note

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## **1. Purpose**

1.1 This explanatory note has been prepared to provide clarity to the Planning Inspector as to why there has been a Regulation 19 Further Consultation.

## **2. Background and Context**

2.1 Castle Point Borough Council formally approved the Castle Point Plan 2026-2043 ("The Local Plan") for publication on 23 July 2025. At that time the Castle Point Plan and its supporting documents including the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Equality Impacts Assessment, were published for public consultation for eight weeks, from 1 August 2025 to 26 September 2025.

2.2 As a consequence of an error, there was an earlier version of the Local Plan that appeared on the Council's website which could be construed as being subject to consultation. This earlier incomplete draft was, for a period, accessible within the online consultation form only. This error occurred when officers were testing the online consultation website before it went live and the link was not removed.

2.3 To confirm, the correct version of the Local Plan was published in all other relevant places including on the Council's website landing page, council offices and libraries.

2.4 This means that anyone who used the online form may have responded to the incorrect version of the plan.

2.5 A further consultation was therefore held from 24 October to 5 December 2025. The further consultation was to ensure that everyone has been allowed to consider and comment on the correct version of the Local Plan and that the statutory plan-making process remains transparent, robust and fair.

2.6 The Council contacted everyone who previously made comments on the draft Local Plan, asking them to confirm whether they were happy with their comments or wish to make further representations.

2.7 The Council published the same documents for consultation 24 October 2025, pursuant to Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The re-consultation was subject to 6 weeks of consultation.

2.8 Further details of the activities undertaken during the further consultation are set out in the [Consultation Statement](#) (Chapter 5).

2.9 A full schedule of all responses received to both Regulation 19 Consultations has been prepared and is available on the [Council's website](#). A total of 1,405 responses were received.