

Swale Borough Local Plan Review

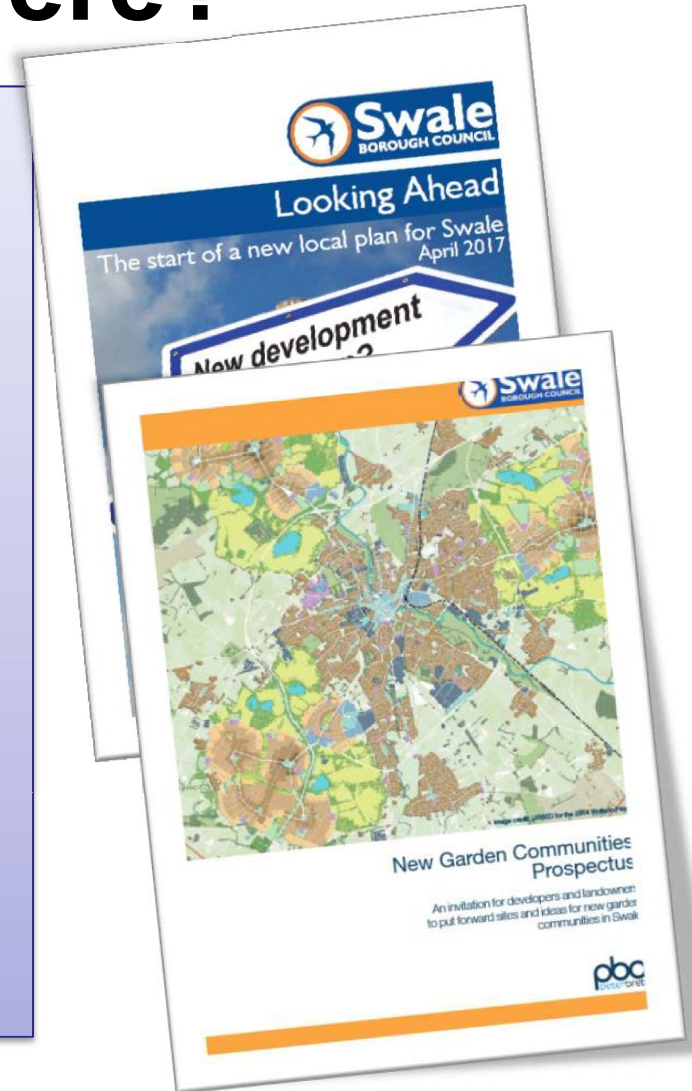
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Programme for the Morning

- Housekeeping
- Presentation on Local Plan Review
- Presentation on Prospectus
- Local Plan Workshop (coffee circa 11.00 am)
- Workshop Close 12.10 am
- Opportunity to meet Council staff and consultants
- Depart by 1.00 pm

Why are we here?

- We're starting work on a new Local Plan
- Two new publications:
 - *Looking Ahead* – a consultation
 - *The New Garden Communities Prospectus* – an invitation for submissions



Why a new Local Plan so soon?

- Must revisit every five years by July 2022
- New national policy & guidance
- New housing targets on the way
- The 'A2' question
- New plan will cover period 2022-2038

Looking Ahead - Key Challenges

- Housing target up 35% to 1,054 per annum (16,880)
 - 9,800 'to find', the majority on greenfield
 - Pressures from other areas
 - New delivery tests
- How will it be delivered?
 - Current strategy / Villages / New settlements / Garden villages
- The A2 'problem' - can it be solved?
- What about employment?
- What about infrastructure?

Local Plan Review Timetable

- Consultation 27th April – 8th June
- Prospectus Submissions
 - Expression of Interest 8 June 2018
 - Formal Submission 3 August 2018
- LP Issues and Options Summer 2019
- LP preferred option Spring 2020
- LP submission Autumn/Winter 2020

Local Plan Review Timetable (continued)

- Examination Spring/Summer 2021
- Main Modifications Autumn 2021
- Further Examination Winter 2021/22
- Inspector's report Summer 2022
- Adoption Summer/Autumn 2022

The New Garden Communities Prospectus

- All options on the table with nothing decided
- Appetite for new communities >2,500 dwellings
- Submissions tested against Prospectus expectations
- Helping the Council resolve whether new settlements are shortlisted for Issues and Options consultation