



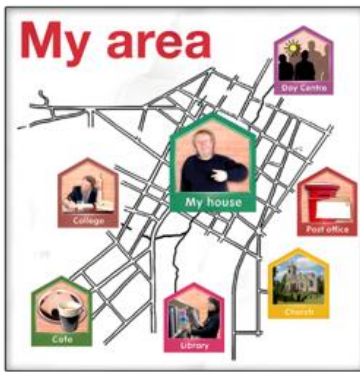
Sefton Local Plan Scoping Report

July 2026



Sefton Council





Sefton Local Plan Scoping Report - Help Shape Sefton's Future

What is this about?

Sefton Council is making a new Local Plan.

The Local Plan will help decide:

- Where new homes go
- Where new jobs can be created
- What land should be protected
- What services and facilities are needed



The plan will help shape Sefton for the next 15 to 20 years.

What is a Local Plan?

A Local Plan is an important planning document.

It helps decide:

- Where homes can be built
- Where businesses can grow
- Where places like schools, health services and parks are needed
- Which places should be protected
- How towns and villages can change in the future



Every council must have a Local Plan.



Why do we need a new Local Plan?

The current Local Plan was agreed in 2017.

Lots of things have changed since then.

These include:

- New national planning rules
- Changes in housing needs
- Climate change
- Changes to local services
- Changes to the economy

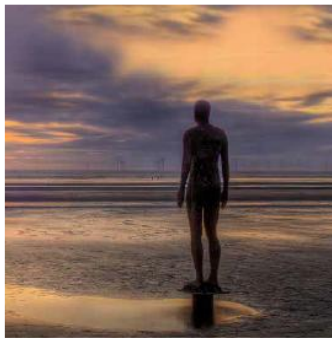
We need a new plan to prepare for the future.



About Sefton

Facts about Sefton:

- More than 286,000 people live here
- 22 miles of coastline
- Around 8,000 businesses
- 18 railway stations
- Parks and green spaces across the borough
- More than 3,600 new homes built in the last 5 years
- More than 3,000 people are on the housing waiting list
- Around 7.6 million visitors come each year.





What should Sefton be like in the future?

We want your ideas.

Think about:

- What should Sefton look like in 15 to 20 years?
- What is important to you?
- What needs to improve?

Your ideas will help create a vision for Sefton's future.



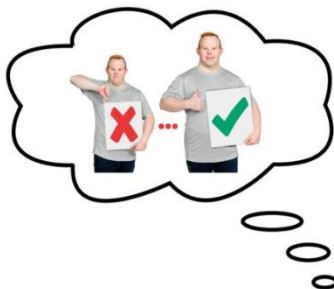
Homes

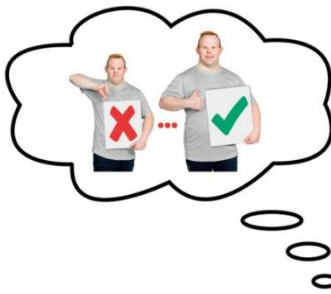
We need to think about:

- How many homes are needed
- Affordable homes
- Homes for families
- Homes for older people
- Homes for people with disabilities
- Homes for first-time buyers

Tell us:

- What types of homes are needed most?
- Where should new homes be built?
- How can new homes fit into existing communities?





Transport and Services

We need:

- Good roads
- Reliable buses and trains
- Safe walking routes
- Safe cycling routes
- Schools
- Health services
- Parks and play areas
- Fast internet

Tell us:

What services need improving?

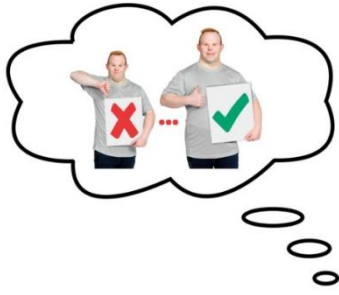
Where are improvements needed most?

How can we make it easier for people to get around?

Jobs and Businesses

We want:

- More job opportunities
- Places for businesses to grow
- Training opportunities
- Jobs for local people



Tell us:

Where should new employment areas be located?

How can we support local jobs?

How can young people get more opportunities?

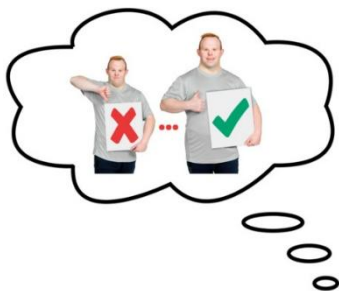


Town Centres and Shopping

Town centres are important places.

They provide:

- Shops
- Cafés and restaurants
- Community spaces
- Entertainment



Tell us:

What would improve your town centre?

What should town centres be like in the future?



Regeneration

Regeneration means improving areas that need investment.

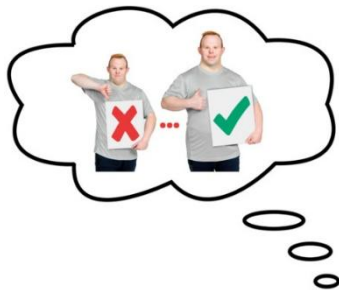
This can include:

- Bringing empty buildings back into use
- Improving public spaces
- Creating jobs
- Attracting visitors

Tell us:

Which areas should be improved first?

How can Sefton attract more visitors?



Climate Change

Climate change affects everyone.

The Local Plan must consider:

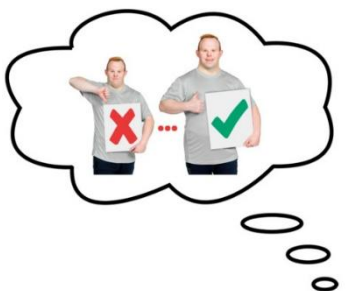
- Flooding
- Coastal change
- Renewable energy
- Energy-efficient buildings

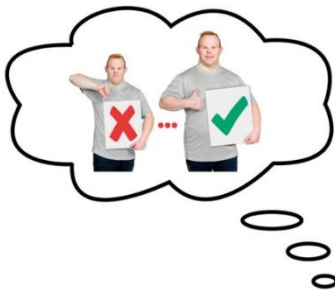
Tell us:

How can Sefton reduce carbon emissions?

Where could renewable energy projects go?

How should we respond to flood risks?





Nature and Green Spaces

We want to protect:

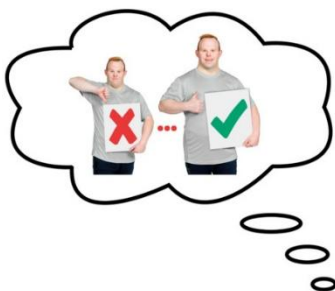
- Wildlife
- Parks
- Green spaces
- The coastline

Tell us:

Which natural places are most important to you?

How can we balance development and nature?

Health and Wellbeing



We want communities to be:

- Healthy
- Safe
- Inclusive
- Easy to access

Tell us:

What makes a healthy neighbourhood?

How can we reduce inequalities?

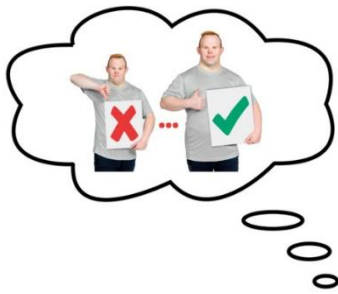
How can we reduce pollution?



Design and Heritage

We want new development to:

- Look good
- Be accessible
- Respect local character
- Protect important historic places



Tell us:

What makes Sefton special?

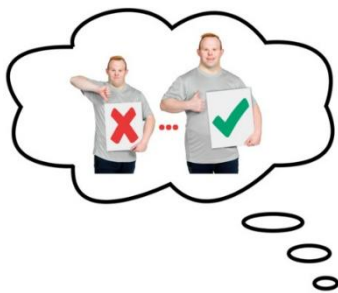
How can new development improve local areas?



Flooding and Coastal Change

Some areas are at risk from:

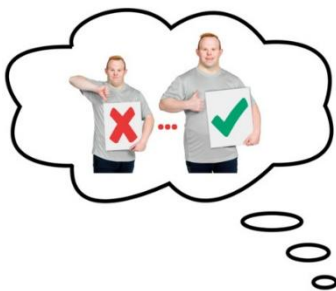
- Flooding
- Coastal erosion
- Heavy rainfall



Tell us:

Where are flooding problems most serious?

What should be done to manage these risks?



Waste and Resource management

We need to plan how we deal with waste in Sefton.

Waste includes things we throw away from homes, businesses and building projects.

We also need enough building materials for new homes and other developments

We need to think about:

- Making it easy for people to recycle
- Having the right places to manage waste
- Reducing waste from building work
- Using materials in a sustainable way
- Protecting important mineral resources, such as sand and gravel

Tell us:

Are there any problems with recycling or waste services in your area?

Do we need any new recycling or waste facilities?

How can Sefton reduce waste and use resources wisely?

Should waste planning be included in the Local Plan, or in a separate plan?



How would you like to be involved?

We want to hear from everyone.

People can take part through:

- Online surveys
- Public meetings
- Community events
- Social media
- Libraries
- Accessible information formats



Tell us what you think

1. Do you think the idea is a good one?

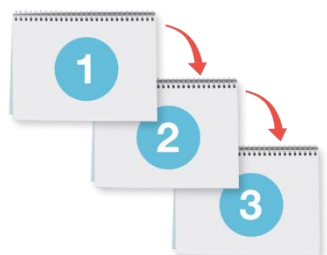
☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Not sure

Tell us:

What is the best way for us to hear your views?



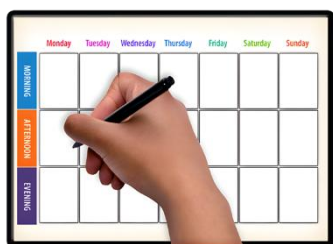
What Happens Next?

2026 – Early consultation

2027 – First draft Local Plan

2028 – Second draft Local Plan

Local Plan completed after consultation and review.





How to Tell Us Your Views

You can comment:

Online:

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Email:

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Post:

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Comments must be received by:

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We are making a newsletter that will be available online and in libraries.

The council will be working with community groups through all the stages.