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Dear clerks/chairs/local councillors

We would like to invite all local council clerks and councillors to join us on **Weds 26 February, 4.00-5.15 pm** for updates following our session at the end of January. The session can be structured around questions that you may have on the call for sites communications and interim statement. The programme will include:

- Welcome - Chris Daly, Strategic Sites and Training Manager
- Our approach to the Interim Policy Position Statement and decision-making - Rob Lacey, Planning Policy Manager
- Next steps on the Call for Sites
- Questions

This will be an online event via Teams and the link to join is below:

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The presentations from this event will be made available afterwards on our [Local Council Planning Training](#) webpage.

Kind regards

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Local Council Briefing

Help inform the future Cornwall Local Plan

February 2025

The preparation of the next Local Plan will be a significant task, as the document has to create policies that cover all of Cornwall and address our major infrastructure needs – whilst addressing local priorities at parish or even site level.

At this stage, we cannot start the formal preparation of the plan because the legislation won't be in force until later this year. However, there is a lot of work we can do to assemble evidence for the plan whilst we are waiting for the new system to start.

Call for Sites – your chance to tell us about sites in your area

Part of this evidence that we need to collect includes understanding what land may be available for development now and in the future. Choosing locations for growth can often be controversial and we appreciate that it is a complex task that requires dialogue and negotiation to choose the right sort of site, in the right place and with a willing landowner. It is vital that we involve a wide range of people in that process.

To understand what the opportunities are, we have been running a “call for sites” for almost a year. Landowners and other interested parties have put land forward across Cornwall for particular uses that we must review including:

- Looking at constraints – we are considering submitted sites against constraints such as landscape designations.
- A practical review of whether sites can be delivered – we have a panel of development experts helping us to consider sites in terms of the Government criteria of suitability, availability and achievability. The use of such panels is standard practice within Cornwall and other planning authorities to make sure that sites can be delivered by developers.

- **Thirdly, we would be grateful if you can flag any particular risks or issues you think that may impede deliverability of individual sites shown on the map.**

This is about practical observations, and issues that may not otherwise be obvious to us from a map. At this stage we are purely considering practical challenges and opportunities that sites might have – we are not asking you to support or object to these sites like a planning application and cannot take those type of comments into consideration at this stage. Some of your feedback may need to be banked for later stages in our evidence preparation. Feedback on an existing site here: [HELAA local council consultation](#).

- **Finally, we invite you to identify land which has not yet been put forward to the call for sites:**

If you think that there is further land that should be considered (either in addition or instead of the mapped sites) and where you could work with landowners to bring the land forward please let us know through the survey. We will be grateful for your much more detailed knowledge of your area, landowners and opportunities for suitable growth. Where possible, please indicate when you think these sites can come forward, especially where you consider this is possible within the next 3 years. Suggest new sites here: [Call for Sites](#) (please select City/Town/Parish Council Consultation).

Your input to this important first stage of evidence gathering is important to help us get ready for a new Local Plan. It will also help us to understand your area in greater detail.

We are asking for your comments by **19th March 2025** – this will allow your comments to be included in an update to the Growth Board on 27th March 2025.

The information that we are seeking from you is just a first step of gathering evidence about your area. There will be further formal stages of engagement and consideration before sites get close to being allocated or taken forward in a new Local Plan.

However, it is really important to note that the call for sites process is simply about information gathering – it does not prevent anyone putting forward sites directly for a planning application now or at any time, irrespective of the steps within the call for sites process. Indeed, recent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework may make that more likely. It still remains important for us to understand the potential stock of sites to create the evidence base for our new Local Plan. It is also important to note that people can withdraw sites at any time, or indeed submit further sites. The point of the process at present has been to try to give some particular focus to understand the scope and scale of what is out there – it is not a fixed window.

Our draft [Interim Policy Position Statement](#) explains which policies we will place particular emphasis on to give clarity to case officers, elected members, parishes and applicants alike.

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Dear Clerk,

Following the Local Councils briefing on Wednesday 29th January, we are writing to you with practical actions that your council can take to support the development of the future Local Plan. This includes inviting you to help us gather and understand further information about your area.

We wanted to make you aware of three main things:

Local Plan Team

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