

Call for sites

What is a call for sites?

Local authorities have a duty to maintain an adequate and up-to-date supply of sites which are suitable for housing, employment and other types of development. The call for sites exercise is a consultation that authorities use to source new potential sites in their local development plans. Landowners, property developers and other interested parties can submit their sites to local authorities during the call for sites, which may help select future development sites in emerging plans. As well as sites being submitted in a borough wide Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans being drawn together by a parish council might also issue a call for sites in the early stages of plan making to offer another opportunity for submission. There is no set rule on how long a call for sites consultation should, but other areas run this for 5-6 weeks.

Benefits of carrying out a site assessment¹

Neighbourhood plans can identify and allocate sites for new development including housing, employment, business use, leisure and other forms of development. Allocating sites is one of the most powerful, but also most controversial aspects of neighbourhood planning. Groups can expect challenge but there are many benefits, including bringing forward sustainable development to meet local needs, influencing the location, type and design of new development, providing new infrastructure and services for the benefit of the community and retaining more of the money collected from development to spend on local projects. Further details can be read on the Locality or other local authority websites.

Why do a call for sites?

For the Ingoldisthorpe Neighbourhood Plan doing a call for sites can be an informal opportunity for landowners and developers to propose sites within the parish for development. The initial consultation with the community in April 2024 suggested that nearly half of the respondents (63 people) supported making an allocation in the plan. So, there was around a 50:50 split on being for/against this idea. There was not strong consensus on location but there was consensus that future developments should be small scale, 2 or 3 beds and for local people. Since some of the community in the consultation were supportive of allocating it would be a good opportunity at this stage in the process to explore the idea further.

The call for sites exercise will not in itself decide whether a site would be supported or allocated for development by the Neighbourhood Plan, nor will it commit the proposer(s) to applying for planning consent. However, it will enable the parish council and steering group to better understand the needs and wishes of the electors within the parish since further consultation will be had with the community after sites were put

¹ [How to assess and allocate sites for development - Locality Neighbourhood Planning](#)

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forward and site assessments were conducted to assess suitability, availability and deliverability. After this point a decision can be made if the community are still supportive of having an allocation in the plan when any potential locations have been identified.

Site Assessment process

