**Adoption Statement: The Chichester Local Plan 2021-2039**

**Planning And Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)**

**The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Regulation 17, 26 and 35)**

**Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 Regulation 16**

**Date of adoption:**

Notice is hereby given that Chichester District Council adopted the Chichester Local Plan 2021 to 2039 on 19 August 2025 in accordance with the above regulations.

**Subject matter and area covered:**

The Chichester Local Plan 2021 - 2039 covers the District of Chichester excluding the part of the district covered by the South Downs National Park. The Chichester Local Plan 2021 - 2039 sets out the development strategy and policy framework for the plan area and will be used to make decisions on planning applications. The Plan is accompanied by a policies map which shows the policy allocations and designations.

The Chichester Local Plan 2021 to 2039 replaces the policies contained in the Chichester Local Plan Key Policies 2014-2029.

**Modifications:**

The Chichester Local Plan has been subject to examination by independent Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State, Inspectors P Lewis BA (Hons) MA MRTPI and J Ayres BA (Hons) Solicitor. The examination hearings were held between 1 October and 13 November 2024. The Inspectors’ Final Report on the examination into the Chichester Local Plan was issued on 21 July 2025 and concluded that the Local Plan is sound and legally compliant subject to the Inspectors’ main modifications pursuant to section 23 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The adopted Plan incorporates all the main modifications required by the Inspectors as set out in the Appendix to their Final Report as well as additional modifications which do not materially affect the policies.

**Document availability**

Copies of: this Adoption Statement; the adopted Chichester Local Plan 2021-2039; the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Chichester Local Plan; and the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Chichester Local Plan 2021-39 - Adoption Statement, are available to view and download free of charge at: [www.chichester.gov.uk/localplan2039](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/localplan2039) where you can also view the Local Plan Map, Inspectors’ Report and other associated documents.

Paper copies of: this Adoption Statement; the adopted Chichester Local Plan 2021-2039; the Sustainability Appraisal (SA); and the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Chichester Local Plan 2021-39 - Adoption Statement, will also be made available (for reference only) at the following locations:

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| Chichester District Council  East Pallant House  1 East Pallant  Chichester  PO19 1TY | 09.00-16.00 Mon-Fri |
| The South Downs Centre  North Street  Midhurst  West Sussex  GU29 9DH | 09.00-16.30 Mon-Thurs  09.00 – 16.00 Fri |
| **Libraries:** | Typical library opening hours are shown – please check for any changes before visiting: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/find-my-nearest/library/> |
| Chichester Library  Tower Street  Chichester  PO19 1QJ | 09.00 – 18.00 Mon-Fri  09.00-17.00 Sat |
| Selsey Library  School Lane  Selsey  PO20 9EH | 10.00-17.00 Mon-Fri  10.00-14.00 Sat |
| Petworth Library  High Street  Petworth  GU28 OAU | 13.00-17.00 Mon-Wed  9.00 -13.00 Thurs-Sat |
| Midhurst Library  The Grange  Bepton Road  Midhurst  GU29 9HD | 07.00 – 22.00 Mon-Fri  07.30 – 17.00 Sat  09.00 – 17.00 Sun |
| Southbourne Library  First Avenue  Southbourne  PO10 8HN | 13.00-17.00 Mon-Fri  09.00-13.00 Sat |

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**Legal Challenge:**

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Chichester Local Plan 2021-39 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Any challenge pursuant to Section 113 must be made on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate power and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application should be made promptly and, in any event, no later than the end of the six week period beginning with the day after the date on which the Chichester Local Plan 2021 to 39 was adopted (i.e. six weeks from 20th August 2025 being the day after adoption). Any such application should therefore be made no later than 11:59 PM on 30 September 2025