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The plan which sets out the future development of Peterborough and surrounding areas will be discussed by councillors from next week (starting with the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee on 19 September).

Targets for Peterborough in the local plan are the construction of 27,625 new homes between 2011 and 2036 and for 76 hectares of employment land to be developed between 2016 and 2036.

This version of the plan is known as the Proposed Submission Local Plan and is the culmination of a process which began in July 2015 and has seen dozens of sites assessed and hundreds of residents commenting on proposals.

The plan will now be reviewed by committees before going to Cabinet (25 September). Cabinet will decide whether it is suitable for consideration by Full Council (11 October). If approved by Full Council, then a further six week consultation would take place before Christmas.

Thereafter, the Planning Inspectorate will carry out an examination of the plan, to check it is appropriate and suitable for Peterborough and surrounding areas.

A public consultation was held on a draft version of the plan earlier in the year and all comments have been carefully considered.

The Proposed Submission Local Plan being considered by councillors can be viewed on the [council's democracy website](http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=117&Mid=4038&Ver=4) (<http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=117&Mid=4038&Ver=4>), as part of the agenda papers for the forthcoming Planning and Environmental Protection Committee meeting.

Councillor Peter Hiller, cabinet member for growth, planning, housing and economic development, said: "I look forward to reviewing this latest draft and hearing the views of councillors as part of the committee process. Getting this plan right for our communities is important as it provides the framework for how the area will grow over the next two decades and I will certainly be examining the proposals very carefully.

"I am also very aware it will help demonstrate we have a supply of deliverable sites in the next few years, so as to protect us against the blight of speculative development proposals."