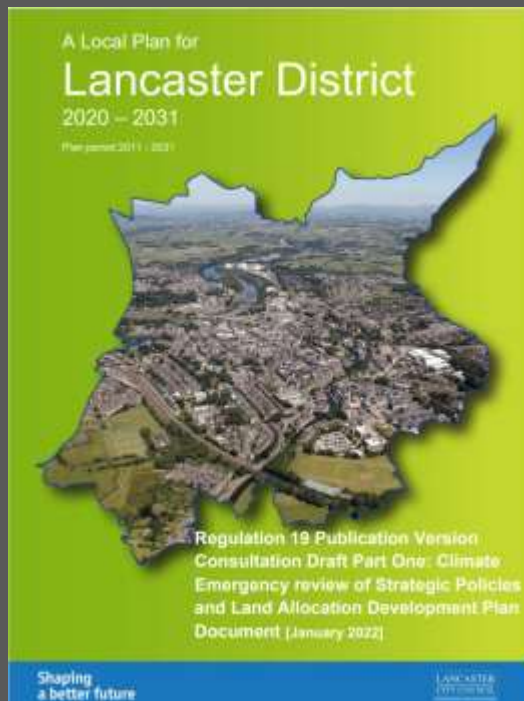




# Lancaster City Council

## Climate Emergency Local Plan Review

Addressing Climate change  
adaptation (and mitigation)



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## Today's presentation on the Climate Emergency Local Plan Review:

WHAT



WHY

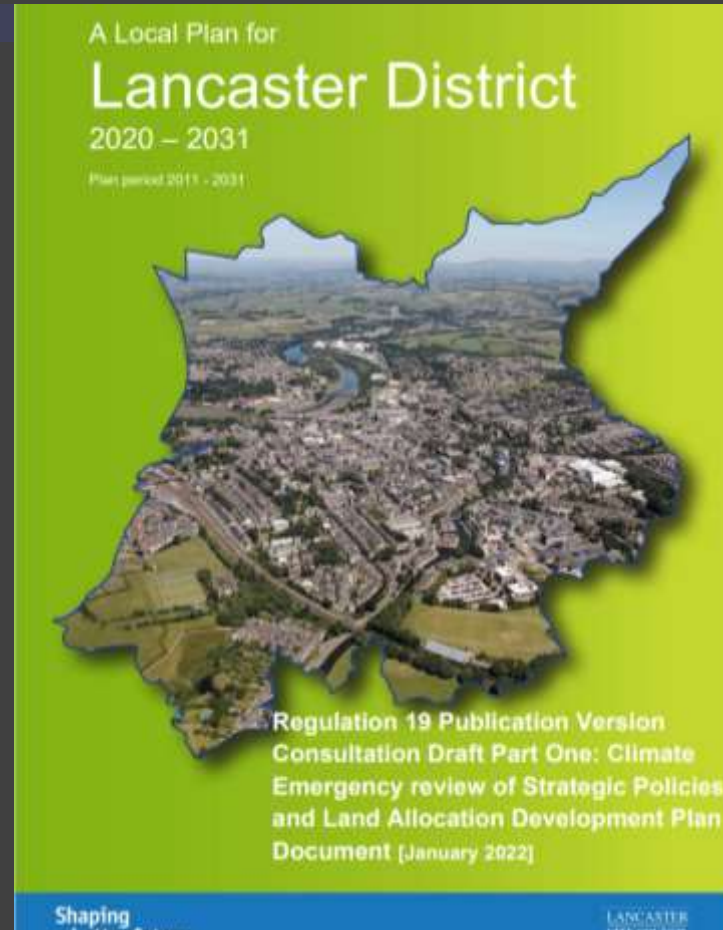
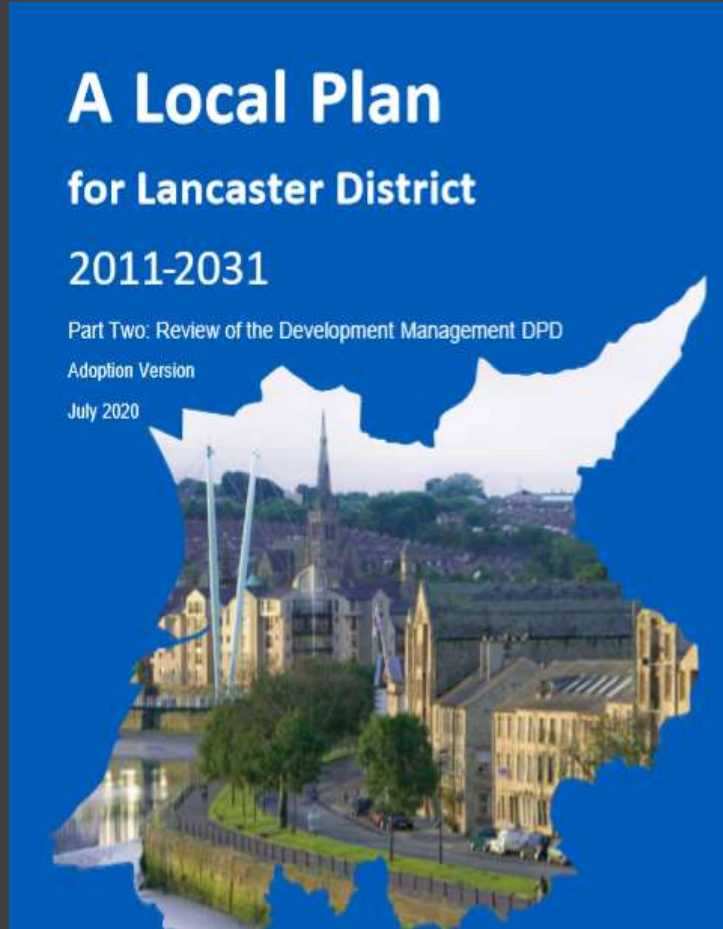


HOW



WHEN

# What is it that we've done?



- A review of the adopted local plan - adopted July 2020
- The CELPR:
  - Acts on the climate emergency declaration- makes swift progress
- First to get to this point in the UK through this partial plan review approach
  - Ensures Climate Change is at the heart of all decision making
- Reviewing policies and creating new policies - climate mitigation and adaption
- Blue covered plan is the currently adopted one, the green covered one is the CELPR



# Why did we need to do this?

- Improving the climate performance of development now will contribute to the Council's broader objective of being net zero by 2030
- Climate change at the heart of all decision-making.
- Recognises the council's priority of tackling the emergency



# How did we approach the review?

- Scoping Sept- Nov 2020
- Draft plan July- Sept 2021
- Publication Version – January – February 2022
- Submitted to SoS March 2022.
- Examination (Including Hearings Autumn 2022).
- Now in post Hearings stage – modification prior to adoption in early 2023.
- Plan contained changes in wording to MUST , SHOULD etc.



## Review of Lancaster's Local Plan 2020 - 2031

Current consultation

Friday 25 September 2020 to Friday 20 November 2020

**Have  
YOUR say**  
...on Climate Change  
in the Local Plan



# What does the CELPR say?

- Topic based
  - Water Management
  - Heritage considerations in the context of climate change
  - Green & Blue Infrastructure
  - Sustainable Design, Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Generation
  - Strategic transport





# Key takeaways of the CELPR

- All new approved housing- net zero carbon by 2028
- It will help to minimise the risk of flooding
- Has the potential to reduce fuel poverty
- Improves how the green and blue spaces in the district are connected and protects this
- Focuses attention on renewable energy generation and storage
- It will improve active travel and provide EV infrastructure





# Top tips/ Learnings

- Strengthening wording. Clear and unequivocal. Only possible with strong evidence base.
- Political support from Members.
- Benefits of a well-resourced planning team
- Engagement with community & key stakeholders
- Developer Industry meetings/forums.
- Think of the co-benefits!
  - reducing overall energy use,
  - reducing occupant bills and helping alleviate fuel poverty and,
  - improvement for health and wellbeing reducing the need and cost burden for retrofitting.





# When will it be adopted?

- Post Hearings stage
- Hope to adopt in Spring 2023.

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