REPORT TO GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

LNRS / LOCAL PLAN

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South Yorkshire LNRS & Rotherham Local Plan – Call for Sites (2026)

1. Purpose of this Briefing

This note summarises two major planning consultations now underway:

1. **South Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)** – Public Consultation
2. **Rotherham Local Plan – Call for Sites (2026)**

Both processes will influence future development, land use and environmental priorities in Maltby over the next 15–20 years. This briefing outlines the implications for Maltby Town Council and recommended actions.

2. South Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

Overview

The LNRS sets out a long-term plan for restoring and connecting nature across South Yorkshire. It will guide future investment, funding bids, environmental priorities and may become a material consideration in planning decisions.

The consultation is open until 31 July 2026.

Relevance to Maltby

- Maltby contains several important habitats and green corridors (e.g., Maltby Common, woodland belts, former colliery land, watercourses).
- The LNRS will influence how these areas are protected, enhanced or connected.
- Developers will increasingly be required to demonstrate biodiversity improvements aligned with the LNRS.
- If Maltby's priorities are not submitted now, they may be overlooked in the final strategy.

Opportunities for the Town Council

- Identify local nature assets needing protection or enhancement.
- Highlight environmental pressures (e.g., development pressure, loss of green space, flooding).
- Promote opportunities for nature recovery projects within Maltby.
- Strengthen the case for future funding or partnership projects.

3. Rotherham Local Plan – Call for Sites (2026)

Overview

Rotherham MBC is preparing a new Local Plan to replace the 2013–2028 plan. A Call for Sites is open from June 22 to August 28, 2026.

This is an early evidence-gathering stage to identify land that *may* be suitable for future development or other uses.

Key Points

- This stage does not allocate land or grant planning permission.
- All sites (including previously promoted ones) must be re-submitted.
- Submissions may come from landowners, developers, businesses, community groups or residents.

Potential Uses for Submitted Sites

- Housing
- Employment and commercial development
- Retail, leisure and tourism
- Green and environmental infrastructure
- Community facilities
- Renewable energy, waste and minerals

Relevance to Maltby

- Landowners in Maltby may submit sites for development.
- These sites will form the basis of future Local Plan options.
- Early awareness is important, so the Town Council is not surprised when sites appear in later consultations.
- The Town Council may wish to submit land for community or environmental purposes.

4. Useful Links

- **LNRS Consultation:** https://southyorkshirenaturerecovery.co.uk
- **Call for Sites Submission Portal:** https://haveyoursay.rotherham.gov.uk/re-public/localplancallforsites2026
- **Local Plan Updates:** https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/planning-policy
- **Contact for Queries:** localplan@rotherham.gov.uk