

# SHAPING THE FUTURE- The Basingstoke and Deane Local Development Framework Newsletter

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the first Basingstoke and Deane Local Development Framework.

We currently have a Local Plan which guides development up to 2011, but the way we plan for the future has changed. In time, the Local Plan will be replaced by a Local Development Framework which is a group of documents that set out the policies and guidance for shaping the borough up to 2026.



Together with our partners and the local community we have now started work on our LDF.

We hope this newsletter provides you with a useful summary of our progress. Future newsletters will keep you up to date with what is happening with the Local Development Framework and how you can get involved in shaping the future of the borough.

## INTRODUCING THE LDF

Changes to the planning system in 2004, introduced through the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, mean all councils have to replace their Local Plans with new Local Development Frameworks.

The LDF is made up of the following group of documents:

**Development Plan Documents (DPDs)** - These outline the key development goals for the Local Development Framework. Includes a **Core Strategy DPD**, which sets out the vision and objectives of the LDF and a **Site Specific Allocations DPD**, which allocates land for specific uses.

**Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)** - These expand or add detail to particular policies

**Local Development Scheme (LDS)** - The project plan for the LDF, outlining what documents will be produced, in what order and when.

**Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)** - This outlines how and when the local community and other partners will be involved in the preparation of the different documents.

**Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)** - An annual report assessing the effectiveness of the existing Local Plan policies and in time the LDF

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

### Core Strategy Issues and Options

The Core Strategy is the central document in the LDF. It sets out the long-term vision for the area and the policies which will deliver that vision.

In March 2007 we began discussions and awareness raising with a number of different groups within the borough to develop a better understanding of the key issues that need to be addressed by the Core Strategy and to set the vision for what sort of place the borough should be in 2026.

This included visiting primary and secondary schools to identify what young people like and dislike about the borough, as well as workshops with parish councils and community groups.



These discussions helped to develop an Issues and Options paper, which is the first stage in the production of the Core Strategy. It sets out the issues facing the borough and a range of potential approaches for addressing these.

Consultation on the Issues and Options document ran from 28 January to 10 March 2008 and included a number of exhibitions and workshops to provide members of the public with the opportunity to comment.

We are now analysing these responses and will be using this information to identify what policies we may need in the future and what they might seek to achieve.

### Local Development Scheme

Following recent changes to the LDF regulations we are currently in the process of reviewing our Local Development Scheme and hope to make an updated version available on our website in the near future.

### Statement of Community Involvement

We adopted our Statement of Community Involvement on the 19 July 2007. Download a copy from our website at: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf/sci.htm>

### Annual Monitoring Report

The Annual Monitoring Report helps us to assess the effectiveness of policies within the Basingstoke and Deane Adopted Local Plan, which covers the period up to 2011. However in time the AMR will be used to monitor the LDF. The AMR for 2007 is available at: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf/amr.htm>

## Supplementary Planning Documents

We have been developing a number of Supplementary Planning Documents to provide additional guidance to the policies in the Adopted Local Plan. This includes SPDS on the following:

- Affordable housing
- Design and sustainability
- Farm diversification and traditional farmsteads
- Housing mix and lifetime mobility standards
- Landscape and biodiversity
- Mulfords Hill, Tadley development brief
- South View conservation area
- Residential parking standards



Further information on each of these SPDs can be found at:

<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf/spd.htm>

In the future we will also look at what new SPDs may be helpful to provide additional information and guidance on some of the policies within the LDF documents

## THE EVIDENCE BASE

Background information on the borough - including its needs and predictions of what may be needed in the future - is essential as a starting point in preparing the LDF. We are currently undertaking a range of studies to provide a robust evidence base for our work. These include the following:

**Employment Land Review** - to assess the future demand and supply of employment land in the borough. Phase 1 assesses employment land requirements for North Hampshire and is available at: [http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf/employment\\_land.htm](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf/employment_land.htm).

Phase 2 involves a detailed local study and is expected to be completed in November 2008

**Market Assessment** - to understand the dynamics and drivers of the housing market - completed November 2007. A copy is available at:



[http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/housing/sps/Housing+Market+Assessment+\(HMA\).htm](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/housing/sps/Housing+Market+Assessment+(HMA).htm)

**Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment** - to identify possible housing sites to meet the housing needs of the borough. This covers all suggested sites that would need to be investigated fully to see if they are feasible and appropriate for development. Consultation on the SHLAA will take place between 19th September-31st October 2008 during which time it will be available at: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf/SHLAA.htm>

**Housing Stock Analysis** - to assess whether we have the right type of housing to meet need- expected Autumn 2008

**Landscape Capacity Assessment** - to assess whether development can be accommodated without unacceptable impacts on landscape character- completed February 2008 and available at:

<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf/landscapecapacitystudy.htm>

**Leisure Needs and Open Space Audit** - to assess the current and future needs for open space and leisure facilities within the borough- expected Autumn 2008



**Settlement Sustainability** - to assist in arranging settlements into a hierarchy based upon settlement size and access to local services- expected Autumn 2008

**Hotel Study** - to assess the availability of and demand for hotels within the borough-completed June 2008 and available at:



<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf/hotelstudy.htm>

**Retail Study** - to assess current and future retail needs within the borough- expected November 2008

**Strategic Flood Risk Assessment** - to assess flood risk across the borough- expected Autumn 2008

**Transport Assessment**- to assess the ability of transport networks to accommodate development and determine the most sustainable locations for development- expected December 2008

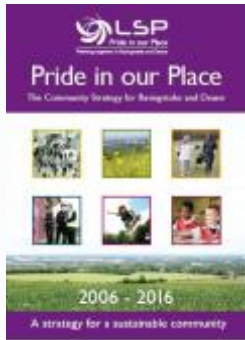
**Water Cycle Study** - to assess the likely impact of development on water resources, water quality and flood risk and to determine the most appropriate locations for development- phase 1 completed March 2007 and available at:

<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/localplan/Phase+1+-+Water+Cycle+Study.htm>

Phase 2 expected December 2008

As each study is completed it will be made available on our website. For further information please use the following link: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf/evidencebase.htm>

## LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY



The Basingstoke and Deane Community Strategy ***Pride in Our Place*** was developed by the Local Strategic Partnership, which brings together a wide range of organisations, including the council and other public service providers, the police, the business sector and voluntary and community groups. It sets out a vision for the borough which all the partners work together to achieve.

The new planning system encourages strong links between the Community Strategy and the Local Development Framework. This ensures that there is a co-ordinated approach to shaping the future of the Borough.

The LDF needs to identify how it can achieve the vision in the Community Strategy. Therefore the LDF does not just focus on how land is used, but on how such uses affect and support wider social, economic and environmental objectives. We have already started work on drawing links with the Community Strategy by developing our Core Strategy Issues and Options document around the Community Strategy themes. This work will continue throughout the development of our other new documents.

For further information on the Community Strategy, please use the following link: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/council/priorities/commstrat.htm>

## INTRODUCING OUR LOGO



To help identify which documents form part of our LDF we have introduced a logo which will be added to the front cover of each LDF document as it is produced.

## SAVED POLICIES

The Basingstoke and Deane Adopted Borough Local Plan (1996-2011) sets out the current planning policies for development and use of land.

However, with the introduction of the new LDF system, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) states that local plan policy will expire 3 years from the date of the act or from the date the plan was adopted, depending on which is more recent.

As our Local Plan was adopted in July 2006, our policies are due to expire in July 2009.

However, we will seek approval from the Secretary of State to 'save' certain policies, in order to ensure that we have policy coverage until our LDF is in place.

We are currently working through our local plan policies to identify which of them are still important to the planning of the borough and which ones only duplicate national or regional policy.

## GET INVOLVED

We are keen to get as many people as possible involved with the LDF.

To help do this, we have a database of people who want to be consulted and kept up to date with what is happening with the LDF.

If you would like to be added to this database please contact us at: [ldf@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@basingstoke.gov.uk) or phone 01256 845750 or 845796

Further information on all of the LDF documents and forthcoming consultation events is available on our website at: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf>

## YOUR NEWSLETTER!

This is your LDF newsletter so please let us know if there is something that you would like us to cover in future editions.

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