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# **BASINGSTOKE & DEANE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN**

## **EXAMINATION**

### **ISSUE 10: ENVIRONMENT**

#### **Q.20.2 POLICY EM11 – THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT**

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## 1. Historic England's Position

- 1.1 Paragraph 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that the Framework "*must be taken into account in the preparation of local plans*". Paragraph 151 requires Local Plans to be "*consistent with the principles and policies set out in this Framework*". One of the four "tests" of soundness is that the plan should be consistent with national policy (paragraph 182).
- 1.2 Historic England wishes to confirm that, in our opinion, the Local Plan, as submitted is, with the exception of Policy SS3.10 Manydown (the subject of a separate statement), compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework, and therefore sound, as regards the historic environment.
- 1.3 We have arrived at this position from an initial position of having a number of concerns with the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan, the majority of which were addressed by amendments to the Pre-Submission Plan that were included in the Revised Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.
- 1.4 At that stage only two concerns remained, regarding the evidence base for the Local Plan and the identification of land where development would be inappropriate, for example because of its historic significance, with reference to paragraphs 157, 158 and 169 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 1.5 However, subsequent correspondence with the Council satisfied us on these two matters. We therefore confirmed to the Council by letter on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 that our only remaining outstanding concern with the soundness of the Plan was regarding Policy SS3.10 Manydown.
- 1.6 Historic England is grateful to the Council for the positive and constructive dialogue it has had with us over this period of time.