

Examination of the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan (2011 to 2029)

MF19 – Clarification of Safeguarding Position, Crossing of Railway Proposals, Previous Consultation with Network Rail’s Response to the Proposed Crossing

Inspector’s Supplementary Question – 19.1.2 - What is the intended role of the proposed Link Road at Manydown? Note that this is addressed in note MF20.

1. The Inset Map for site policy SS3.10: Manydown, Basingstoke highlights a parcel of land in the south west corner of the site as ‘land reserved for potential rail crossing’. This has been shown on the proposed Manydown Inset Map to ensure that consideration is given to the longer-term aspiration of the council for a link road beyond the current plan period in the master-planning of the Manydown site.
2. In light of discussions at the hearing session on Manydown, it is considered to be appropriate to amend criterion (m) of the policy to refer to the need to ‘safeguard’ the area of land in relation to a crossing point for the railway, as follows:

‘Include the provision of a road through the land allocated for housing, from the A339 to the B3400, linking the proposed housing to the existing communities and to provide the ability to connect to potential future sites to the south, with the location of the road being determined through the master-planning process. Land has been safeguarded for a potential future crossing of the railway. ~~Regard shall be had to the optimum location for this road to cross the railway line(s).~~
3. To respond to the above amendment, it is also proposed to make changes to the Inset Map itself to refer to this area as ‘Safeguarded land for potential future railway crossing’
4. In respect of consultation with Network Rail, this organisation is defined as a ‘specific consultation body’ within the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, and it is therefore necessary for the council to consult with them in the preparation of its Local Plan.
5. As set out in the council’s Regulation 22 Statement of Consultation (October 2014), the council has notified and sought the views of Network Rail at each stage of the plan’s preparation.
6. Appendix One to this note sets out the only comments received from Network Rail, which were made at the Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan Stage and which relate to policies SS10 (Chineham Station) and SS11 (Whitchurch Station Car Park). No comments were made by Network Rail on the rail crossing and they made no objection to the plan.

7. At this stage, no specific approach has been made to Network Rail by either the Local Planning Authority or the Local Highway Authority in respect of future additional crossing points of the railway line. However, given that a crossing point is not a specific requirement of the Local Plan, and that this is an aspiration for provision in the longer-term, it is not considered to be necessary to engage with Network Rail at the current time.

Appendix One – Response Received from Network Rail

Comment

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Comment ID	1391
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Submission Type	Email
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Are you responding as:	An individual
Does this representation relate to a change in the Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan?	No
b. Policy	SS10
Legally Compliant	
To be 'legally compliant' the Local Plan has to be prepared in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate and legal and procedural requirements. This is required by Government Guidance.	
Do you think the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?	Yes
Soundness	
To be 'sound', a Local Plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. This is required by Government Guidance.	
Do you think the Local Plan is Sound?	Yes

Please select which test(s) of soundness by ticking the relevant box(es) below:

Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible.

Support the Policy. I am happy with the inclusion of Chineham Station as a potential new station on the Basingstoke to Reading line.

Participation at the Examination in Public

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the planning inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to speak at the examination in public No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

Data Protection Statement

In complying with the Data Protection Act 1998, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council confirms that it will process personal data gathered from this form only for the purposes relating to the consultation. It is intended to publish responses to the Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan consultation on the borough council's website. However, it should be noted that all personal information (with the exception of names and organisation name, where appropriate) will not be published. Personal information will be added to the council's Local Plan consultation database and will be used to keep you informed of progress with the Local Plan and in order to consult with you further at each stage of the process to enable you to make further comments. Personal information will also be shared with the Government appointed planning inspector (from the Planning Inspectorate), who may wish to contact you to discuss your comments and concerns, prior to formal examination of the Local Plan and supporting documents.

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Are you responding as: On behalf of an organisation

Does this representation relate to a change in the Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan? Yes

b. Policy SS11

Legally Compliant

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Soundness

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Do you think the Local Plan is Sound? Yes

Please select which test(s) of soundness by ticking the relevant box(es) below:

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I am happy with the inclusion of car parking at Whitchurch.

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