



# Basingstoke and Deane

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Dear Mr Fox,

### **Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan Examination: Note of the Exploratory Meeting and possible next steps**

Further to Councillor Ruffell's letter of 14 January 2015, I would now like to formally set out our proposed way forward for the Local Plan Examination for your consideration.

The Council are keen to respond to your concerns as quickly as possible, and I can confirm that Cabinet agreed on 27<sup>th</sup> January the following recommendation:

- i. Agree to use 850 as the basis for further work on the Local Plan representing the objectively assessed housing need ( "policy-off" ) figure for the Borough:  
and,
- ii. Agree to use a range of 450 – 600 as the starting point for further work to identify a jobs target range for the borough.

Work is now underway to determine the housing supply requirement based on the figure of 850 dpa and to assess the sustainability and any constraints associated with this figure. It is intended that any changes to the plan, will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting of 17 March 2015 and Full Council on 26 March 2015. These changes will then be subject to public consultation during May-June 2015.

The Council would therefore hope to be in a position to hold the Pre-Hearing Meeting towards the end of July, perhaps the week commencing 20 July, with formal examination hearings taking place in October/November, as I understand you are not available during September.

I hope this letter provides the clarity you require in how the Council is responding to your concerns and sets out a time table for taking forward the Local Plan examination.

Yours sincerely,

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