



*Basingstoke
and Deane*



Mid Examination Local Plan Consultation

Proposed Modifications to the Submission Local
Plan 2011 to 2029

Duty to Co-operate Statement – Update (May
2015)

This document provides an addendum to the Duty to Cooperate Statement (CD08) that was published with the Submission Local Plan (October 2014). This details the co-operative working that has taken place with Local Planning Authorities, the County Council and other ‘prescribed bodies’ since the Exploratory Meeting with the Planning Inspector took place in December 2014. This co-operative working has informed the proposed modifications to the Local Plan.

1. Cooperation with neighbouring authorities

The Council has continued to liaise with the Hampshire authorities at an officer level through the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Chief Planning Officers Group (HIPOG), and its sub-meetings which meet regularly.

Since the exploratory meeting, the Council has had specific duty to cooperate meetings with the following Local Authorities. Relevant Councillors have been involved where possible.

Stakeholder	When engaged?	What issues was the stakeholder engaged with?	Notable outcomes
Hart District Council (HDC)	3 February 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The need to take account of cross boundary issues including housing needs and provision (objection to Submission Local Plan regarding Local Plan Policy SS1 – scale and Distribution of Housing) - Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HDC continue to agree that Basingstoke is a separate Housing Market Area (HMA) and this is supported by their recently completed SHMA (joint with Rushmoor and Surrey Heath); - Hart/Rushmoor/Surrey Heath HMA and Basingstoke HMA will each seek to meet their own housing needs within their respective areas; - HDC will consider the status of its current objection to Basingstoke’s Submission Plan when it is engaged upon revised evidence, prior to the formal consultation period; - Engagement needs to be on-going between the two Local Authorities on economic issues but there are no significant duty to cooperate issues in this regard; - HDC and BDBC to continue joint working on gypsy and traveller transit sites; and - Agreed to keep engagement on-going.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gypsy and Traveller Provision 	
Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC)	19 March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The need to take account of cross boundary issues including housing needs and provision (objection to Submission Local Plan regarding Local Plan Policy SS1 – scale and Distribution of Housing) - Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area - Gypsy and Traveller Provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RBC continue to agree that BDBC is a separate housing market area and and this is supported by their recently completed SHMA (joint with Hart and Surrey Heath); - RBC are not looking to BDBC to accommodate any of their potential housing shortfall at this time; - RBC indicated that, subject to discussions with Cllrs, and securing agreement across the HMA within which it falls, it is likely to withdraw its outstanding objection to the BDBC Submission Local Plan in light of the changes made to the housing figure; - RBC agreed that it continues to be comfortable with BDBC’s approach to the Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area and the Submission Plan policy on the issue; - RBC and BDBC agreed that joint working on transit sites continues to be suitable, in partnership with Hart.
West Berkshire Council (WBC)	28 April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The need to take account of cross boundary issues including housing needs and provision (objection to Submission Local Plan regarding Local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Berkshire authorities working on new SHMA to look at needs up to 2036. BDBC to be invited to meeting in May. - WBC indicated that, subject to reviewing the updated evidence base to support the proposed modifications, it is likely to withdraw its outstanding objection to the BDBC Submission Local Plan in light of the changes made to the housing figure. - WBC agreed that it continues to be comfortable with BDBC’s approach to the AWE issue and reinforced the need to continue to

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan Policy SS1 – scale and Distribution of Housing) - Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) - Gypsy and Traveller Provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> work together on AWE issues, particularly as plans are reviewed. - BDBC and WBC agreed that the impact of development on the strategic and local highway network continues to be a cross boundary issue that needs to be given due consideration on relevant applications. - Agreed that gypsy and traveller accommodation is not a significant cross boundary issue.
Wokingham Borough Council	25 March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The need to take account of cross boundary issues including housing needs and provision - Atomic Weapons Establishment - Gypsy and Traveller Provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wokingham BC officers confirmed that they were not raising objection to the Submission Local Plan; - No cross boundary issues were identified in relation to the Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment.
Hampshire County Council	Regular and ongoing dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of education - Transport modelling and infrastructure - Provision of infrastructure such 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Position statement on the amended Transport Statement agreed with Hampshire County Council including agreement of strategic model; - On-going discussion over education requirements for strategic sites; - Discussion about infrastructure requirements, delivery and timing.

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2. Cooperation with other stakeholders

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Environment Agency	Meeting with BDBC on 20 January 2015 Joint meeting with BDBC and Thames Water on 23 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water quality in the river Loddon and Test - Flooding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA modeling indicates that 850 dpa can be delivered without causing a significant level of deterioration in water quality in the river Loddon. There would not be a deterioration in Water Framework Directive (WFD) band status and therefore the impacts would be deemed acceptable by the EA. - In terms of phosphate levels in the river Loddon, to avoid significant deterioration, Basingstoke STW may need to be upgraded to deliver a consent standard of 0.5mg/l by 2020. This tighter consent regime would need to be considered in the context of national trials on phosphate reduction Agreement of process for EA to provide information to BDBC on river Loddon to enable annual monitoring. - EA and Thames Water to agree a Statement of Common Ground with BDBC in advance of the examination. - EA to draft statement to explain that they have no concerns about the impact of the Plan upon the River Test.
Thames Water	Meeting with BDBC on 17 March 2015 Joint meeting with BDBC and the EA on 23 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sewerage capacity - Water quality of the river Loddon - Odour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basingstoke STW can accommodate the levels of growth set out in the Local Plan. - EA and Thames Water to agree a Statement of Common Ground with BDBC in advance of the examination.

3. Cooperation with others

- Council Officers have continued detailed discussions with Parish Councils/Neighbourhood Planning Groups to assist in the development of their Neighbourhood Plans.
- Officers attended the London Planning Summit on 19 March 2015. The purpose of the summit was to consider how to take forward joint discussions between London, East and South East England to understand common issues underpinning the economic future of London and the wider South East and to seek more effective engagement on the London Plan review and strategic infrastructure provision. There were no specific implications for the borough. A further meeting was arranged for November 2015 to report back on how London's future needs could be met.