

Consultation Statement for the Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan 2011-2029

Introduction

- 1.1 Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council submitted its Local Plan for examination in October 2014. An Exploratory Meeting on the Submission Local Plan was held by the appointed Inspector on 11 December 2014, following which he wrote to the council setting out additional work that was required to progress the Local Plan. The work that was completed by the borough council resulted in a number of proposed modifications or changes to the Submission Local Plan.
- 1.2 In light of these changes, the borough council undertook a mid-examination consultation on the proposed modifications, which were agreed for public consultation at Full Council on 26 March 2015. The purpose of the consultation, which ran for six weeks from 11 May 2015 to 22 June 2015, was to seek views on the proposed modifications in advance of the Local Plan hearings.
- 1.3 Whilst this was not a formal consultation stage, it was carried out in accordance with the principles of Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the borough council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (2007).

Who was invited to make representations

- 1.4 All 'specific consultation bodies, 'general consultation bodies' and Councillors were consulted in line with the approach taken for the Pre-submission and Revised Pre-submission Local Plan consultations.
- 1.5 In addition to the above, those people who previously submitted representations in response to the Regulation 18 and 19 consultations on the Local Plan were also informed of the consultation. Those people who expressed a wish for their contact details to be placed on the council's Local Plan consultation database were also invited to make representations.

How those bodies and persons were invited to make representations

- 1.6 On 11 May 2015 all 'specific consultation bodies' were notified by letter (Appendix A) of the consultation and were sent the following documentation:
 - A document containing the schedule of proposed modifications, including updated policies, supporting text and policy maps
 - A representation form; and
 - A 'Statement of Procedure' which explains how to complete the representation form.

- 1.7 'General consultation bodies' and those people on the consultation database were also notified by letter. The letter contained information on how to view the details of the Proposed Modifications and associated documents and how to submit comments along with a representation form. This letter is contained within Appendix B. A copy of the Proposed Modifications to the Submission Local Plan representations form can be found in Appendix C.
- 1.8 A statutory press notice was placed in the May edition of the Basingstoke Gazette (Appendix D). The statutory notice provided details of the representation procedure, how to access the Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan and supporting documents.
- 1.9 Details of the consultation were also published in a leaflet which was distributed to all of those on the consultation database, including parish councils. It was also circulated to 30 community information points around the borough, such as Brighton Hill Community Centre and the Fieldgate Centre in Kingsclere. This set out the background to the focused consultation and included an explanation of the key changes.
- 1.10 The relevant evidence base and supporting documents were made publicly available on the Council's website. The website stated that comments could be made using the Council's online consultation system, by email or by post as well as providing a copy of the standard response form. The following documents were also made publicly available on the website:
- Sustainability Appraisal incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment (including a non-technical summary)
 - Habitats Regulations Screening Assessment Addendum
 - Infrastructure Delivery Plan Addendum
 - Equalities Impact Assessment Addendum
 - Employment Land Review Update
 - Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)
 - Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) Addendum
 - Housing Topic Paper
 - Transport Assessment Position Statement
 - Site Assessment
 - Flood Risk Assessment and Sequential Test
 - Golf Course and Hounsme Fields Viability Report
 - Duty to Co-operate Statement Update
 - Environment Agency Modelling
- 1.11 The consultation was featured on the council's 'Consultation Portal' webpage, which informs residents and users of all current 'live' consultations within the Council and provides links to access the consultation.

1.12 Hard copies of the Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan and Sustainability Appraisal were available to view as reference documents at the Council Offices at London Road. Copies of the statement of procedure and response forms were also available to take away. The documents were also available for purchase.

1.13 Hard copies of the Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan and Sustainability Appraisal were also sent to Parish Councils and statutory consultees and also made available for public inspection at the libraries within the borough, listed in paragraph 2.17 of the published Statement of Consultation (CD10).

The number of representations received and a summary of the main issues

1.14 In total **162** individuals, organisations and statutory consultees commented on the Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan. Approximately **500** representations were made in total, although a number of these did not relate to a proposed modification or change. **421** representations did relate to a change and these are reflected in table 1, which provides a breakdown of the number of representations received for each policy/change, and have been summarised under the key issues raised. Whilst the representations which did not relate to a change have not been considered further by the council, they have been provided to the Planning Inspector for his information and use.

Table 1: Comment on the Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan

Policy	Number of Comments	Change Reference	Policy	Number of Comments	Change Reference
General	7	PM1	EP1	3 (10)	PM19, PM20
Chapter 4	5 (47)	PM1, PM2, PM3, PM4, PM5, PM6, PM16	Chapter 7	1 (2)	PM18
SS1	4 (56)	PM7, PM8	HRA Addendum	1	PM7
SS3	4 (104)	PM1/PM7/PM8/P M9/PM11	IDP Addendum	(5)	PM1/PM15/PM9 /PM7
			SHLAA Addendum	(1)	PM4
			SHMA	(3)	PM1/PM7
SS3.11	(36)	PM10 – PM14	SA	1 (1)	PM7
SS3.12	11(115)	PM15	Transport Assessment	(1)	PM15
CN5	1 (2)	PM17			

Figures in brackets are the number of objections for each policy the other figures include those who supported the policy.

1.15 Following the review of the representations received, the Council identified the following main key issues.

Key Issues Raised (please note that these have been grouped by subject area)

General, Chapter 4 and Policy SS1 (Change Ref: PM1, PM2, PM5, PM6, PM7, and PM8) - Updated housing requirement from 748 dwellings per annum (dpa) to 850 dpa

- Increase in number of homes is unjustified and the level of development is unsustainable and will negatively impact on resident's quality of life
- The demographic analysis is skewed - ONS projections are based upon the over supply of houses in the borough over recent years
- Basingstoke is taking an unfair share of housing development in the region and oversupplying housing when compared to neighbouring authorities.
- Impact of development on current infrastructure which is already at/over capacity e.g. roads, local services, schools, health facilities, water quality, sewage treatment
- Concern that the necessary infrastructure will not be provided in line with development
- Insufficient evidence regarding the availability of funding or the likelihood of delivering the necessary infrastructure and highway improvements
- There is a need for a comprehensive transport strategy
- Additional housing will exacerbate the impact of the plan on the natural environment
- Concern that the increased housing figure will have an unacceptably negative impact on the river Loddon. The modeling undertaken by the EA is fundamentally flawed.
- Reducing the consent level on phosphates in the River Loddon will not protect the river against increased levels of sewage, and relying on the successful outcome of the phosphate reduction trials is premature. More than annual monitoring is needed.

- Proposed level of housing provision falls short of meeting the borough's full objective assessment of market and affordable housing need
- The number falls below the mid-point of the demographic range from the DCLG 2012 Household projections (813-936 dpa).
- The housing figure will not 'boost significantly the supply of housing' – the council should be seeking to meet the higher end of the demographic range.

- The number will not sustain a sufficiently prosperous economy in accordance with the Council's own aspirations.
 - The plan does not take adequate regard of the housing needs of its neighbours and London and is failing in its duty to co-operate
 - There are no infrastructure and environmental constraints to constrain the council meeting its full OAN
 - SHMA demonstrates a worsening of affordability of housing in the borough but has not responded with any upward adjustment in supply
 - Concerns over a number of the assumptions made in relation to a suitable housing target
 - The Sustainability Appraisal has not assessed all reasonable alternatives in terms of overall housing numbers (including over 1,000 dpa)
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- The plan fails to include sufficient development in the borough's villages e.g. North Waltham, Dummer, Bramley and Sherfield on Loddon
 - A number of sites within the borough's villages are highlighted as being suitable to accommodate development to meet an increased housing figure e.g. sites at Kingsclere, Oakley, Overton, Bramley, Whitchurch and Sherfield on Loddon
 - Questions over the continued exclusion of Tadley from the spatial strategy.
 - Increasing housing levels in the villages has not been assessed as a reasonable alternative – progress on neighbourhood plans should not be to the detriment of the overarching spatial strategy for the Borough
 - The Council has failed to assess all SHLAA sites (Category 2 sites) in order to determine the most suitable sites
 - The housing requirement arising from neighbourhood plans should be increased to deliver smaller sites, which are not so reliant on new infrastructure, in the short term, speeding up housing delivery.
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- With the exception of Wokingham BC, neighbouring authorities have withdrawn previous objections to the plan in relation to housing numbers
 - Highways England, Environment Agency, Thames Water and South East Eater raise no objection to the increased figure.
 - LEP support the changes which will provide an enhanced level of flexibility necessary in a highly buoyant economy

Chapter 4 (Change Ref PM4 and PM16) – Changes to land supply

- In principle, Normandy House and Former Smiths Industry sites should remain in employment use rather than housing, with any shortfall being directed to Manydown

- There remains uncertainty over the deliverability of the newly identified brownfield sites
- There is an overreliance on urban/brownfield sites (SHLAA sites) where site specific constraints will restrict such sites coming forward, and also unidentified large urban sites.
- The vast majority of the contingency has been removed, undermining the ability of the plan to respond to changes in supply.
- Overly optimistic and unevidenced annual rates of completions on strategic housing sites across Basingstoke.
- The plan will not reinstate a 5 year supply of housing following adoption.
- Allocation of opportunity sites within SPBs for years 10-15 should be increased as new brownfield sites are likely to come forward – the plan underestimates the brownfield supply.
- Yield for Smiths Industries Site should be increased

Policy SS3 and Policy SS3.12 (Change ref: PM9 and P15) - New allocation at Hounsome Fields

- The Plan includes too much development in the south west, which is considered undesirable in the Sustainability Appraisal
- Plan is overly reliant on the delivery of large sites around the edge of Basingstoke and this threatens the deliverability of the plan
- Reservations regarding the scale of housing allocations adjoining Basingstoke Town and the realistic level of delivery that the market will be able to support
- Other sites around Basingstoke town promoted as more deliverable and suitable than this allocation and the Sustainability Appraisal does not give due and fair consideration to these sites.
- Hounsome Fields is unsustainable and isolated owing to the distance to the town centre and employment areas which are concentrated to the north and east of Basingstoke
- Development of the site will lead to the loss of more greenfield land and open space, and reduce the capacity for food production
- The site fails to meet a number of the Sustainability Appraisal objectives
- The deliverability of the site is uncertain
- Lack of adequate highway infrastructure - the A30 is already a traffic blackspot with significant traffic congestion at junctions, the M3 is already overloaded and there are concerns regarding how the site will be accessed
- Need to take account of the impact of the new critical hospital on the highway network

- The proposals will lead to more car commuting/air pollution, and lead to rat running down Kempshott Lane, Buckskin Lane and the nearby rural villages
- Transport assessment is not fit for purpose (trip rates are inadequate, does not consider cumulative impacts and traffic forecasts are not robust). HCC does not endorse the traffic forecasts and therefore the Plan's strategy cannot be considered as a suitable approach
- The suggested improvements to cycle routes and non-car transport routes are considered impractical by some while others consider they do not go far enough
- A mixed use development with sustainable transport modes are needed to avoid dependence on car use in this location
- Detrimental landscape and biodiversity impact, both within and outside of the site, and on local footpaths. Old Down should be designated as a Local Nature Reserve.
- Should include a policy requirement to define and quantify the area to be set aside for natural green space, dedicated wildlife areas, buffers, green corridors and other open spaces
- Criterion g) should be strengthened to ensure that Southwood Farm (Grade 2 listed) is preserved
- Consideration needs to be given to the pipeline which runs underneath the site (South Wood Farm) and whether safeguarding maintenance strips are needed
- Lack of infrastructure to serve the site, particularly schools
- Concern regarding gypsy and traveller provision on-site
- More development should take place at Hounsome Fields rather than the Golf Course to enable a comprehensive rather than divided development
- Support from Natural England for the allocation and they concur with conclusions of Habitats Regulation Assessment addendum
- Support from Historic England for the allocation subject to minor updates
- Support from Thames Water on criterion I)
- Support from Highways England to the proposed modifications and updated TA which they consider to be sound
- Greater clarity needed in terms of which facilities are needed to serve the site and the golf course allocation
- In light of the allocation, the strategic gap between Oakley and Manydown should be extended to the northern boundary of the site

Policy SS3.11 (Change ref: Basingstoke golf course) – Additional criterion to provide comprehensive development

- Concern over the level of joint masterplanning required between the three sites to the south west.

**Chapter 4, Chapter 7 and Policy EP1 (Change Ref: PM3, PM18, PM19) -
Introduction of a jobs target**

- Concern raised that the proposed number of jobs will not be created, causing an imbalance with the number of homes being built
- The proposed level of housing development is too low to support the proposed job growth
- Achieving the jobs target is dependent on a reduction on the rate of current out-commuting when trends suggest this has increased.
- The job target should be increased to better reflect the expected number of jobs (particularly given the demand for B8 floorspace), and expressed by sector in order to reflect the different needs of B1, B2 and B8 sector employees
- No justification for the lower end of the jobs range target
- Policy should be changed further to enable proposals for major industrial and distribution users to come forward before a latter DPD is finalised
- Concern that there is no new employment allocation included in the plan to support the jobs target

Our ref:

11 May 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Mid Examination Local Plan Consultation in relation to Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan (2011 – 2029)

The Local Plan identifies where development is likely to take place, how new jobs will be supported and how the environment of the borough will be protected and enhanced to the year 2029. It allocates specific sites and locations for new development in order to meet local needs. Once formally adopted, the Local Plan will be used to assess planning applications and provides the framework for Neighbourhood Plans.

The borough council submitted the Local Plan for examination on the 9 October 2014. The council is now consulting on a number of proposed changes to the Submission Local Plan which have been made by the council in response to initial comments made by the Inspector following an Exploratory Meeting on the 11 December 2014.

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The proposed Mid Examination main modifications that were agreed at Full Council include:

- that the annual housing requirement be increased from 748 to 850.
- the allocation of an additional housing site for 750 dwellings at Hounsme Fields, Basingstoke (new policy SS3.12);
- the inclusion of a job target range of 450 – 700 in policy EP1 (Economic growth and investment);

The council is now seeking your views on the Proposed Main Modifications that have been made to the Submission Local Plan at this stage.

The consultation on the proposed changes runs from **Monday 11 May to 4pm on Monday 22 June 2015**.

The following documents are enclosed for your information:

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- A representation form; and
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- **return representation form or submit written comments by email to:** local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk
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There is no need to restate any previous comments made on elements of the plan which have not changed. All representations made on previous consultations on the Local Plan have been forwarded to the planning inspector for consideration. Any further representations on the proposed main modifications to the Submission Local Plan should specify the modifications to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made. A representations form is enclosed for your use, although representations can be made in writing by post or by email. The enclosed 'Statement of Procedure' explains how to complete the representation form.

Only those representations that are made in writing and that are received by the council within the consultation period (ending at 4pm on Monday 22 June) will be considered.

If you require further information, or advice on how to respond to this consultation please contact the Planning Policy Team by telephoning 01256 845450 or 01256 845536 or by emailing the team at local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Yours sincerely

Jill Fisher
Policy Manager (Planning Policy and Infrastructure)

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Mid-examination Local Plan Consultation Representation Form

This is a focused consultation in relation to proposed main modifications to the Submission Local Plan. **Comments should only be made on the proposed main modifications. There is no need to restate any previous comments made on any elements of the plan which have not changed.** Further guidance on how to complete the form is contained within the Statement of Procedure, available to download online at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/localplan

Representations should be submitted by no later than 4pm on Monday 22 June 2015:

Online at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/localplan

Representations can be completed either by returning this form or by writing to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council:

by post to: Planning Policy Team, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke RG21 4AH

by email to: local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk

by fax to: 01256 845200

This form has two parts:

Part A – personal details

Part B – your representation(s) - please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make

PART A

Personal details (If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2)

Title	
First name	
Last name	
Job title (where relevant)	
Organisation (where relevant)	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
Email address	

Agent's details (if applicable)

Title	
First name	
Last name	
Job title (where relevant)	
Organisation (where relevant)	
Who are you representing?	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone number	

Preferred method of contact	Email <input type="checkbox"/>
	Post <input type="checkbox"/>

Email address	
Preferred method of contact	Email <input type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/>

Are you responding as:

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| An individual | <input type="checkbox"/> | A town or parish council | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A district/borough council | <input type="checkbox"/> | A borough councillor/MP | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On behalf of an organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> | On behalf of a community group | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A landowner/developer/agent/architect | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

PART B

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH REPRESENTATION

1. To which proposed main modification in the Local Plan does this representation relate?

- a. Paragraph b. Policy c. Policies Map

2. Do you think the Local Plan is:

a. 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).

- Yes
No
Don't know

If no, please provide further detail overleaf

b. Sound

To be 'sound', a Local Plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. This is required by Government Guidance.

- Yes
No

If no, please select on which test(s) of soundness by ticking the relevant boxes below and provide further detail overleaf.

3. Tests of soundness

a. Positively Prepared

To be positively prepared the plan should be based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements.

c. Effective

To be effective, the plan must be:-
❖ *Deliverable*
❖ *Flexible*
❖ *Able to be monitored*

b. Justified

To be justified, the plan must be:
❖ *Based on a robust and credible evidence base*

d. Consistent with National Policy

The plan must be consistent with government guidance, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework

❖ *The most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives*

(NPPF)

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

Alternatively, if you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

5. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified above where this relates to soundness. You will need to say why this change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change.

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.

6. If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to speak at the examination in public?

- a. No, I do not wish to participate at the examination public hearings
- b. Yes, I wish to participate at the examination public hearings

7. If you wish to speak at the examination public hearings, please outline why you consider this to be necessary. Please note the planning inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Signature

Date

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 Mid-Examination Local Plan consultation on the council's website. This will include publication of names of respondents and company names (where appropriate). Please ensure you do not include any personal information in Part B of the document. Copies of all consultation responses, including Part A, will be available to view at the council offices, and photocopies can be made of these representations on request.

Personal information will be added to the council's Local Plan consultation database. We would like to keep you informed of progress on the Local Plan and in order to consult with you further at each stage of the process to enable you to make further comments. Please indicate below if you are happy for us to contact you.

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.

- a. If you wish to be notified of the Inspector's Report please tick box
- b. If you wish to be notified of the Adoption of the Local Plan please tick box
- c. If you wish to be contacted at future stages of the preparation of the Local Plan please tick box
- d. If you wish to receive email newsletters keeping you up to date on the next stages of preparation of the Local Plan please tick box

12 May 2015

PR 3546

Consultation on Local Plan changes before public inquiry

Residents are being asked to comment on changes to the draft Local Plan prior to it going to public inquiry later this year.

In a consultation running until Monday 22 June, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is asking for views on changes made by the council in March to the draft Local Plan.

The changes follow further work undertaken by the council in response to comments made by Planning Inspector Mike Fox on the draft local plan. This included his concern that the previous 748 homes a year housing figure was likely to be regarded as too low.

The council's proposed changes include increasing the number of homes to be built in the borough from 748 to 850 a year and, as a consequence, the allocation of an additional housing site for 750 homes at Hounscome Fields in south west Basingstoke.

Residents can give their views on the changes to the Local Plan via the website at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/localplan or by returning a representation form, available by calling the council on 01256 844844.

The comments made will be considered by the inspector as part of his examination of the Local Plan which is set to start in October.

Cabinet Member for Planning Cllr Mark Ruffell said: "It is important that residents are given an opportunity to comment on these final changes to the draft Local Plan. We will look at their responses with care. The plan has the support of the majority of councillors and we hope that following the consultation, we will be able to put this well-drafted plan forward for inspection."

Anyone who commented on the plan during its creation, including residents, community groups, organisations, landowners and developers, will be notified by the programme officer of the various stages of the examination.

The proposed main modifications and supporting documents can be viewed on the website, at

the council offices or at libraries in the borough.

For further information on this press please contact: Sara Shepherd, Communications and Media Manager, on 01256 845493 or email sara.shepherd@basingstoke.gov.uk.

For all media enquiries call 01256 845220 or email communications@basingstoke.gov.uk

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Attachments

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