

# **Council's PHM Statement**

## **Basingstoke and Deane Borough Local Plan 2029 Independent Examination**

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

### ***The statutory procedure***

- 1.1 I can confirm that the Council considers that the Local Plan **[CD 03]** and accompanying policies maps) have been prepared in accordance with the statutory procedures of the 2004 act (as amended).
- 1.2 The Plan has been prepared in conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance. A summary of the preparation of, publication and availability of documents is available within the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Local Plan 2029 Regulation 22(c) Statements of Consultation **[CD 10]**. A Summary of responses received during the recent consultation (11 May to 22 June 2015) is also available in the Consultation Statement for the Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan **[PS/02/30]**.

### ***The duty to co-operate***

- 1.3 I can confirm that the Council considers that it has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate its 'duty to co-operate', as detailed in new section 33A in the 2004 Act.
- 1.4 A summary of the work undertaken can be found in the Council's Duty to Co-operate Statement **[CD 08]**, the May 2015 update statement, **[PS/02/04]** and in the Consultation Statement for the Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan **[PS/02/30]**.

### ***Statements of Common Ground***

- 1.5 Alongside the preparation of statements, the Council is preparing a number of Statements of Common Ground. In fulfilling the duty to co-operate, these statements will serve to provide clarity on points that the Council have agreed upon with prescribed bodies and developers. The Council will endeavour to submit these statements by **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015**.
- 1.6 The Council welcomes the opportunity to discuss Duty to Co-operate at the examination.

### ***The Local Development Scheme***

- 1.7 I can confirm that the Council considers that it has prepared the plan in accordance with the Local Development Scheme. Please refer to the Borough Council's most up to date LDS (5<sup>th</sup> edition) **[BD01]**

### ***Sustainable Community Strategy***

1.8 I can confirm that the submitted version of the Local Plan embodies the themes set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy for Basingstoke and Deane (Pride in our Place) **[BD04]** and are based on robust evidence. This is also reflected in the Local Plan's strategic objectives and is reflected throughout the plan in its policies and supporting text.

***The Statement of Community Involvement***

1.9 I can confirm that the Council considers that the plan has been prepared in accordance with the Borough Council's Statement of Community Involvement, adopted in July 2007 **[BD03]**.

***Is the Local Plan supported by a sustainability appraisal? (SA, SEA & AA)***

1.10 I can confirm that the Council considers that the Plan has been subject to appropriate and robust Sustainability Appraisal, as set out in the relevant documents **[SA 01-SA09]** and **[PS/02/16]**. Furthermore, I can also confirm that the Council considers that the Plan has been screened adequately for likely significant effects on European wildlife sites through the preparation of an Appropriate Assessment / Habitats Regulations Assessment, as detailed in **[CD 09]** and the addendum of May 2015 **[PS/02/19]**.

***Are there any fundamental procedural shortcomings?***

1.11 The Council is not aware of any procedural shortcomings of the submitted plan. The Council considers that the plan has been undertaken in accordance with required regulations.

***Modifications through Examination***

1.12 In accordance with Section 20 (7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), the Council formally requests that, if applicable, you recommend modifications to the Local Plan, as may be necessary, to ensure legal compliance/soundness.

***Officers and their Roles***

1.13 The Council will be represented by the following officers at the Local Plan Examination and others may be called upon, if required.

Jill Fisher	Policy Manager, Planning Policy and Infrastructure
Joanne Brombley	Planning Policy Team Leader
Mark Lambert	Design, Environment and Infrastructure Team Leader
Matthew Melville	Principal Planning Officer
Edward Rehill	Principal Planning Officer
Andrew Rushmer	Senior Planning Officer