

# **Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Neighbourhood Plan – Guidance Note**

## **What is the Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Neighbourhood Plan?**

Neighbourhood Plans are a way for communities to decide the future of the places where they live and work. The Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision for the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally and guide development in the parish up until 2039.

There has been a previous public consultation on the draft Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Neighbourhood Plan organised by Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Parish Council during summer 2022. Now that the Plan has been submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council it is the final opportunity to have your say on this document before it is considered at an independent examination.

## **What is the next stage in the Plan's preparation?**

The Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Neighbourhood Plan will be published for a 6 week period of consultation. This is a public consultation carried out by the Local Planning Authority in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. This process will inform the independent examination of the neighbourhood plan following the completion of the public consultation process.

## **How will the Plan be Examined?**

Neighbourhood Plans are examined against five key tests, referred to as Basic Conditions (as set out in the Localism Act 2011). These are as follows:

- Does the plan have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State?
- Does the plan contribute to the achievement of sustainable development?
- Is the plan in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the borough of Basingstoke and Deane?
- Does the plan not breach, or is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations?
- Does the plan meet and comply with prescribed conditions, i.e. it is unlikely to have a significant effect on European sites?

## **What can I comment on at this stage?**

At this stage you can comment on any element of the plan and supporting documents and whether the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions. It is, however, important to remember that the examiner will only be able to recommend changes to the plan necessary to ensure that it meets the basic conditions.

When making comments you can request that you are notified of the examiner's report and of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) to 'make' the Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Neighbourhood Development Plan following a community referendum on the Plan. Once a Neighbourhood Plan is made, it will become

part of the local area's Development Plan and have the same status as the borough's Local Plan.

## How long do I have to comment on the consultation?

The consultation runs for six weeks, from **Monday 7th November through to 5pm on Monday 19th of December**

A summary of the responses made to the pre-submission consultation are included in the Consultation Statement submitted with the plan. As a result, the examiner will be aware of those comments, so you do not need to repeat the comments already made, although you may if you so wish. Also, if any changes that have been made to the plan since the pre-submission consultation raise new issues or affect the points you made last time, please feel free to submit further comments.

## What happens next?

At the end of the publicity period any comments received will be passed on to the examiner who will then carry out an independent examination of the neighbourhood plan. The examiner will consider whether the plan meets the Basic Conditions or whether any changes are needed in order to meet those requirements. The examiner will recommend to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council if the plan should proceed to a referendum.

## Should I respond as an individual or as part of a group?

Where there are groups who share a common view on the Plan, it is helpful for that group to send a single representation which represents their views, rather than for a large number of individuals to send in separate representations which repeat the same points. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised.

## How do I respond?

### 1) Using our online consultation system

The online consultation system is our preferred means of receiving comments as it ensures that your comments are summarised and recorded accurately and are processed quickly. We would encourage everyone, including statutory consultees, agents and landowners to use the online consultation system which can be accessed at the following address:

<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/ESBGNP>

### 2) Responding in writing

If you cannot reply to the consultation using the online consultation system, it would be helpful if you could fill in our response form.

Forms may be:

- Filled in electronically and emailed to us at: [local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk)

- Downloaded from our website: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/ESBGNP>
- Or obtained by visiting the council offices: Planning Policy Team, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH

The planning policy team is happy to answer any questions regarding the completion of the form. If any members of the public have difficulties completing the form, then the planning policy team will accept letters or e-mails. However, any such correspondence should still be specific about which part of the neighbourhood plan is being commented upon.

## Where can the Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Neighbourhood Plan be viewed?

The Submission Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Neighbourhood Plan, Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement can be viewed on the council's website at <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/ESBGNP> and also in the following locations during their normal opening hours:

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Offices (8:30am - 5:00pm on Mondays to Thursdays, and 8:30am - 4.30pm on Fridays);
- Basingstoke Discovery Centre (8:30am - 6:30pm on Mondays to Fridays, and 8:30am - 4:30pm on Saturdays);
- Tadley Library (9:30am - 5:00pm on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 9:30am - 1:30pm on Tuesdays)
- Newbury Central Library, The Wharf, Newbury, RG21 5AU (9am - 5pm Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9am- 6pm Thursday and 10am - 4pm on Saturdays).
- The Royal Oak, Ecchinswell Rd, Ecchinswell, Newbury RG20 4UH (Wednesday - Friday 12 noon – 3pm and 5pm – 11pm and Saturday 12 – 11pm and Sunday 12 noon – 10pm)
- Or by contacting the Parish Council at [clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk) or phone 07748 73338

## Will my comments be made public?

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is the data controller for the personal information you provide on this form. You can contact the council by phone on 01256 844844, via email to [customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk) or by writing to us at Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke RG21 4AH. The council's Data Protection Officer can be contacted at [dpo@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:dpo@basingstoke.gov.uk)

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