

Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review– Guidance Note

What is the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Plans are a way for communities to decide the future of the places where they live and work. The Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review 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 2042.

There has been a previous public consultation on the draft Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review organised by Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Council, which commenced on 26 January 2026 until 12 March 2026. 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 Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review will be published for a six 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?
- Does the plan support the delivery of at least the same amount of housing as would be delivered in the absence of the plan?
- Does the plan support development taking place which is proposed in the development plan that would provide housing?
- Would making the plan prevent any development from taking place?
- Does the plan comply with relevant Environmental Outcomes Reports (EOR)?
- Does the plan not breach, or is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations and human rights legislation?
- Does the plan meet and comply with prescribed conditions, (meaning that the plan has passed all necessary legal, environmental and procedural requirements?)

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 Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Development Plan Review. Subject to the examiner's decision on the extent of modification proposed there might not be a community referendum on the Plan. Once a Neighbourhood Plan is made or updated, 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 **Friday 25 September through to 5pm on Friday 6 November 2026**.

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:

<https://consult.basingstoke.gov.uk/consultation/old-basing-and-lychpit-neighbourhood-plan-review-submission-regulation-16>

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 downloaded from our website at <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/OBNP> or obtained by visiting the council offices. Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH

Completed forms should be sent either:

- Via email to local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk
- Or posted/delivered to the council offices.

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 Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review be viewed?

The Submission Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review and its supporting documents can be viewed on the council's website at <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/OBNP> and also in the following locations during their normal opening hours:

- **Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Offices, Basingstoke**
- **Basingstoke Discovery Centre, Basingstoke**
- **Chineham Library, Chineham**
- **Royal British Legion, Old Basing**
- **St Mary's Church, Old Basing**
- **Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Council Offices, Old Basing**

Will my comments be made public?

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