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and Deane*



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Local Plan 2011 to 2029

## **Duty to Cooperate Statement - Regulation 22**

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# 1.0 Introduction

## Background

- 1.1 The Duty to Co-operate (the Duty) is set out in Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011). This applies to all local planning authorities, county councils in England and to a number of other “prescribed” bodies. Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out who those “prescribed” bodies are (see paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 below).
- 1.2 Local planning authorities, county councils and other “prescribed” bodies are required to co-operate with each other to address strategic matters relevant to their areas in the preparation of a development plan document. The new duty relates to sustainable development or use of land in connection with infrastructure which is strategic and that would have a significant impact on at least two local planning areas or on a planning matter that falls within the remit of the county council.
- 1.3 The duty requires:
  - councils and public bodies to ‘engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing bases’ to develop strategic policy
  - Councils to set out planning policies to address such issues; and
  - Councils to consider joint approaches to plan making;
- 1.4 In addition paragraph 181 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the strategic priorities where collaboration amongst public bodies is expected and gives further guidance on ‘planning strategically across local boundaries’.
- 1.5 Collaborative working is expected between County and District authorities, between authorities with cross boundary issues or other spatial impacts (non-local), and in consultation with Local Enterprise Partnerships and Local Nature Partnerships.
- 1.6 The NPPF states that strategic priorities across local boundaries should be properly co-ordinated and clearly reflected in individual Local Plans. These strategic priorities are:
  - The homes and jobs needed in the area;
  - The provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development;
  - The provision of infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);
  - The provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities; and
  - Climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape.

- 1.7 Local Planning Authorities are expected to be able to demonstrate evidence of having successfully cooperated to plan for issues with cross-boundary impacts when their Local Plans are submitted for examination. The NPPF also highlights the importance of joint working to meet development requirements that cannot be wholly met within a single local planning authority area, through either joint planning policies or informal strategies such as infrastructure and investment plans.
- 1.8 This is reinforced within the National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) published in 2014, which sets out what is required and gives further guidance on the Duty to Cooperate, including that local authority officers and councillors have an important role to play in the process and that the duty requires active and sustained engagement, working together constructively from the outset of plan preparation.
- 1.9 The outcome of this continual process of engagement is that plans are put in place to provide the land and infrastructure necessary to support current and projected future levels of development.

### **Purpose of this statement**

- 1.10 This Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate accompanies the Submission version of the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan 2011-2029 referred to as “the Local Plan” in this statement. It outlines those main areas where Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has sought to work collaboratively with other planning authorities and organisations throughout the preparation of the Local Plan and provides evidence to support the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.
- 1.11 Section 2 sets out what the Council considers to be the strategic priorities and relevant cross boundary issues. Section 3 of the statement considers each of the different stakeholders in turn, outlining how and why collaborative working has taken place. Section 4 of the statement provides evidence of the collaborative working with each relevant stakeholder, identifying how the stakeholder was engaged, when, on what issues, why and what the key outcomes have been. Section 5 sets out details of collaboration on cross boundary issues through the production of evidence base studies and sections 6 and 7 address future partnership working.

## **2.0 Strategic priorities and cross boundaries issues**

- 2.1 The NPPF highlights that Local Planning Authorities have a duty to cooperate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries, particularly those which relate to the strategic priorities as set out in paragraph 1.6 above.
- 2.2 The following text sets out the relevant strategic priorities and cross boundary issues and is followed by a table (Table 1) which sets out each Duty to

Cooperate body and all the issues discussed (whether considered to be strategic and cross-boundary or a local issue at the borough level).

### **Housing – objectively assessed needs and supply**

- 2.3 The requirement to identify and meet objectively assessed housing need for market and affordable housing is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. This includes having consideration of any unmet needs from neighbouring authorities or neighbouring housing market areas. Therefore the Council has considered, through the Local plan process, whether there is a need for the Local Plan to accommodate growth from other areas or whether the Council cannot meet its own housing needs and therefore requires the cooperation of other local planning authorities. The council has worked with neighbouring authorities to consider and agree on how the needs of the housing market area are met.

### **Atomic Weapon Establishment (AWE) – Aldermaston/Tadley**

- 2.4 The settlement of Tadley, which lies to the north of the borough, is partly within West Berkshire Council's administrative area and partly within Basingstoke and Deane. To the north of the borough boundary there are two licenced nuclear installations one at Aldermaston and one at Burghfield, known as the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE).
- 2.5 Circular 04/00 'Planning Controls for Hazardous Substances' provides general advice about the need for consultation regarding additional development in close proximity to licenced establishments and this directs the need for a locally agreed zone of consultation. This is administered by the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) who agree local consultation zones with the affected local authorities.
- 2.6 The approach of consultation is concerned with the cumulative growth in population around the establishments. As such this has a limiting approach on growth in and around Tadley. The Council has worked with adjoining authorities, Hampshire County Council and the ONR to achieve a consistent working and planning policy approach to address this issue.

### **Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area.**

- 2.7 The Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA) covers a wide area of heath and woodland affecting 15 local authorities in the South East. The SPA is a European designation protecting three species of ground nesting bird. Zones around the SPA have been identified as potentially having an effect on the SPA, particularly in relation to the disturbance of birds from recreational pressure and cat predation. As such, an avoidance and mitigation mechanism has been set up to try and limit any damaging effects from additional population growth associated with new housing development.
- 2.8 To deal with the issue, new homes within 5km of the SPA are required to enter into a series of agreements to provide contributions to Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS) and Access Monitoring and Management (SAMMs). For housing development within 7km of the SPA the mitigation/avoidance is determined on a case by case basis. Part of Basingstoke and Deane borough lies within the 5km and 7 km zones of the

SPA and therefore it is important to address the matter consistently through a standard policy across the affected authorities.

- 2.9 The Council has worked specifically with Hart Borough Council on this matter.

### **Water Quality**

- 2.10 The River Loddon runs through the borough of Wokingham and Basingstoke and Deane Borough and is classified as a high quality chalk river requiring special protection for water quality and ecology. Unfortunately the River Loddon is currently failing to meet good ecological status as set out in the Water Framework Directive. This is primarily due to treated effluent discharges into the River Loddon Catchment from the Basingstoke area, and in particular treated discharges from the Chineham Sewerage Treatment works. At the moment there appear to be no technological solutions which will bring the river status back to good status, nor to stop the water quality deteriorating further.
- 2.11 The River Test flows through Test Valley and parts of Basingstoke and Deane Borough. Groundwater quality for sites within the Test Catchment is of greater concern compared to surface water quality in the Loddon Catchment. The groundwater body status of the River Test is currently poor and therefore the impact of additional development needs to be managed.
- 2.12 A chalk aquifer (a principal aquifer) underlies much of the borough and is vulnerable to contamination. Of note is the groundwater body, known as the Basingstoke Chalk, which is currently failing to meet its WFD chemical status and is at risk from diffuse sources of pollution. It is therefore important to be satisfied that the risks associated with development proposals within the principal aquifer or Groundwater Source Protection Zones has been evaluated and adequate protection measures put in place for sites that are at risk of contamination, given that contaminants could leach into the water source.
- 2.13 These are key issues for the council, the water companies and the Environment Agency and, as such, they have been tackled in a collaborative manner and considered carefully against the level and location of growth being proposed for the borough.

### **Water supply and sewerage capacity**

- 2.14 The Local Plan sets the level and location of development proposed between 2011 and 2029. As such it is important to ensure that this can be supported by adequate water supply and wastewater capacity which has involved collaborative working with water companies.
- 2.15 The sewerage network capacity was raised as a particular concern by Hart District Council with regards to whether the Local Plan would be reliant on sewerage capacity from the Sewage Treatment Works just over the borough boundary in Hart district. The Council has worked specifically with Hart Borough Council on this matter.

## **Flood risk**

- 2.16 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (paragraph 166) requires that the evidence base for the Local Plan includes a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). The Council's SFRA provides information on the probability of flooding, such as that from groundwater sources and sewers. It also takes into account the impacts of climate change. Around 3% of the borough lies within the floodplain and much of the borough being underlain by chalk aquifers, increases the susceptibility to groundwater and surface water flooding. It is important to ensure that in allocating land or determining applications, development is located in areas at lowest risk of flooding. The council has worked closely with the Environment Agency on this matter.

## **Transport / commuting**

- 2.17 The Local Plan sets the level and location of development proposed in the borough between 2011 and 2029. As such it has been important to assess the impact of this future development on the local and strategic highway network through the preparation of a transport assessment. As with any borough there are key routes and corridors which run through the area and, as with most South Eastern Districts, there is a strong pattern of commuting into and out of the borough. However, commuting remains relatively balanced in nature, with a strong level of self-containment (58.6% of workers in the borough are also residents). The transport assessment has considered any impacts on the highway network both within and beyond the borough boundary.
- 2.18 As this issue has cross boundary implications and requires a co-ordinated approach, the council has worked with the various surrounding authorities, the Highway Authority (Hampshire County Council) and the Highways Agency (who manage the Strategic Road Network) in developing the Plan.

## **Gypsies and Travellers**

- 2.19 The borough has a number of illegal encampments which happen on a regular occasion. However the Submission Local Plan has a strategy for dealing with this matter within the borough itself (as set out in more detail in the Gypsy and Traveller Topic Paper) and this is not considered to have cross boundary implications. However, transit provision is a matter which needs to be dealt with on a regional scale so that an appropriate network of sites can be identified. This issue works across a wide geographic area and a Hampshire group has been established to look at this further.

## **Retail and Leisure**

- 2.20 Basingstoke town centre and the district centres at Brighton Hill, Chineham, Overton, Tadley and Whitchurch, together with smaller local centres such as Kingsclere and Bramley act as the key focus for shopping and other town and village centre uses. These places play a significant role in maintaining and enhancing the prosperity of the borough.
- 2.21 Basingstoke town centre is a regional shopping centre which meets the needs of borough residents but also visitors from a wide catchment. The Local Plan evidence base identified the need for additional retail over the plan period,

particularly non-food and this will be met through the expansion of the town centre.

- 2.22 It is recognised that local residents rely upon the towns of Newbury, Andover and Hook for higher order services including retail. Also, whilst the borough does not immediately adjoin the administrative boundary of Reading Borough Council, there is significant economic movement between authorities as Reading is also a retail destination for residents of the borough.
- 2.23 In addition to Basingstoke town centre, the Basingstoke Leisure Park is one of the area's prime leisure destinations, comprising 45 acres of land. The Local Plan designates the Park as a focus for new and improved recreation and leisure facilities with the potential to attract participants from across the borough and the wider area.
- 2.24 Whilst the cross boundary nature of retail and leisure is therefore recognised, such issues have not been raised by any of the 'prescribed bodies' as a matter requiring cooperation.

### **Economic growth**

- 2.25 The borough falls with the Enterprise M3 LEP which covers mid and north Hampshire and south west Surrey, and includes 14 District authorities across the two Counties. Basingstoke has been identified as one of the four key economic hubs in this area and partnership working is therefore required to support the delivery of the Strategic Economic Plan prepared by the LEP.

### **Provision of infrastructure (health, community facilities, education)**

- 2.26 The Local Plan sets the level and location of development proposed in the borough. As such it is important to assess the required level of infrastructure provision involved in supporting this level of development and to ensure that these are provided in a timely manner, particularly as part of the strategic housing allocations. To this end, the council has worked collaboratively with service providers in the development on the Plan.

### **Natural Environment /The North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

- 2.27 The countryside of the borough is one of its key assets, contributing significantly to the quality of life locally. The north west of the borough (approximately 30% of the total area) contains 80 square miles of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which is recognised as a landscape of national importance. The local countryside supports a wide range of habitats and species, owing to the differing geological influences and important river systems which run through the area.
- 2.28 The importance of the natural environment is recognised within the Local Plan and partnership working with such bodies as Natural England, is vital in developing effective planning policies to deal with the issue.

### Heritage/Archaeology

- 2.29 The borough benefits from a range of historic assets which make an important contribution to local distinctiveness as well as local recreation, education, and the tourism economy. As such, it is an important borough level issue that the Local Plan needs to address in order to adopt appropriate measures to effectively conserve and enhance it. The council has worked with relevant bodies including English Heritage and Hampshire County Council in the consideration of this issue

### Green Infrastructure/Biodiversity

- 2.30 The borough has a good range of green infrastructure assets, ranging from Green Flag awarded parks in the heart of Basingstoke to some of the country's most precious wildlife habitats as well as an extensive network of public rights of way and publicly accessible countryside. The council has worked with relevant bodies including Natural England, Hampshire County Council and the Hampshire Wildlife Trust in the consideration of this issue.

Table 1 – Issues discussed with each Duty to Cooperate Body

Duty to cooperate Body	Strategic issues identified
Hart District Council	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need) Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Areas/ SANGS provision Gypsy and Traveller sites/Transit sites Sewerage capacity
West Berkshire Council	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need) Atomic Weapon Establishment
Wokingham Borough Council	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need) Highway matters Gypsy and Traveller sites/Transit sites Atomic Weapon Establishment Water quality Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Areas/ SANGS provision
Rushmoor Borough Council	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need) Gypsy and Traveller sites/Transit sites Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection

	Areas/ SANGS provision
Test Valley Borough Council	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need) Water Quality Gypsy and Traveller sites/Transit sites
Winchester City Council,	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need) Micheldever Station site
East Hampshire District Council	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need)
Reading Borough Council	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need)
Hampshire County Council	Highway matters Heritage/Archaeology Education/libraries Flooding Minerals and Waste Transit sites
The Highways Agency	Strategic Highway matters
The Environment Agency	Flood risk Water quality Green Infrastructure
English Heritage	Heritage*
Natural England	Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Areas Landscape and biodiversity Green Infrastructure Water quality
Homes and Communities Agency	Housing
The enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership	Employment Economic growth Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need) CIL
The Local Nature Partnership (Hampshire and the Isle of	Natural environment

Wight LNP)	
Parish Councils	Neighbourhood Planning
The Office for Nuclear Regulation	Atomic weapons establishment
South East Water (eastern part of Borough including Basingstoke)	Water supply Water quality
Thames Water (eastern part of Borough including Basingstoke)	Sewerage capacity Water quality
Southern Water (Western part of Borough including Overton and Whitchurch)	Water supply Water quality Sewerage capacity

## 3.0 Details of why and how collaborative working has taken place with each of the relevant bodies

### Cooperation with neighbouring authorities

- 3.1 As part of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association there is an established structure of inter council meetings at chief planning officer level- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Chief Planning Officers Group (HIPOG) which is complemented by various sub groups including Development Plan Group (DPG); Development Control Practitioners Group (DCD) and the Planning Research Liaison Group (PRLG). In terms of plan making, DPG, which meets every two months, has a standing item on every authorities' plan making updates and issues arising. This is an excellent forum for generating best practice, networking with neighbouring authority officers and identifying cross-boundary issues.
- 3.2 The council has continued to liaise with neighbouring local planning authorities throughout the preparation of the Local Plan, and a number of specific duty to co-operate meetings have taken place as part of this process with agreed actions, positions and practical solutions to issues coming from these. The liaison process will continue as plans continue to evolve and memorandums of understanding/statements of common ground have and will continue to be produced as suitable.
- 3.3 In addition to face to face meetings, the council has also maintained contact with all neighbouring planning authorities through written correspondence, updating the bodies on the latest stages of the Local Plan and inviting them to make representations at each stage of the process. All the neighbouring planning authorities, together with the statutory consultees and a full range of

other bodies, have been invited to make formal representation at each stage of the statutory plan process dating back as far as 2007.

### Local Enterprise Partnership and Local Nature Partnership

- 3.4 Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and Local Nature Partnerships (LNP) are not defined by statute and are therefore not covered by the Duty. However, LEPs and LNPs have both been identified in the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012 as a body that those covered by the duty 'should have regard to' when preparing local plans and other related activities.
- 3.5 The borough falls with the Enterprise M3 LEP which covers mid and north Hampshire and south west Surrey. The LEP includes 14 district/borough councils across the two counties. It was originally administered and set up by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council who put together the original bid for the EM3 geography. It has established a number of key action groups to explore specific issues including:-
- Finance, innovation and business support
  - Inward investment, leisure, tourism and place shaping (with inward investment and leisure/tourism/place shaping subgroups)
  - Land and property (including a housing sub group)
  - Rural economy and broadband
  - Infrastructure (with transport and planning/housing sub-groups)
  - Skills and employability
  - Growing enterprise fund
- 3.6 The vision for the Enterprise M3 is to be: "One of the premier locations in the country for enterprise and economic growth, with an excellent environment and quality of life."
- 3.7 Both officers and members of the Council attend regular meetings and events organised by the LEP and the Leader of the Council in on the LEP Board. In addition, the Planning Policy and Infrastructure Manager at Basingstoke and Deane supports the work of the housing sub group. The Council is an active member of the LEP and will continue to play its role to ensure that the purpose of the LEP is achieved.
- 3.8 On 7 July 2014 EM3 agreed an historic Growth Deal with the Government which will see £118million invested in the LEP area. £35million has been confirmed in the first year, and as part of the Government's ongoing commitment to the Enterprise M3 LEP it has also provided an indicative award of a further £83million of funding from 2016/17 onwards. The deal will help to create up to 8,000 jobs, allow more than 7,000 homes to be built and generate up to £440 million in public and private investment. The deal provides money for a number of key transport schemes in the borough which will help support the level of development set out in the Submission Local Plan.

- 3.9 The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Nature Partnership was established in 2012 to help bring about improvements in the local natural environment. The LNP as a partnership did not respond to the Local Plan consultations. The LNP is not currently resourced to respond to local plans as the LNP instead relies on its constituent partner organisations to continue doing this work as individual organisations (but not on behalf of the LNP).
- 3.10 The council is a partner of the LNP and has met with members of the Partnership (such as the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Natural England) in their individual organisational capacity, both prior to and after the formation of the partnership to discuss issues principally relating to landscape, biodiversity and green infrastructure. Most recently the council met the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Natural England in relation to their representations on the Pre Submission and Revised Pre Submission version of the plan. A number of outcomes have been agreed as a result of these discussions. With particular regard to the LNP, the council agreed to make amendments to the 'Implementation and Monitoring' boxes for policies EM4 and EM5 to state that the policies will be monitored in partnership with the LNP. The council will continue to work with the LNP and its partners and is aware that the LNP will be able to provide the council with maps showing the borough's ecological network in the near future.

### **The Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England**

- 3.11 These three organisations are statutory consultees in the Local Plan preparation process and the council has worked proactively with these bodies throughout the development of the Plan, in addition to consultation at all formal stages of plan preparation. This has included the development of specific policies within the plan, the approach taken to issues such as flooding and water quality, and the development of the Local Plan evidence base, including specifically Sustainability Appraisal, and the Habitats Regulations Assessment.

### **The Office of Nuclear Regulation (ONR)**

- 3.12 There are two licensed nuclear installations located in close proximity to the border of Basingstoke and Deane's administrative boundary. The Office of Nuclear Regulation (ONR) administers the Government's policy on the control of development and provides advice to Local Planning Authorities. It is recognised that it is necessary for the Council to monitor housing completions and commitments and provide this information to the ONR for them to make informed judgments when assessing development proposals. The Council has worked proactively with the ONR and relevant local authorities in formulating the Plan's approach to development within the areas affected by the installations, including a specific policy addressing the issue, and will continue to do so as part of its annual monitoring programme.

### **Transport and Highways Authorities**

- 3.13 The NPPF states that local authorities should work with neighbouring authorities and transport providers to develop strategies for the provision of viable infrastructure which is necessary to support sustainable development. Hampshire County Council (HCC), as transport authority and highway authority covering the borough of Basingstoke and Deane, has been involved

throughout the preparation of the Local Plan both in policy development and, more specifically, the completion of the Transport Assessment. The Highways Agency has also been involved in the development of the Transport Assessment and has been consulted at key stages on the Plan's preparation.

### Water companies (non statutory)

- 3.14 Although private sector utility providers are not covered by the 'duty to cooperate', the council is aware of the need to involve them in the plan making process. In order to keep the water companies apprised of the emerging Local Plan, particularly in relation to housing provision.

### Consultation with Stakeholders

- 3.15 In addition to the engagement noted in the following tables, all stakeholders were invited to respond on the following public consultation exercises (more information is available in the Consultation Statement):

Table 2: Dates of Consultation on the Developing Local Plan

Consultation	Date
Issues – Early engagement	October 2007
Sustainability Appraisal Draft Scoping Report	September – October 2007
Core Strategy Issues and Options	March 2008
Key Themes	March - April 2010
Pre-Submission Local Plan	May - August 2013
Revised Pre-submission Local Plan	April – June 2014

## 4.0 Evidence showing how duty to cooperate has been implemented with specific organisations

4.1 Table 3 below sets out the collaborative working that has taken place as part of the preparation of the Local Plan. The table only includes details of occasions which are over and above consultation exercises detailed in paragraph 3.14 as part of plan preparation. Key and notable outcomes of this collaborative work is outlined in the last column of the table and the relevant stakeholder has been asked to agree these outcomes in the preparation of this statement, where applicable. This agreement or otherwise is reflected in the table.

4.2 Please note, where policies in the Local Plan 2011-2029 are referred to in the following table, these relate to the policies included in the submitted version of the plan which includes suggested minor changes.

**Table 3: Evidence of outcome focussed collaborative working with relevant organisations and partners**

Stakeholder	How stakeholder was engaged	When engaged?	What issues was the stakeholder engaged with	Why engaged?	Key / notable outcomes
<b>Wokingham Borough Council</b>	Meeting with AWE working group	21 May 2008 9 November 2011 8 May 2012 17 May 2012 15 August 2012 12 December 2013	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need)  Gypsy and Traveller sites/Transit sites  Highways	To agree a common approach with the affected authorities to the AWE within the development of the local plan policies.  The need to take into account cross-boundary issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint approach to planning in and around the Nuclear Installations Aldermaston and Burghfield.</li> <li>Supported approach as set out in Local Plan Policy SS7 – Nuclear Installations – Aldermaston and Burghfield.</li> <li>Supported approach as set out in Local Plan Policy EM3 – Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area</li> <li>Agreement that Basingstoke and Deane and Wokingham Borough are in different Housing Market Areas. Agreement that there are no significant issues between the two authorities relating to Gypsies and Travellers.</li> <li>Agreement that no significant cross boundary transport issues exist.</li> <li>No objection to the Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan</li> </ul>
	Meeting with WBC Planning Policy Officers	8 May 2012 14 December 2012	Atomic Weapon Establishment  Development of local plan policies	To discuss strategic issues regarding the Gypsy and Travellers in the area.	
	Meeting with WBC Planning Policy Officers and Portfolio Holder	26 September 2013	Water quality issues associated with the River Loddon		
	Joint G&T meeting with WBC and other LPA's	27 January 2014	Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Areas/ SANGS provision		
	Email correspondence with senior planning policy officer	Following meeting on 26 September 2013 – March 2014 Following Revised Pre-sub consultation June – July 2014			
Agreed By: awaiting response		Title:	Date:		
<b>Rushmoor Borough Council</b>	Meeting with RBC Planning Policy Officers	29 November 2012 6 August 2013 7 February 2014 (G&T) with Hart 15 May 2014	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need)  Gypsy and Traveller sites/Transit sites	The need to take into account cross-boundary issues.  To seek information on their Housing Register data to inform the preparation of the SHMA and internal migration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for Local Plan Policy EM3 – Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (following changes)</li> <li>Agreement that Basingstoke and Deane Borough does not form part of a HMA with Rushmoor Borough but internal migration should be accounted for.</li> <li>Agreement that there are no significant issues between the two authorities relating to Gypsies and Travellers but joint working on this matter continues to consider</li> </ul>
	Email and telephone correspondence with Housing officer	2013	Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Areas/ SANGS provision	To discuss strategic issues regarding the Gypsy and Travellers in the area.	
	Email correspondence with senior planning policy officer	Following meeting on 6 August 2013	Development of local plan policies		
	Development Plans Group meeting	Every couple of months			

Stakeholder	How stakeholder was engaged	When engaged?	What issues was the stakeholder engaged with	Why engaged?	Key / notable outcomes
	Joint working on North Hampshire Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Development Study 2010 (joint with Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council)	2010			<p>options to deal with this matter in North Hampshire. (Working group established and work is progressing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jointly published North Hants Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Development Study.</li> <li>Continued discussions regarding an objection to Local Plan Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of Housing.</li> </ul>
	*Joint working on Economic Growth and Employment Land Requirements in North Hampshire (2008)	2008			
Agreed By: Louise Piper Title: Planning Policy & Conservation Manager Date: 2 September 2014					
East Hants District Council	*Joint evidence base – SHMA 2007	2007	<p>Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need)</p> <p>Development of local plan policies</p>	<p>The need to take into account cross-boundary issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for Local Plan Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of new housing</li> <li>Agreement that Basingstoke and Deane Borough does not form part of a HMA with East Hants District.</li> <li>Agreement that there are no issues between the two authorities relating to Gypsies and Travellers.</li> <li>No objection to the Submission Local Plan.</li> </ul>
	*Joint evidence base – Gypsy and Traveller Study 2007 and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment 2008	2007/2008			
	Development Plans Group meeting	Every couple of months			
	Meeting with EHD Planning Policy Officers	14 February 2011 28 February 2012			
Agreed By: awaiting response Title: Date:					
Test Valley Borough Council	*Joint evidence base – SHMA 2007	2007	<p>Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need)</p> <p>Water Quality</p> <p>Gypsy and Traveller sites/Transit sites</p> <p>Development of local plan policies</p>	<p>The need to take into account cross-boundary issues.</p> <p>To discuss strategic issues regarding the Gypsy and Travellers in the area.</p> <p>Water quality issues associated with the River Test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for Local Plan Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of new housing</li> <li>Agreement that Basingstoke and Deane Borough does not form part of a HMA with Test Valley District acknowledging that there is a relationship between the South West of the Borough and Andover.</li> <li>No objection to the Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan</li> <li>Requested future joint working on the provision of Transit sites.</li> <li>Agreed that it would be useful to have a MOU between the two authorities on water quality issues – TVBC to draft.</li> </ul>
	*Joint evidence base – Gypsy and Traveller Study 2007 and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment 2008	2007/2008			
	Development Plans Group meeting	Every couple of months			
	Meeting with TVBC Planning Policy Officers	3 February 2011 6 March 2012 20 November 2012 18 October 2013 (with Winchester) 4 June 2014			
	Joint meeting with Winchester to discuss Zurich submission	18 October 2013			
TVBC response to BDBC Pre Submission Local Plan	Response received during the public consultation period dated 04.10.13				
TVBC response to BDBC Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan	Response received during the public consultation period				

Stakeholder	How stakeholder was engaged	When engaged?	What issues was the stakeholder engaged with	Why engaged?	Key / notable outcomes
Agreed By: Graham Smith Title: Planning Policy Manager Date: 16 September 2014					
West Berkshire Council	Meeting with AWE working group	9 November 2011 17 May 2012 15 August 2012 20 December 2012 12 December 2013	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need)  Atomic Weapon Establishment  Gypsy and Traveller sites/Transit sites  Development of local plan policies	To agree a common approach with the affected authorities to the AWE within the development of the local plan policies.  The need to take into account cross-boundary issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for Local Plan Policy SS7 – Nuclear Installations – Aldermaston and Burghfield.</li> <li>Responded to the Pre-Submission consultation seeking clarity on the housing number, SHMA and ELR – this matter remains outstanding</li> <li>Agreement that Basingstoke and Deane Borough does not form part of a HMA with West Berks District but acknowledge that there is a relationship between the North of the Borough and Newbury.</li> <li>Support for the approach taken with regards to AONB</li> </ul>
	Meeting with WBDC Planning Policy Officers	20 December 2012 12 August 2013			
	Email correspondence with planning policy officer relating to the Local Plan policy on the AWE.	Following representation received on draft Pre-submission Local Plan October 2013 – current day.			
Agreed By: Liz Alexander Title: Planning Policy Team Leader Date: 30 September 2014					
Hart District Council	Meeting with HDC Planning Policy Officers	14 October 2010 18 January 2012 8 May 2012 14 December 2012 30 January 2013 2 July 2013 7 February 2014 (G&T) 21 May 2014	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need)  Gypsy and Traveller sites/Transit Sites  Sewerage capacity  Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area  Development of local plan policies	The need to take into account cross-boundary issues.  To work in partnership on the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area and the sharing of SANGs  Consideration of Gypsy and Traveller provision on a North Hampshire basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for Local Plan Policy EM3 – Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area</li> <li>Statement of common ground between Hart District Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council enabling BDBC to use SANGS within HDC if necessary, subject to it not prejudicing the delivery of HDC's Strategy to deal with Thames Basin Heaths SPA</li> <li>Agreement that Basingstoke and Deane Borough does not form part of a HMA with Hart District but acknowledgement of the links between Basingstoke and Hook</li> <li>Ongoing joint working relating to Gypsies and Travellers.</li> <li>Continued discussions regarding an objection regarding Local Plan Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of Housing.</li> </ul>
	Email correspondence with planning policy officer	2013/2014			
	Development Plans Group meeting	Every couple of months			
	Joint working on North Hampshire Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Development Study 2010 (joint with Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council)	2010			
	Shared learning on Basingstoke GTAA	2011			
	*Joint working on Economic Growth and Employment Land Requirements in North Hampshire (2008)	2008			
	*Joint evidence base – Gypsy and Traveller Study 2007 and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment 2008	2007/2008			
Agreed By: Daniel Hawes Title: Planning Policy Manager Date: 3 September 2014					

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<b>Winchester City Council</b>	Joint evidence base – SHMA 2007	2007	Housing need and supply (Objectively assessed housing need)	The need to take into account cross-boundary issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comments on Local Plan Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of new housing</li> <li>Agreement that Basingstoke and Deane Borough does not form part of a HMA with Winchester Borough.</li> <li>Unsuccessful challenge by Zurich to the Winchester Core Strategy regarding the Micheldever Station site and refused leave to appeal this challenge.</li> <li>No objection to the Submission Local Plan</li> </ul>
	Development Plans Group meeting	Every couple of months	Development of local plan policies		
	*Joint evidence base – Gypsy and Traveler Study 2007 and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment 2008	2007/2008	Discussions regarding a legal challenge to the Winchester Core Strategy, for the non-inclusion of Micheldever Station as a housing site to meet sub-regional needs		
	Meeting with WDC Planning Policy Officers	25 January 2011 29 February 2012 18 December 2012			
	Joint meeting with Winchester to discuss Zurich submission	18 October 2013			
Agreed By: Steve Opacic Title: Head of Strategic Planning Date: 23 September 2014					
<b>Hampshire County Council</b>	Infrastructure Providers Workshop	17 July 2009	Provision of education	Statutory consultee.  To ensure the impact of development proposed in the local Plan is acceptable in highways terms.  As lead authority for flooding, education, archaeology, some facility provision etc  As landowner  Planning Authority for Minerals and Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorandum of understanding between HCC and all Hampshire authorities on infrastructure. Provision of relevant data from HCC to the borough council for transport purposes</li> <li>Development of a Basingstoke Transport model – agreed inputs and assumptions.</li> <li>Agreement of the Local Plan Transport Assessment Brief</li> <li>Regular involvement in the Transport Assessment to support the Local Plan</li> <li>Completion of an updated Transport assessment for the Local Plan</li> <li>The development of Local Plan Policy CN9 - Transport</li> <li>Inclusion of Minerals and Waste allocations shown on the Local Plan Policies Map.</li> <li>Support for Local Plan Policy EM11</li> <li>Informed parts of the evidence base including the 2009 ELR and site assessments</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EP1 – objection now withdrawn</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM2 – outstanding objection as it may impact on the delivery of the Manydown allocation and that the policy remains too prescriptive in terms of criterion j)</li> <li>Local Plan Policy SS3.1 – Swing Swang no outstanding matters.</li> <li>Local Plan Policy SS3.8 – Upper Cufaude Farm – objection now withdrawn</li> <li>On-going dialogue on Local Plan Policy</li> </ul>
	Partnership working on Saturn transport model	2010-2012	Transport modelling and infrastructure		
	Email correspondence following representations made on the Local Plan	2013/2014	Heritage/Archaeology		
	Engagement through meetings and correspondence	2012 – current day	Flooding		
	Hampshire Joint Authorities Gypsy & Traveller Panel	Quarterly – 2013 – current day	Minerals and Waste		
	Transport Policy Liaison meeting	Bi monthly	Transit sites		
	Strategic Transport Co-ordination meeting	Quarterly	Provision of libraries		
	*Joint evidence base – Gypsy and Traveller Study 2007 and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment 2008	2007/2008	Property related matters		
	Joint working on Cil related matters	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2013– PAS / CIL workshop 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 – PAS / CIL workshop 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2013 – PAS / CIL workshop 19 August 2014	Development of local plan policies		
	*Joint working on Economic Growth and Employment Land Requirements in North Hampshire (2008)	2008	Development of Community Infrastructure Levy		

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	Housing and employment monitoring – collaborative process	2006 – Current day			SS3.9 – East of Basingstoke – outstanding objection regarding the need to make provision for G&T/Travelling showpeople pitch/plots. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-going dialogue on Local Plan Policy SS3.10 – Manydown - outstanding objection regarding the need to make provision for G&amp;T/Travelling Showpeople pitch/plots.</li> <li>Direct inputs and agreement of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> <li>Identification of specific educational requirements for each Strategic Housing Allocation.</li> <li>Draft Hampshire County Council's Surface Water Management Plan</li> <li>Hampshire County Council's Local Flood Risk management Strategy (LFRMS)</li> <li>Development of joint evidence base regarding the provision, cost and delivery of educational requirements over the plan period.</li> <li>Agreement of annually published monitoring data for housing, employment and retail.</li> <li>Direct involvement in the preparation of CIL.</li> </ul>
	Regular liaison meetings in respect of education provision	2008 – current day			
Agreed By: awaiting response Title: Date:					
The Highways Agency	Sent draft documentation – Transport Assessment, Specification for consultants to undertake the work	2012/2013	Highways Junction 7 modelling	Statutory consultee. To ensure the impact of development proposed in the Local Plan is acceptable in highways terms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In principle agreement with the specification for the consultants employed for undertaking the transport model and assessment and supplied methodology which BDBC's consultants used.</li> <li>BDBC's consultants liaised with them and addressed the additional scenario request.</li> <li>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> <li>Consider the transport assessment to be robust evidence</li> <li>No objection to the Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan</li> <li>Implementation of a £10million improvement scheme at Black Dam roundabout.</li> </ul>
	On-going dialogue between officers	2012 – current day	HA asked for an additional transport scenario to be tested Development of local plan policies		
Agreed By: Nawal Atiq Title: - Date: 10 September 2014					
The Environment Agency	Partnership working on the Water Cycle Study Phase 1 and 2.	2007-2009	Flooding Water Quality	Statutory consultee.  To ensure the impact of development proposed in the local Plan is acceptable in flooding and water quality terms.  Partnership working on modelling	Support for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of new housing</li> <li>Policy SS3 – Greenfield Allocations and SS3.1 – SS3.11</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM6 – Water quality</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM7 – Managing flood</li> </ul>
	Partnership working on the SFRA	2010	Green Infrastructure		
	Meetings between BDBC officers and EA officers throughout process on the	On-going throughout the preparation of the Local Plan	Development of local plan policies		

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	development of Local plan policies, site assessment and flood ranking of sites Email correspondence Partnership working on updating modelling work in support of the Water Cycle Study	On-going throughout the preparation of the Local Plan 2014		work.	<p>risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan Policy EM9 – Sustainable water use</li> <li>Local Plan Policy CN5 – Gypsies Travellers and Travelling Showpeople</li> <li>Local Plan Policy CN6 -Infrastructure</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM1 - Landscape</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM4 – Biodiversity and Nature Conservation</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM5 – Green Infrastructure Local Plan Policy EM12 – Pollution</li> </ul> <p><b>Other outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of Water Cycle Study and, more recently, a draft memorandum of understanding to confirm the validity of the Water Cycle Study</li> <li>Completion of Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)</li> <li>Agreement over Site Assessment work and flood ranking of development sites</li> <li>Completion of more up to date modelling work</li> <li>On-going joint working on the annual monitoring of water quality and the introduction of flow monitors on the River Loddon</li> </ul>
Agreed By: Gareth Johns Title: Planning Advisor Date: 11 September 2014					
<b>English Heritage</b>	Email correspondence throughout development of Local plan policies  In particular email correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to discuss English Heritage representations on the Pre Submission and Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan</li> <li>to agree minor amendments to overcome their objections where possible.</li> <li>to agree common ground, including compliance with the NPPF</li> <li>to agree outstanding issues where the council and English Heritage</li> </ul>	On-going throughout the preparation of the Local Plan  June to September 2014	Historic environment Development of local plan policies	Statutory consultee In response to representations made on the Local Plan To agree the SA	Strong working relationship on historic environment related matters.  English Heritage support and consider the following policies, policy criteria and paragraphs of the Local Plan sound: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paragraph 1.24, 2.6, 3.6, 4.18, 4.34, 6.31, 6.74, 6.76, 6.79, 6.85, 6.86, 6.87, 6.88, 6.89, 6.91, 6.92, 6.93, 6.94, 6.95</li> <li>Policy SS3.1 criterion c) – Swing Swang Lane, Basingstoke</li> <li>Policy SS3.2 criterion c)</li> <li>Policy SS3.3 criteria c) and e) – Razor’s Farm</li> <li>Policy SS3.4 criterion f) – North of Popley Fields, Basingstoke</li> <li>Policy SS3.5 criterion d) – Overton Hill</li> <li>Policy SS3.6 criterion d) – South of Bloswood Road</li> <li>Policy SS3.8 criterion c) – Upper Cufaude Farm</li> </ul>

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	have uncommon ground (soundness concerns).				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy SS3.9 criteria e) and f) – East of Basingstoke</li> <li>• Policy CN2 criterion c) – Rural exceptions for affordable housing</li> <li>• Policy CN5 criterion b) – Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople</li> <li>• Policy EM8 paragraph 3 – Commercial renewable/ low carbon energy generation</li> <li>• Policy EM10 criteria 2 a) and 2.c) – Delivering high quality development</li> <li>• Policy EM11 – The Historic Environment</li> <li>• Policy EP3 last para – Town, district and local centres</li> <li>• Policy EP4 criterion e) – Rural economy</li> </ul> <p><b>Outstanding Local Plan issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Heritage consider that an initial programme of archaeology field evaluation is required for the Manydown site (policy SS3.10). English Heritage therefore has concern with the soundness of policy SS3.10. Although English Heritage support the amendments to policy SS3.10 criteria j) included in the Revised Pre Submission Local Plan, English Heritage consider that the criteria should be further strengthened and suggested additional text to the policy. This matter was further discussed with English Heritage between June and September 2014. The council consider that English Heritage concerns regarding the need for a field evaluation are valid, but this point is adequately addressed by the amended version of policy EM11 of the Revised Pre Submission Local Plan and its supporting text.</li> <li>• English Heritage consider policy SS3.10 criteria i) is unsound following the deletion of “by use of green buffers expecting the landscape as currently viewed from Winklebury” from the criteria in the Pre Submission Local Plan. This point was further discussed with English Heritage between June and September 2014 and the council consider that the inter-relationship between the new development and Winklebury can be explored through more detailed masterplanning, which is already required by policy SS3.10, and therefore the detailed reference to buffers is not</li> </ul>

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					<p>required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Heritage consider criterion h) of Policy SS3.10 - Manydown to be sound.</li> <li></li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Heritage is sufficiently satisfied that the Local Plan (with the exception of the allocation at Manydown – policy SS3.10) is founded on a robust, credible and justified evidence base and consistent with paragraph 157, 158 and 159 of the NPPF, and therefore English Heritage consider the Plan to be sound in these respects.</li> <li>English Heritage agree that it is not a fixed requirement that Local Plans should identify land where development would be inappropriate because of its historic significance (para 157 of the NPPF).</li> <li>The council has had regard to English Heritage guidance “Heritage and Local Plans: How to create a sound plan under the NPPF (2012)”</li> <li>Agreement that the Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal (SA) (inc. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)) meets the regulatory requirements.</li> </ul>
Agreed By: Martin Small      Title: Historic Environment Planning Adviser      Date: 20 September 2014					
<b>Natural England</b>	<p>Correspondence on each iteration of draft policies and the HRA Screening report</p> <p>Dialogue both verbally and through emails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to discuss Natural England representations on the Pre Submission and Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan</li> <li>to agree minor amendments to overcome their objections where possible.</li> <li>to agree common ground, including compliance with the NPPF</li> <li>to agree outstanding issues where the council and Natural England have uncommon ground (soundness concerns).</li> </ul>	<p>On-going throughout the preparation of the Local Plan</p> <p>June to September 2014</p>	<p>Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area</p> <p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Landscape</p> <p>Water quality</p> <p>Pollution</p> <p>Development of local plan policies</p>	<p>Statutory consultee</p> <p>To ensure Local Plan policies result no adverse impact on the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area</p> <p>To agree the SA and HRA</p>	<p>Strong working relationship on natural environment issues.</p> <p>Support for the following Local Plan policy criterion. Minor amendments were made to the policy criterion following further discussions with Natural England between July and September 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy SS3.1 biodiversity criteria h).</li> <li>Policy SS3.2 biodiversity criteria i)</li> <li>Policy SS3.3 biodiversity criteria h)</li> <li>Policy SS3.3 green infrastructure criteria j)</li> <li>Policy SS3.4 biodiversity criteria e)</li> <li>Policy SS3.5 biodiversity criteria e)</li> <li>Policy SS3.6 biodiversity criteria h)</li> <li>Policy SS3.7 biodiversity criteria d)</li> <li>Policy SS3.8 new biodiversity criteria</li> <li>Policy SS3.9 green infrastructure criteria i)</li> <li>Policy SS3.9 biodiversity criteria l)</li> <li>Policy SS3.10 biodiversity criteria k)</li> <li>Policy SS3.10 green infrastructure p)</li> <li>Policy SS3.11 biodiversity criteria e)</li> </ul>

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					<p>Support for the following Local Plan policies and paragraphs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy EM3 – Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area</li> <li>• Policy EM4 – Biodiversity, Geodiversity and Nature Conservation. Minor amendments were made to the policy and its supporting text following further discussions with Natural England between July and September 2014</li> <li>• Policy EM5 – Green Infrastructure. Minor amendments were made to the policy and its supporting text following further discussions with Natural England between July and September 2014.</li> </ul> <p>Support the minor changes made to the supporting text of policy EM12 (Pollution) following further discussions with Natural England between July and September 2014.</p> <p>Support the minor changes made to the supporting text of policy SS10 (Chineham Railway Station) following further discussions with Natural England between July and September 2014. Natural England consider that policy SS10 (Chineham Railway Station) is justified.</p> <p>As a result of these discussions and minor amendments all matters bar one raised in Natural England's representations have been addressed via modifications such that Natural England no longer advise that the plan is unsound. The one outstanding matter which Natural England is ouadvise makes the plan unsound is with regards to policy EM1 (Landscape) as there is no requirement to compensate for any residual landscape or visual impact.</p> <p><u>Outstanding Local Plan issues:</u> As a result of these discussions and minor amendments all matters bar one raised in Natural England's representations have been addressed via modifications such that Natural England no longer advise that the plan is unsound. The one outstanding matter which Natural England advise makes the plan unsound is with regards to policy EM1 (Landscape) as there is no requirement to compensate for any residual landscape or visual impact. However, Natural England support the reference to 'trees, ancient woodland and hedgerows' in criteria e) of the policy.</p>



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	and Deane, Hart, Rushmoor, Surrey Heath, Winchester, East Hampshire, Test Valley, New Forest, Woking, Guildford, Elmbridge, Spelthorne, Waverley and Runneymede.				business support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of key infrastructure for Basingstoke in the LEP's Strategic Economic Plan to support growth</li> <li>• General support for the plan particularly the employment policies in the Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan.</li> </ul>
	Hampshire Enterprise M3 local authority meeting attended by Chief Executive and Economic Development Officer from each of the Hampshire authorities	January 2014			
	Housing Sub Group meeting with all LEP authorities	June 2014			
	Enterprise M3 Board and Leaders Board meetings, with leader of BDBC represented on both groups	Both groups meet quarterly			
Agreed By: Rachel Barker Title: Project Manager - Infrastructure Date: 25 September 2014					
<b>Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Nature Partnership</b>	Correspondence with the LNP throughout development of Local plan. Meetings with partners of the LNP (Natural England and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust) in their individual organisational capacity, in relation to their representations on the Pre Submission and Revised Pre Submission version of the plan	On-going throughout the preparation of the Local Plan	Natural environment	To consider the impact of developing policies on the natural environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LNP as a partnership did not respond to the Local Plan consultants.</li> <li>• Council has made minor amendments to the 'Implementation and Monitoring' boxes for policies EM4, following discussions with LNP partners (Natural England and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust), to state that the policies will be monitored through "working in partnership with Natural England, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Nature Partnership and Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre."</li> <li>• Council has made minor amendments to the 'Implementation and Monitoring' boxes for policies EM4 and EM5, following discussions with LNP partners (Natural England and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust), to state that the policies will be monitored through "The policy will also be monitored through working in partnership with Natural England and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Nature Partnership".</li> <li>• Included LNP within the glossary of the Local Plan.</li> <li>• LNP will be able to provide the council with maps showing the borough's ecological network in the near future</li> </ul>
Agreed By: Debbie Tann Title: Date: 25 September 2014					
<b>Greater London</b>	Wider south east session on	25 June 2014	Housing need and supply	The need to take into account cross-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed that the GLA felt that it could</li> </ul>

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Authority	the Further Alterations to the London Plan		(Objectively assessed housing need)	boundary issues	meet its housing needs, and was not looking for authorities in the wider south east to meet any unmet needs of their plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To date neither we or they have commented on each other's plans</li> </ul>
All Parish Councils	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues  Neighbourhood Planning  Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan Policy SS5 – Neighbourhood Planning</li> <li>Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of new housing</li> </ul>
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
Bramley Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues  Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan  Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable  To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning</li> </ul>
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
East Woodhay Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues  Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan  Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable  To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning</li> </ul>
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
Kingsclere Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues  Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan  Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable  To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning</li> <li>Neighbourhood Plan to allocate sites to meet requirements of the Local Plan</li> </ul>
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
Oakley and Deane Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues  Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan  Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable  To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning</li> <li>Neighbourhood Plan to allocate sites to meet requirements of the Local Plan</li> </ul>
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
Overton Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and	Impact of draft Plan on local areas	To ensure the housing strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designated area for purposes of</li> </ul>
	On-going dialogue				

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	Parish Liaison meetings	share views and issues	and issues Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan Development of local plan policies	within the Local Plan is deliverable To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	Neighbourhood Planning • Neighbourhood Plan to allocate sites to meet requirements of the Local Plan
Sherbourne St John Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	• Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
Sherfield-on-Loddon Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	• Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
St Mary Bourne Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	• Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
Whitchurch Town Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	• Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning • Neighbourhood Plan to allocate sites to meet requirements of the Local Plan
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
Wootton St Lawrence Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	• Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				

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Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues  Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan  Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable  To progress the Neighbourhood Plan for the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning</li> </ul>
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
Highclere Parish Council	Meetings	Throughout the plan process to inform and share views and issues	Impact of draft Plan on local areas and issues  Neighbourhood Planning – designation of area, preparation of neighbourhood plan  Development of local plan policies	To ensure the housing strategy within the Local Plan is deliverable  To designate an area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designated area for purposes of Neighbourhood Planning</li> </ul>
	On-going dialogue				
	Parish Liaison meetings				
The Office for Nuclear Regulation	Meeting with AWE working group	21 May 2008 9 November 2011 17 May 2012 15 August 2012 12 December 2013	Atopic Weapons Establishment  Development of local plan policies	Statutory consultee.  To agree a common approach with the affected authorities to the AWE within the development of the local plan policies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed approach regarding planning in and around the Nuclear Installations in Wokingham and West Berkshire which led to the development of Policy SS7 – Nuclear Installations – Aldermaston and Burghfield.</li> </ul>
South East Water	SEW EFG meetings	Quarterly since 2012	Water supply  Water quality  Development of local plan policies	To ensure the water needs as a result of the Local Plan can be adequately met in the borough, including Basingstoke	Support for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of new housing</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM6 – Water quality</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM7 – Managing flood risk</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM9 – Sustainable water use</li> <li>Local Plan Policy CN6 – Infrastructure</li> <li>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> </ul> Other outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South East Water's Water Resource Management Plan</li> </ul>
	Email correspondence following representation received on Pre-Submission LP	2013/2014			
Agreed By: Gemma Avery Title: Water Resources Planner Demand Forecast Date: 23 September 2014					
Thames Water	Infrastructure Providers Workshop	17 July 2009	Sewerage capacity  Water quality  Odour  Development of local plan policies	To ensure the sewerage needs as a result of the Local Plan can be adequately met in the eastern part of the borough, including Basingstoke	Support for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of new housing</li> <li>Local Plan Policy SS3 – Greenfield Allocations and SS3.1 – SS3.11</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM6 – Water quality</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM7 – Managing flood risk</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM9 – Sustainable water use</li> <li>Local Plan Policy CN5 - Infrastructure</li> <li>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> </ul>
	Email correspondence following representation received on Pre-Submission LP	November-December 2013			
	Meeting	2013			

Stakeholder	How stakeholder was engaged	When engaged?	What issues was the stakeholder engaged with	Why engaged?	Key / notable outcomes
Agreed By: Mark Matthews Title: Town Planning Manager Date: 23 September 2014					
Southern Water	Infrastructure Providers Workshop	17 July 2009	Water supply	To ensure the water and sewerage needs as a result of the Local Plan can be adequately met in the western part of the borough including Overton and Whitchurch	Support for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan Policy CN6 - Infrastructure</li> <li>Local Plan Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of new housing</li> <li>Local Plan Policy SS3 – Greenfield Allocations and SS3.1 – SS3.11</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM6 – Water quality</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM7 – Managing flood risk</li> <li>Local Plan Policy EM9 – Sustainable water use</li> <li>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> </ul>
	Correspondence / exchange of emails	April 2011, October 2011, May 2011, January 2013, May 2013, June 2014	Water quality Sewerage capacity		
Agreed By: awaiting response Title: Date:					
Primary Care Trusts / Basingstoke and North Hants Foundation Trust	Infrastructure Providers Workshop	17 July 2009	Healthcare facilities	To ensure the healthcare needs as a result of the Local Plan can be adequately met.	Information fed into the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> <li>Local Plan Policy CN6 –Infrastructure</li> <li>Local Plan Policy CN8 – Community, Leisure and Cultural facilities.</li> <li>Site specific policies SS3.1-SS3.11</li> </ul>
	Correspondence / exchange of emails	April 2011, October 2011, May 2011, January 2013, May 2013			
Hampshire Fire and Rescue	Infrastructure Providers Workshop	17 July 2009	Emergency service provision	To ensure the provision of emergency services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information fed into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> </ul>
Hampshire Constabulary	Infrastructure Providers Workshop	17 July 2009	Emergency service provision	To ensure the provision of emergency services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information fed into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> </ul>
First Great Western	Correspondence / exchange of emails	April 2011, November 2011	Provision of public transport	To ensure that development can be served by public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information fed into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> </ul>
South West Trains	Correspondence / exchange of emails	April 2011, November 2011	Provision of public transport	To ensure that development can be served by public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information fed into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> </ul>
Network Rail	Correspondence / exchange of emails	April 2011, November 2011	Provision of public transport	To ensure that development can be served by public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information fed into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> </ul>
Stagecoach	Infrastructure Providers Workshop	17 July 2009	Provision of public transport	To ensure that development can be served by public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information fed into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> </ul>
Homes and Communities Agency (HCA)	CIL and Affordable Housing Viability Development Industry Workshop	19 May 2013 On-going partnership working for the delivery of affordable housing	Housing	To ensure that the policies in the Local Plan are viable and deliverable Affordable housing provision and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of Viability Assessment</li> <li>Programme of regeneration projects supporting Local Plan Policy SS2 – Regeneration</li> </ul>

Stakeholder	How stakeholder was engaged	When engaged?	What issues was the stakeholder engaged with	Why engaged?	Key / notable outcomes
				delivery Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fed into Local Plan Policy CN3 – Market Housing</li> <li>Funding secured for Empty Homes, Empty Spaces.</li> </ul>
<b>Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)</b>	CIL and Affordable Housing Viability Development Industry Workshop	19 May 2013	Housing	To ensure that the policies in the Local Plan are viable and deliverable  Affordable housing provision and delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of Viability Assessment</li> <li>Local Plan Policy SS2 - Regeneration</li> </ul>

\*This demonstrates historic cooperation whereby the findings have been superseded by more recent work/collaboration and therefore this cooperation has not directly influenced the Submission Local Plan.

## 5.0 Evidence base

5.1 Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has collaborated extensively on cross boundary issues through the production of evidence base studies to inform the development of the Local Plan at its various stages. A number of these studies were carried out jointly with or had input from neighbouring authorities or statutory bodies. The following table provides a summary of the evidence base work and the organisations involved. More detail on the substance of the co-operation and its influence on the Local Plan is set out below:

Document	Other organisations involved
Water Cycle Study Phases 1 and 2 (2007-2009)	The Environment Agency, Hampshire County Council, Thames Water, Southern Water, Natural England, South East Water
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2010	The Environment Agency and all local water companies.
Draft Surface Water Management Plan 2013	Hampshire County Council and the Environment Agency
Economic Growth and Employment Land Requirements in North Hampshire 2008	HCC, Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council
Employment Land Review 2009 and 2014	Input from Commercial Agents including representations from the LEP
Commercial Property Market Study 2013 (LEP)	Hampshire County Council, all Hampshire local authorities
Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2007	Winchester, East Hampshire, Test Valley and New Forest districts
Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2014	Input from Hampshire Authorities regarding affordable housing
Hotel Study 2008 and 2013	Hampshire County Council, Tourism South East
North Hampshire Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Development Study 2010	Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council
Habitats Regulation Assessment	Natural England
Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2014	Service/infrastructure providers
Site Assessment 2014	Utility companies, EA, HCC and other key bodies
Sustainability Appraisal 2014	Utility companies, EA, HCC and other key bodies
Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2008 (and 2012 update)	Hampshire Local Planning Authorities and the Isle of Wight
Leisure and Recreation Needs Assessment 2008	Sport England
Transport Assessment 2014	HCC, HA
Viability Assessment 2013	HCA, RSLs, developers, planning agents, land surveyors
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2014	Land owners, developers, registered social landlords, planning agents, HBF

- 5.2 It is anticipated that where opportunities arise, joint commissioning of evidence base work will continue.

### **Water Cycle Study**

- 5.3 In 2007 and 2009, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council commissioned consultants to produce phase 1 and phase 2 Water Cycle Study.
- 5.4 Phases 1 and 2 of the Study were overseen by a Steering Group which comprised representatives of the following organisations:
- Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
  - The Environment Agency
  - Hampshire County Council
  - Thames Water
  - Southern Water
  - Natural England
  - South East Water
- 5.5 The purpose of the study was to better understand the relationship between development and the water environment around Basingstoke, by examining the potential impacts of future growth on three main aspects of the water cycle:
- Water Resources - potential increased demand for water and the infrastructure requirements to distribute it
  - Water Quality - potential increased generation of sewerage and other wastewater, requiring collection and treatment systems and the potential increased risk to the quality of the water environment including its ecology
  - Flood Risk - potential increase in wastewater or surface water run-off which could increase the risk of flooding.
- 5.6 The results of the study have informed the site assessment and sustainability appraisal as well as specific policies including policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of New Housing, Policy SS3 –Greenfield Site Allocations, Policy SS3.1-SS3.11 – Site specific policies, SS4 – Ensuring a supply of deliverable sites, Policy CN6 – Infrastructure, Policy EM6 – Water Quality and Policy EM9 – Sustainable Water use.

### **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment**

- 5.7 In 2009, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council commissioned consultants to produce a level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) in accordance with Planning Policy Statement 25 (PPS 25). This was reviewed in 2012 following the publication of the NPPF, and was deemed compliant. Officers from the Borough Council and the Environment Agency formed a steering group to oversee the project.
- 5.8 The results of the study have informed the site assessment, sustainability appraisals and a number of policies. These are Policy SS3 – Greenfield Site Allocations, SS3.1-SS3.11 Site specific policies, Policy CN6 – Infrastructure, Policy EM6 – Water Quality and Policy EM7 – Managing Flood Risk

### **Draft Surface Water Management Plan**

- 5.9 The County Council is currently preparing a Surface Water Management Plan for Basingstoke and Deane Borough (SWMP). A SWMP outlines the surface water

management strategy in the borough. It takes into account the risks posed by surface water flooding, including agreement about who will do what to better manage these risks. It also sets out what will be done and when and identifies how it will be paid for. Work on the SWMP is being co-ordinated by a steering group. The steering group includes representatives from the borough council and other partners. Work to date has been used to inform Policy EM7 – Managing Flood Risk

### **Economic Growth and Employment Land Requirement in North Hampshire 2008 and Employment Land Review 2009 and 2014**

- 5.10 The following three pieces of evidence have been produced to support the development of each stage of the Local Plan:
- Basingstoke and Deane Employment Land Review (2009)
  - Economic Growth and Employment Land Requirements in North Hampshire (2008)
  - Basingstoke and Deane Employment Land Review (2014)
- 5.11 These studies have built upon shared data with HCC and input from commercial agents to ensure that current economic circumstances are reflected and the future economic strategy reflects key issues moving forward. The results of the latest study (ELR 2014) have informed Policies EP1, EP2, and EP3 as well as the overall economic strategy in the Local Plan.

### **Commercial Property Market Study 2013 (LEP)**

- 5.12 This study was undertaken by researchers at Propernomics Ltd and Hampshire County Council on behalf of Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership, in conjunction with local authorities and members of the Enterprise M3 Land & Property Group. The purpose of the study was to develop a robust commercial property evidence base for the Enterprise M3 LEP as it sought to engage with and influence planning and economic policy and delivery in the area. It builds upon the work of the former Hampshire Economic Partnership Investment, Land and Property Group (ILPG) which was responsible for the employment land Site Assessment Study and other property market analysis. This study fed into the ELR 2014.

### **Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2007 and Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2014**

- 5.13 The SHMA 2007 was commissioned by five local authorities, with Basingstoke and Deane being the lead partner:
- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
  - Winchester City Council
  - East Hampshire District Council
  - Test Valley Borough Council
  - New Forest District Council, with Basingstoke as lead partner.
- 5.14 The aims of the SHMA were to:
- understand the housing market
  - inform the Housing Strategy
  - inform the Local Plan

- 5.15 This has subsequently been superseded by the SHMA 2014 which reviewed the findings of the previous study. All Hampshire authorities shared information with the council concerning the need for affordable housing to inform the latest study.
- 5.16 The results of the latest SHMA 2014 have informed Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of New Housing, Policy CN1 – Affordable Housing, Policy CN2 – Rural Exceptions for affordable housing, Policy CN3 - .Housing mix for market housing and Policy CN4 – Housing for older people/specialist housing.

### **Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**

- 5.17 The first draft of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) was prepared in 2008, which followed a call for sites in May and October 2007 with public land owners, developers, registered social landlords and agents, after which followed a stakeholder workshop in November 2007 to consider issues linked to the preparation of the SHLAA. This was attended by a range of developers, planning consultants, agents and the Home Builders Federation. Public consultation was subsequently undertaken in 2008, which was followed by a detailed scrutiny process by Borough Councillors and further public consultation in 2010. The SHLAA has since been updated on an annual basis as part of the annual housing monitoring process and the most recent SHLAA was published in September 2014 (Version 9).
- 5.18 This has informed the site assessment and sustainability appraisal and informed Policy SS1 – Scale and Distribution of New Housing, SS3 – Greenfield Site Allocations, Policy SS3.1-SS3.11 – site specific policies and Policy SS5 – Neighbourhood Planning.

### **Hotel Study**

- 5.19 Two studies (2008 and 2013) have been undertaken in conjunction with Hampshire County Council and Tourism South East to:
- provide a detailed evidence base to inform the Local Plan
  - provide recommendations on policy formulation, locational strategy and inward investment activity
  - support hotel investment decisions and marketing.

The findings of this study have informed Policy EP3.

### **North Hampshire Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Development Study**

- 5.20 The study was conducted by AECOM on behalf of the North Hampshire Authorities of Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor to better inform the technical potential, viability and deliverability of various renewable energy and low carbon options to inform each authority's Local Plan. The results of the study have informed Policy EM8.

### **Habitats Regulation Assessment**

- 5.21 The borough Council in conjunction with Natural England has undertaken a Habitats Regulation Assessment which has been updated at each relevant stage of the plan process. This evidence base provides an understanding of the implications that new development within the borough will have, in combination with other plans and strategies on the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area and suggests possible mitigation strategies, such as the provision of Sites of Alternative Natural

Greenspace (SANG) and other measures which can be delivered with financial contributions. The result of this study has been used to inform Policy EM3.

### **Infrastructure Delivery Plan**

- 5.22 The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) sets out the critical infrastructure required to support the new Basingstoke and Deane Borough Local Plan, quantifying where possible, responsibilities for delivery, timing for provision, means of funding and delivery. To achieve this, the IDP required a significant amount of dialogue and close co-operation between a wide range of both public and private sector infrastructure providers, to ensure full consideration of the delivery of all key social, environmental and social infrastructure.
- 5.23 The IDP also has a longer term role to provide a 'live infrastructure framework' that will enable the council and its key infrastructure partners to monitor infrastructure delivery and land use development through the implementation of the plan and provide a basis for monitoring. The IDP will function as a business plan for infrastructure planning and delivery, and it is intended to prepare regular updates over the plan period. The results of the study have informed Policy CN6.

### **Site Assessment**

- 5.24 Housing site assessments have been undertaken in respect of the Category One sites in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), in order to inform decisions on the suggested sites for allocation in the emerging Local Plan. On-going dialogue with key bodies has helped to inform these assessments. The most recent site assessment was published in March 2014.
- 5.25 The results of this work have informed the site selection process which resulted in the sites which are proposed for allocation in Policy SS3 and the site specific criteria in Policies SS3.1-SS3.11. This work has also informed the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Local Plan Policy CN6 – Infrastructure.

### **Sustainability Appraisal**

- 5.26 The Local Plan has been supported by the production of Sustainability Appraisals (SA) at each iteration of the plan. It also incorporates the requirements for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The SA has informed the evaluation of alternatives and ensures that the plan takes forward the most appropriate strategy given reasonable alternatives.
- 5.27 The results of the SA have informed all aspects of the Local Plan, including the overall strategy, site allocations and the policies it contains.

### **Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2008**

- 5.28 In 2006, Hampshire County Council commissioned a study of the accommodation needs and aspirations of Gypsies and Travellers housed or living on authorised or unauthorised sites across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. A separate Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment was carried out for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in March 2008. The GTAA for Basingstoke and Deane only was updated in 2012 and has helped to inform the policies contained in the Local Plan.

### **Leisure and Recreation Needs Assessment 2008**

- 5.29 The Leisure and Recreation Needs Assessment was completed in January 2009. The assessment has formed a framework for establishing the borough's future approach to open space, sport and recreation and is, therefore, key to the creation of liveable, attractive and healthy communities in the borough. It provides clarity on existing provision and the long term needs of the area identifies gaps in provision and suggests policy approaches to address existing deficiencies.
- 5.30 To achieve this, the assessment required a significant amount of dialogue and close co-operation between a wide range of both public and private sector organisations. The results of the study have informed site policies SS3.1-SS3.11, Policy SS9 – Leisure Park, Policy CN7 – Essential Facilities and Services, Policy CN8 – Community, Leisure and Cultural Facilities and Policy EM5 – Green Infrastructure.

### **Transport Assessment**

- 5.31 Parsons Brinckerhoff has been commissioned to undertake Transport Assessments (TA) to support the preparation of the Local Plan. The assessments have been undertaken using a spreadsheet model which considers traffic flows on the Basingstoke network. The current model considers a base year of 2012 and three forecasting years 2019, 2024 and 2029, covering both the AM and PM peak periods.
- 5.32 Both Hampshire County Council (HCC) and the HA were involved in the construction of the model. This work has informed the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Local Plan Policy SS3.1-SS3.11 – Site specific policies, Policy CN6 – Infrastructure and Policy CN9 - Transport.

### **Viability Assessment**

- 5.33 A Viability Assessment was undertaken of the draft Local Plan, in order to inform policy development in respect of affordable housing (Policy CN1), and ensure that the plan is deliverable, taking into account the requirements of the various policies contained within it. This has also been used to inform the preparation of the Borough's Preliminary Draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule. This was undertaken by consultants on behalf of the Borough Council and included two developer's workshop, in order to ensure that all of the various assumptions around build costs are factored in as required. These included representatives of the house-building industry, planning agents, land surveyors, local housing associations and the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), in addition to commercial property agents to a non-residential focused workshop. In addition, extensive engagement and consultation was undertaken with the local housing associations and the HCA, in order to ensure that the appropriate unit size and rent levels (amongst other things) were factored in to the calculations to inform policy development and the resulting CIL levels.

## 6.0 Outcomes from Co-operation and way ahead

- 6.1 Basingstoke and Deane Council has demonstrated a high level of co-operation and collaboration with other authorities and public bodies in the preparation of the Local Plan. In particular, it has participated in a number of joint projects with other authorities on key evidence base documents and has worked closely with key infrastructure providers to ensure that the Local Plan will deliver infrastructure as required. This work has led to key outcomes which are detailed in this statement.
- 6.2 This approach has resulted in a robust and sound evidence base for the Local Plan, which is reflected in the support the Local Plan has received from statutory bodies featured in this document. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are holding on-going discussions with neighbouring authorities to understand any concerns they might have. Where ongoing dialogue is happening on a specific issue this is identified in section 4 of this report. There have been no objections made to the Local Plan with regards to the Duty to Cooperate from the partners named in this statement.
- 6.3 In relation to future co-operation, the council will continue to work closely with neighbouring authorities, and those in the wider region and LEP area, on all strategic planning matters and will continue to collaborate with infrastructure providers in the borough, particularly through the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

## 7.0 Future Partnership working


- 7.1 Following the Examination and adoption of the Local Plan, there will remain a need to maintain co-operation and collaboration with others, both those named within the Localism Act and wider bodies with a statutory or other key role in implementation, to deliver the Strategy.
- 7.2 The requirement to consult widely through the various stages of plan preparation (front-loading) and the need to fulfill the Duty to Co-operate has helped to build a good understanding of key issues and good working relationships with local authorities, other prescribed bodies and other parties key to the successful delivery of the strategy. It is important that this momentum is not lost. On-going processes which will require continuing co-operation include:
- The Community Infrastructure Levy;
  - The Infrastructure Delivery Plan;
  - Master planning work for the Strategic Housing Allocations
  - Neighbourhood planning process.
  - Delivering affordable housing

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