



Havant
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Local Development Scheme

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Background

1. This Local Development Scheme came into effect on 30th January 2019. It sets out the timetable for the production of the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036.
2. Currently, the development plan is comprises:
 - The Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) (2011);
 - The Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) (2014);
 - The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan¹ (2013).
3. There is currently no intention to review the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan. As such, following the adoption of the Local Plan 2036, the development plan will comprise:
 - The Havant Borough Local Plan 2036; and
 - The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan² (2013).
4. The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), of which Havant Borough Council is a part, published a Spatial Position Statement³ on 7th June 2016. This sets out an ambitious programme for the development and growth of South Hampshire into the future.
5. A new local plan needs to be prepared to:
 - Make sure that the Borough continues to positively plan for its future;
 - Have an up-to-date Local Plan that is in compliance with the 2018 National Planning Policy Framework;
 - Provide a policy framework so that decisions regarding new development can continue to be taken locally;
 - Address the need for development in the Borough up to 2036;

The proposed solution

6. Local Plans remain at the core of the Governments planning system. In July 2015, the Communities Secretary commented that *“The Government Accords great importance to authorities getting up-to-date Local Plans in place and to supporting them in doing so as a priority.”*⁴
7. Local Plans:
 - Provide a measure of certainty that developers and investors will welcome as an initiative to provide economic stimulus;
 - Provide local communities with a clear picture of what and where development is needed, and an opportunity to engage in formulating decisions;
 - Enable the Council to mediate competing uses of limited land for the long terms benefit of shaping development of the Borough;
 - Are recognised in the Council’s Corporate Strategy_{as} being a leading policy framework, important for the future prosperity of the Borough;

¹ More detail about the plan can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/planning-policy-home.htm>.

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³ See www.push.gov.uk for further details.

⁴ Letter from Rt Hon Greg Clark MP to Chief Executive of the Planning Inspectorate

- Are given high priority by Government who accord great importance to authorities developing and maintaining up-to-date Local Plans in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
8. It is considered a priority for the Council to continue having an up-to-date Local Plan in place to shape future development of the Borough. The key development since the adoption of the Allocations Plan in 2014 is the change in how housing need is calculated. As such, the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 is needed in order to consider which sites should be used to continue positively planning for the future and to meet new development requirements.
 9. The Local Plan Housing Statement was adopted by the Council on 7th December 2016. A great deal of background evidence was prepared to inform the Housing Statement and this will feed into the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036.

Evidence base

10. The Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 should be informed by a clear evidence base. The level of evidence should be proportionate and should be produced efficiently. Evidence base studies are published on the Council's website when complete.
11. The plan will also be informed by Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Integrated Impact Assessment in line with regulatory requirements. The plan will be iteratively informed by these assessments to create the most sustainable plan.
12. When studies are complete, they will be published on the Local Plan website at www.havant.gov.uk/localplan.
13. A key issue raised during the consultation on the Draft Local Plan Housing Statement was the capacity of the Borough's infrastructure networks. As such, the Council are considering this thoroughly in the development of the Local Plan.

Consultation and engagement

14. It is vital to engage stakeholders at all levels as much as possible in the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 in line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement, which is available on the Council's website. The Local Plan Housing Statement was subject to public consultation during its preparation in 2016 and the same will be true of the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036.
15. Two key stages of formal consultation are proposed. The first will be consultation on a Draft Havant Borough Local Plan 2036. The second is the pre-submission consultation.
16. Engagement and consultation will not be limited to the formal consultation periods. Extensive informal engagement with key stakeholders will take place as the evidence base and the plan evolves. This has included Master Planning Design Workshops for the Southleigh strategic site. The preferred masterplan has informed the Draft Local Plan. Along with the junction feasibility study, this will inform a Supplementary Planning Document which will set out the masterplan for the site.
17. Following the pre-submission consultation, the plan must then be submitted to the Secretary of State. They will then hold an independent Examination of the Plan to make sure that it is sound and legally compliant. During the Examination, there will likely be further opportunities for engagement including the submission of written statements and/or appearing at hearing sessions and debating the issues which the plan raises directly with the Inspector, the Council and other parties.

Supplementary planning documents

19. Supplementary Planning Documents provide further useful detail on the policies in the Local Plan for use to help applicants make successful applications or to aid infrastructure delivery, and should not be used to add unnecessarily to the financial burdens on development cost. Detail of the timetable for the master-plan SPD is included in the timetable above.

