

# Local Development Scheme

June 2016



# Background

- 1.1 This Local Development Scheme came into effect on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016. It sets out the timetable for the revision of Havant's Local Plan.
- 1.2 The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), of which Havant Borough Council is a part, published a Spatial Position Statement<sup>1</sup> on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016. This builds on the 2016 Objectively-Assessed Housing Need Update together with the Economic and Employment Land Evidence Base Paper. The Position Statement sets out an ambitious programme for the development and growth of South Hampshire into the future.
- 1.3 The Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy and Allocations)<sup>2</sup> was adopted in 2014. However a new local plan should be prepared in order to address:
  - A growth in the need for new housing both in South Hampshire generally and specifically within Havant Borough
  - Extending the plan period up to 2036 in line with the objectively assessed housing need
  - The need to reflect Government targets relating to driving forward development on brownfield land through the use of Permissions in Principle or other means
  - Reflecting the forthcoming definitive Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP) mitigation strategy to ensure that there is no effect on the Solent Special Protection Areas due to increased recreational pressure from new development
  - Increased connectivity from the borough to London following the opening of the Hindhead Tunnel

# The proposed solution

- 1.4 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".
- 1.5 Local Plans:
  - Provide a measure of certainty that developers and investors will welcome and so will provide economic stimulus.
  - Provide local communities with a clear picture of what development is needed, where is most suitable for development and an opportunity to engage in the decisions which need to be made.

- Enable the Borough Council to mediate the competing uses of the limited land in the borough for the long terms benefit of shaping the whole area.
- Are recognised as being at the head of the policy framework important for the future of the borough in the council's Corporate Strategy
- *'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'* (Greg Clark July 2015).

- 1.6 It is considered a priority for the Borough Council to continue having an up-to-date Local Plan in place to drive the future development of the borough in the years to come. The key development since the adoption of the Allocations Plan in 2014 is the publication of evidence showing a sizeable increase in the borough's need for new housing. This is contained in the South Hampshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment, which was updated in 2016, following the publication of the 2012 sub-national population projections. This shows a need for 11,250 new homes per year within the borough from 2011 up to 2036. As such, the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 is needed in order to consider which sites should be used to meet this step change in the need for new housing.
- 1.7 Nonetheless, the Adopted Local Plan was considered to be compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Allocations Plan contained a number of new policies to ensure this. As such, an expedient review of the Adopted Local Plan will take place which reviews only those aspects of the plan which are considered necessary. Policies which are considered fit for purpose will be carried over. The Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 will apply to all of Havant Borough<sup>3</sup> and will not be the subject of any joint committee arrangements.
- 1.8 It is acknowledged that given the high housing need it would be pragmatic to clarify the Borough Council's position regarding how this will be considered through the development management process up to the adoption of the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036. As such, the borough council is preparing the Havant Local Plan Housing Statement. This will act as an interim statement regarding housing delivery in the borough. It will be subject to the same statutory assessments as a Local Plan and will be subject to consultation and adoption by the borough council.

See [www.push.gov.uk](http://www.push.gov.uk) for further details. Hereafter referred to as the Adopted Local Plan

## Consultation

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<sup>3</sup> A map of the borough is available at [http://www3.hants.gov.uk/havant\\_ward\\_boundaries2007.pdf](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/havant_ward_boundaries2007.pdf).

- 1.9 It is vital to engage stakeholders at all levels as much as possible in the Local Plan 2036 in line with the borough council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement<sup>4</sup>. However realistically we must bear in mind that options for future development in the borough are limited. It would be poor practice to consult stakeholders on options which do not realistically exist.
- 1.10 The Local Plan Housing Statement will be subject to consultation. As part of this, stakeholders will also be consulted on the subject matter of the Local Plan 2036 and the extent to which the Adopted Local Plan requires updating.
- 1.11 Following the conclusion of this consultation, the responses relating to the Local Plan Housing Statement will be considered and a revised Statement, incorporating any necessary changes, will be considered by the borough council for adoption.
- 1.12 The Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 pre-submission draft will then be prepared. This will be subject to further consultation, where stakeholder's representation rights are limited to comment on legal compliance or within strict 'soundness' tests. Following this, the plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State for an independent examination, in line with the necessary regulations.

## Timetable

- 1.13 The proposed timetable aims to achieve adoption of the Local Plan 2036 in early 2018. A more detailed plan production timetable is set out below.

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.havant.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/planning-services/statement-of-community-involvement>

|  | 2016 |    |    |    | 2017 |    |    |    | 2018 |
|--|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|
|  | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   |
| <b>Evidence base</b>                               |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| Development of evidence base to support the plan   |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| <b>Local Plan Housing Statement</b>                |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| Consultation on draft Local Plan Housing Statement |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| Adoption of Local Plan Housing Statement           |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| <b>Havant Borough Local Plan 2036</b>              |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| Consultation on the contents of the plan           |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| Pre-submission consultation                        |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| Submission to the Secretary of State               |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| Examination  |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| Receipt of Inspector's report                      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |
| Adoption of the plan                               |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |

## The development plan for the borough

1.14 Currently, the development plan is comprised of

- The Adopted Local Plan and
- The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan<sup>5</sup> (2013).

1.15 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 be comprised of:

- The Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 and
- The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan<sup>6</sup> (2013).

## Supplementary Planning Documents

1.16 Supplementary Planning Documents provide further useful detail on the policies in the Local Plan and can be extremely useful in ensuring that the policies in the Local Plan are applied clearly and consistently. The document list above and the timetable in appendix 1 do not include SPDs in order to maintain flexibility.

<sup>5</sup> More detail about the plan can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/planning-policy-home.htm>.

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