

GAS

EXISTING PROVISION

In relation to existing gas infrastructure it is preferable to spread development around the Borough rather than concentrating it at a few locations. For technical reasons development in North Hayling is preferred although there appears to be potential for the development of 500 -1000 dwellings in South Hayling but investment in improving infrastructure would be required. In general development on the mainland is supported but some reinforcements to the system may be required.

A high pressure gas main crosses greenfield areas 2 (A3M corridor between Havant and Waterlooville), 5 (southern slopes of Portsdown Hill), 6 (Broadmarsh) and 7 (countryside between Havant and Emsworth). This is a major constraint since it cannot be rerouted and because it is protected by a 140 metre (minimum) wide 'planning easement'. For security reasons the routing of the high pressure gas main cannot be published.

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

The routing of the gas main combined with 'sites of importance for nature conservation' restrict development potential in the A3M corridor between Havant and Waterlooville and on the southern slopes of Portsdown Hill. The development potential which could be considered in the A3 M corridor is likely to be confined to rounding off the existing built up area due to the gas main constraint. Development potential on the southern slopes of Portsdown Hill is likely to be limited because of the Campdown and golf course policy areas (HBDWLP policies R3 and R4).

In area 6 (Broadmarsh) the high pressure gas main does not appear to constrain development along the coast and in Farlington but the implications need to be considered when assessing the potential number of dwellings.

The gasholders at Bedhampton and West Leigh are both required as part of the long-term storage plan and the sites will therefore not be available for alternative development.