

Local Development Scheme

December 2017



Background

1. This Local Development Scheme came into effect on 18th December 2017. 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 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;
 - Reflect the forthcoming definitive Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP) mitigation strategy to avoid detrimental effect on the Solent Special Protection Areas due to increased recreational pressure from new development

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;

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

- 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;
 - 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 drive future development of the Borough. The key development since the adoption of the Allocations Plan in 2014 is the publication of new data showing the need for development up to 2036. 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. It is intended that the Havant Borough Local Plan will be informed by the following evidence base studies:

Housing
PUSH Strategic Housing Market Assessment (and 2016 update)
PUSH Spatial Position Statement
Housing Constraints and Supply Analysis
Specialist Housing Delivery Assessment (Covering aspects including elderly care, self-build & starter homes)
Windfall Analysis update
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople accommodation assessment
Economic Development
Solent Strategic Economic Plan
PUSH Economic and Employment Land Evidence Base Paper
Employment Land Review
Town Centres Study
Infrastructure
Infrastructure Delivery Plan (see section below)
Transport Assessment

Hayling Island Transport Analysis
Heat Network Feasibility Study for the Civic Campus
Playing Pitch Strategy and Open Space assessment
Southleigh junction feasibility study
Hayling Island Highway and Transport Infrastructure Assessment
Environmental
Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy update
Landscape Capacity Study
Site screenings
PUSH Integrated Water Management Strategy
PUSH Air Quality Assessment
Havant Borough Biodiversity Assessment
Other
Whole Plan Viability Assessment
Healthy Borough Assessment

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. It is anticipated that all of the studies will be published prior to the consultation on the Draft Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 in Q4 2017 (see below).
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.
14. The specific challenges facing Hayling Island mostly emerge from the simple fact that it is an island. This presents a number of challenges, not least of which its single permanent access to the mainland. As a result, the Council has set up a scrutiny panel to fully explore the infrastructure issues facing the island. This group includes key infrastructure providers, most notably Hampshire County Council as highways authority. It also has significant community representation to provide on the ground advice regarding infrastructure capacity on Hayling Island and its links to the mainland.

Consultation and engagement

15. 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 adopted Statement of Community Involvement⁵. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.

Timetable

19. The proposed timetable aims to achieve adoption of the Local Plan 2036 in summer 2019. A more detailed plan production timetable is set out below. Opportunities for formal consultation and engagement are marked by a star. The formal consultation period would not take place across the entire period highlighted but would be within that period.
20. It should be noted that timings may need to alter depending on the outcome of the Consultation on the Draft Local Plan and whether new or updated evidence base is needed.

	2017				2018				2019		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Evidence base											
Development of evidence base	■				■						
MDC sessions for the Denvilles-Emsworth site	★										
Draft Havant Borough Local Plan 2036											
Preparation of draft Local Plan	■										
Consultation on the Draft Local Plan					★						
Consideration of the consultation comments					■						
Pre-submission Havant Borough Local Plan 2036											
Preparation of the pre-submission Local Plan						■					

⁵ <http://www.havant.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/planning-services/statement-of-community-involvement>

	2017				2018				2019		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Pre-submission consultation											
Examination											
Submission of the plan to the Secretary of State											
Examination hearing sessions											
Receipt of Inspector's report and adoption											

Supplementary planning documents

- 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.

