

# Havant Borough Local Plan 2036: How to respond to the Pre-submission consultation

Havant Borough Council has published the Pre-Submission Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 for public consultation. This follows approval of the Plan at Full Council on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

The Pre-Submission Local Plan is the version of the Plan which the Council considers to be 'sound' having taken on-board extensive research, before it is formally submitted for examination. It takes account of the comments made during previous consultations to date and takes many of the suggested changes on board.

The Local Plan covers all of Havant Borough and sets out how the Borough's development needs will be met in a sustainable way. It includes a long-term vision and strategic priorities, a development strategy, together with thematic and development management planning policies. It identifies key projects which will deliver significant, comprehensive development and are crucial to achieving the vision, as well as allocating other smaller sites for housing and/or commercial uses.

## **The Pre-submission consultation and other consultations we are running at the same time**

This leaflet sets out how you can respond to the consultation on the Pre-submission Local Plan and make your views known to the Inspector who will be undertaking the examination of the plan<sup>1</sup>. Stakeholders are invited to submit representations on the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 Pre-Submission Draft for a period of six weeks, from Monday 4 February to 5:00pm on Monday 18 March 2019.

At the same time, the Council is running a number of other planning consultations. These are reviews of published documents needed as a result of the new Local Plan.

- The Draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule
- The Local List of validation requirements
- The Statement of Community Involvement
- A review of the Old Bedhampton Conservation Area
- A review of how we'll consider parking for residential developments in town centres in our Parking Supplementary Planning Document

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<sup>1</sup> This leaflet constitutes the Council's Statement of Representations Procedure, as required by Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations.

## Where to view the consultation material

During the consultation, the Pre-Submission Local Plan and all of the supporting material is available on our website at [www.havant.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.havant.gov.uk/localplan).

Alternatively, if you do not have access to the internet, you can come to the Public Service Plaza (see address below) from Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 5:00pm to see copies of all of the material.

## How to submit your comments

### Pre-Submission Local Plan

For the Pre-Submission Local Plan, the Government requires that comments are made in a certain way. The Council has prepared a form designed to help you with this, together with a guidance note which provides an explanation of the form and a completed example. You can access these documents at: [www.havant.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.havant.gov.uk/localplan).

Your comments **MUST** be received by **5pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019** and you **MUST** submit them using the prescribed form. Response forms are available to download as an interactive PDF document at [www.havant.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.havant.gov.uk/localplan). Alternatively, paper copies of the form are available (on-request) from the Havant Borough Council Offices at the address below.

It is recommended that you download and complete your comments on the interactive PDF form, then either email the completed form(s) to [policy.design@havant.gov.uk](mailto:policy.design@havant.gov.uk) (please enter the words 'Pre-Submission Local Plan comments' into the subject bar of the email), or post them to Planning Policy Team, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, PO9 2AX. **Letter or email comments that do not use the form will not be accepted.**

At this stage, unless you indicate you wish to appear at the examination you will not have the right to do so. Please note there is no guarantee you will be invited to the examination. The Inspector will decide who they wish to invite to each session. Any written representations will however, carry the same weight as any evidence presented at the Examination Hearings.

### Other planning consultations

If you wish to respond to any of the other consultations, you can do that by email or by post. You **cannot respond to these consultations through the Local Plan form**. Please clearly indicate which document you are commenting on when you write to us. The period to respond to these consultations and the email or postal address are the same as for the Local Plan consultation and are set out above.

Please clearly indicate which consultation you are responding to when you write to us. Again, please make sure that we have received any comments regarding these consultations by **5pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. Please email your comments to [policy.design@havant.gov.uk](mailto:policy.design@havant.gov.uk) or post them to Planning Policy Team, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, PO9 2AX. **Letter or email comments that use the Pre-Submission Local Plan form for these consultations will not be accepted.**

## **How to stay informed about future stages of the Local Plan's preparation**

Following the consultation, there will be three key stages:

- Submission of the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 to the Secretary of State for Communities, Housing and Local Government for independent examination
- The appointment of an inspector to examine the plan
- The adoption of the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 by the Council.

Section 11 of the response form asks if you would like to receive notifications when these key stages take place. However, the Council will also keep the Local Plan webpage ([www.havant.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.havant.gov.uk/localplan)) up to date with the latest news regarding the examination. We will also keep you updated if you follow the Council on social media.

### **Further comments and questions**

The Local Plan webpages have details about the drop-in sessions that we are running across the Borough throughout the consultation period. If you remain concerned that the Local Plan does not meet the Government's tests of soundness or the Plan is not legally compliant, then you need to highlight this to the Inspector through the Pre-submission consultation. Council officers will be available at the drop-ins to help with any questions you have about the Local Plan and how to respond to the consultation.

If you have any further queries about the consultations we are running, please email us at [policy.design@havant.gov.uk](mailto:policy.design@havant.gov.uk) or call us on 023 9244 6539.