

Local Development Scheme

January 2025



Background

1. This Local Development Scheme sets out the timetable for the production of the Building a Better Future Plan. This will form the local plan for Havant Borough.
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).
 - The Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
3. Following the adoption of the Local Plan, the development plan will comprise:
 - The Building a Better Future Plan;
 - The Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan (2021); and
 - The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan² (2013).
4. The Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH), of which Havant Borough Council is a part, published a Spatial Position Statement in December 2023. This sets out how the need for development will be addressed in the sub-region into the medium term until 2036, which will be built upon through individual Local Plans. It is not in and of itself part of the development plan.

The proposed solution

5. Local Plans remain at the core of the Government's planning system. 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 and is a key part of the Council's Corporate Strategy.
6. The Building a Better Future Plan will reflect the up-to-date national planning system and will also respond to the Council's Corporate Strategy together with supporting strategies such as the Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy and the Climate Change and Environment Strategy.
7. The Building a Better Future Plan will be in line with the new planning system following implementation of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act and the 2024 planning reforms. It will not be progressed under the transitional arrangements provided by the 2024 reforms.

Evidence base and statutory assessments

8. The Building a Better Future Plan will be supported by a proportionate but robust evidence base. Evidence base studies are published on the Council's website when complete.
9. 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.

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

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10. When studies are complete, they will be published on the Local Plan website at www.havant.gov.uk/localplan.

Consultation and engagement

11. It is vital to engage stakeholders at all levels as much as possible in the Building a better Future Plan in line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and Engagement Strategy, which are available on the Council's website.
12. Extensive informal engagement with key stakeholders, particularly the specific consultation bodies set out in the regulations, will take place as the evidence base and the Local Plan evolves.
13. Moving forwards, there will be a detailed and robust approach to engagement and consultation on the Building a Better Future Plan. A great deal of detail on the proposed approach was set out through the consultation which took place in 2022. That has fed into the evidence base which is being developed and the draft plan.
14. An extensive consultation will then take place on the Draft Local Plan, with access at the same time to the evidence base which has informed the plan. This provides residents and stakeholders with a clear opportunity to influence and shape the detailed proposals in the plan.
15. Following this stage, the plan will be refined into the 'Pre-submission Local Plan'. This will be subject to the statutory consultation at that stage, however this will be limited to respondents being asked whether the plan is legally compliant or sound and is not an opportunity to shape the plan's contents.

Timetable

16. The 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. Please note that milestones following the consultation on the Draft Local Plan are subject to review depending on the level and content of comments received and the potential need to make changes to the plan as a result.

Draft Building a Better Future consultation

17. The consultation on the Draft Building a Better Future Plan is scheduled to take place starting in May 2025. The governance process is scheduled to take place through a March meeting of the Council's Cabinet. However consultation would not begin until after the May County Council elections due to the restrictions in place on publication during the pre-election period. Should there be a postponement of the Hampshire County Council elections due to the current discussions taking place regarding devolution, the consultation would still start in May for logistical reasons.

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