

Local Development Scheme

December 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 comprises:
 - The Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) (2011);
 - The Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) (2014);
 - The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan¹ (2013); and
 - 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, the Climate Change Strategy and Biodiversity Strategy.
7. The Building a Better Future Plan will be in line with the updated National Planning Policy Framework which was published in December 2024 and submitted to Government under the transitional arrangements by the end of the 2026 calendar year.

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 (including Strategic Environmental Assessment), Habitats Regulations Assessment and Integrated Impact Assessment (which

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

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assesses impacts under the Equalities Act). in line with regulatory requirements. The plan will be iteratively informed by these assessments to create the most sustainable plan.

10. Sustainability Appraisals (including Strategic Environmental Assessment) and Habitats Regulations Assessments are published alongside Local Plan drafts or consultation documents and are consulted on as part of those consultations as per the timetable below.
11. When studies are complete, they will be published on the Local Plan website at www.havant.gov.uk/planning-services/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-evidence-studies-and-strategies.

Consultation and engagement

12. 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.
13. 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.
14. There has been and will continue to 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.
15. An extensive consultation is currently taking 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.
16. Following this, 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

17. 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.

Government funding and update from the January 2025 Local Development Scheme

18. Due to recent Government funding announcements, it has been possible to bring forward the date for the submission of the Building a Better Future Plan. This will enable the Council to submit the plan under the current system for preparing Local Plans as opposed to the system that will be introduced under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act.

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Evidence base																								
Development of evidence base																								
Initial consultation on proposals for the Building a Better Future Plan																								
Preparation of the consultation on the Building a Better Future Plan																								
Consultation on the Building a Better Future Plan contents				★																				
Consideration of the consultation comments																								
Draft Building a Better Future Plan																								
Preparation of the Draft Local Plan																								

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Consultation on the Draft Local Plan														★										
Compiling of consultation responses																								
Pre-submission Building a Better Future Plan																								
Preparation of the pre-submission plan																								
Pre-submission consultation																				★				
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Submission																								
Examination																								
Examination of the plan (dates TBC from Secretary of State)																								

