

Authority Monitoring Report 2022/23: Progress against the Local Development Scheme

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1 Introduction

1.1 This report looks at progress made in producing development plan documents against the key milestones identified in the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) which covers the period October 2021 to October 2024.

1.2 Whilst this report summarises progress made between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, it also contains commentary on what has happened since then reflecting the most up to date information available at November 2023.

This AMR should be read in conjunction with other topic based AMRs such as:

- Duty to Co-operate
- Economy
- Housing

2 Context

2.1 Part 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) contains the provision that an AMR must include details of each document referred to in the LDS, and the timetable and stage that each document has reached in its preparation. If behind schedule, the reason(s) for this should be given.

2.2 The LDS sets out a three year work programme for local plans that the Council is preparing or intends to produce. The current LDS is the version that was agreed by Executive in October 2021⁽¹⁾. It covers the three year period to Autumn 2024 and contains programmes for the following:

- Bracknell Forest Local Plan (BFLP), and,
- Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan.

1 Available to download at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-policy/planning-policy-guide>

3 Progress against the Local Development Scheme

3.1 The following table provides an update on the progress of documents contained in the October 2021 LDS and reflects the position at November 2023.

Table 1 Progress against the October 2021 LDS

Document	Progress
<p>The October 2021 LDS sets out the key milestones for document preparation and progress against each of these. To date, progress is as follows:</p>	
<p>Bracknell Forest Local Plan</p>	<p><u>Milestone 1</u> June 2015 to June 2016 Commencement of Review (Notification of bodies/persons of intention to prepare a plan, SA scoping, evidence gathering and preparation of consultation documents). Completed.</p> <p><u>Milestone 2</u> June/July 2016 Issues and Options Consultation. Completed: 13 June to 25 July 2016.</p> <p><u>Milestone 3</u> July 2016 to February 2018 Further evidence and analysis. Completed.</p> <p><u>Milestone 4</u> February/March 2018 Draft Plan Consultation Completed: 8 February to 26 March 2018.</p> <p><u>Milestone 5</u> September 2018</p>

Document	Progress
	<p>Further consultation on new sites</p> <p>Completed: 3 to 24 September 2018.</p> <p><u>Milestone 6</u></p> <p>September/October 2019</p> <p>Further consultation on additional growth options (Revised Growth Strategy)</p> <p>Completed: 25 October to 6 December 2019</p> <p><u>Milestone 7</u></p> <p>March - May 2021</p> <p>Publication</p> <p>23 March to 11 May 2021.</p> <p>Completed: 23 March to 11 May 2021.</p> <p><u>Milestone 8</u></p> <p>Autumn 2021</p> <p>Submission</p> <p>Completed: The Plan was submitted on 20 December 2021.</p> <p><u>Milestone 9</u></p> <p>Winter/Spring/Summer 2021/22</p> <p>Examination (Hearings/Inspectors' Report)</p> <p>In progress:</p> <p>The BFLP was submitted to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for independent examination on 20 December 2021. Stage 1 hearing sessions took place between 10 May and 15 June 2022, followed by Stage 2 hearing sessions between 18 and 20 October 2022. The Inspectors' post hearings letter was received in January 2023 ⁽²⁾. The Council is currently consulting on Proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan. The consultation runs from Tuesday 31 October 2023 to Tuesday 12 December 2023.</p>

2 Post Hearings letter: consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6134773

Document	Progress
	<p>The Inspectors will consider any responses submitted following the close of the consultation. They will then decide what further action, if any, needs to be taken before finalising their Report and a schedule of Main Modifications. Further updates can be viewed on the Examination website ⁽³⁾.</p> <p><u>Milestone 10</u></p> <p>Summer/Autumn 2022</p> <p>Report to Council/Adoption</p> <p>Not started</p> <p>This stage is dependent on the publication of the Inspectors' Report. There has been some delay in achieving Milestone 10, due to the examination process (timetable is determined by the Planning Inspectors), and the need for statutory consultation on the Proposed Main Modifications. It is now hoped to adopt the Plan around Easter 2024.</p>
<p>Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan</p>	<p><u>Milestone 1</u></p> <p>September 2016 to March 2017</p> <p>Commencement of review (Notification of bodies/persons of intention to prepare a plan SA scoping, evidence gathering and preparation of consultation documents).</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p><u>Milestone 2</u></p> <p>June to July 2017</p> <p>Issues and Options Consultation</p> <p>Completed: 9 June to 21 July 2017.</p> <p>A public call for sites was also held from March to May 2017 and a further industry focused call for sites was held during October and November 2017.</p> <p><u>Milestone 3</u></p> <p>July to December 2017</p> <p>Further evidence and analysis</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p><u>Milestone 4</u></p>

3 Examination website: [Examination of the Bracknell Forest Local Plan | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](http://bracknell-forest.gov.uk/examination)

Document	Progress
	<p>January to May 2018</p> <p>Preferred Options Consultation (Draft Plan)</p> <p>Completed: 6 August to 12 October 2018.</p> <p><u>Milestone 5</u></p> <p>July to August 2019</p> <p>Bray Quarry extension consultation</p> <p>Completed: 9 July to 19 August 2019.</p> <p><u>Milestone 6</u></p> <p>February to March 2020</p> <p>Focused consultation on Sand and Gravel Provision and Operator Performance</p> <p>Completed: 11 February to 23 March 2020.</p> <p><u>Milestone 7</u></p> <p>September to October 2020</p> <p>Publication</p> <p>Completed: 3 September to 15 October 2020.</p> <p><u>Milestone 8</u></p> <p>Winter 2020/21</p> <p>Consideration of representations (Regulation 19)</p> <p>Completed</p> <p><u>Milestone 9</u></p> <p>February 2021</p> <p>Submission</p> <p>Completed: The Plan was submitted on 25 February 2021.</p> <p><u>Milestone 10</u></p> <p>Spring 2021 – Spring 2022</p> <p>Examination/Hearings/Inspector’s Report</p>

Document	Progress
	<p>Completed: Hearing sessions were held on 28-30 September 2021. The examination hearing process closed on 25 January 2022, following the completion of additional work relating to flood risk. A Proposed Main Modifications consultation was subsequently held between 28 February and 11 April 2022. The Inspector's final report was received on 20 October 2022.</p> <p><u>Milestone 11</u></p> <p>Early Summer 2022</p> <p>Report to Council/Adoption</p> <p>Completed January 2023: Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals & Waste Plan adopted by all four authorities.</p> <p>(Adopted by Bracknell Forest Council on 11 January 2023, The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead on 22 November 2022, Reading Borough Council on 31 January 2023, and, Wokingham Borough Council on 19 January 2023).</p> <p>On adoption, the plan replaced the Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire 2001 and the Waste Local for Berkshire 1998.</p>
<p>Policies Map</p>	<p>The LDS states that this will be updated alongside the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan and the Bracknell Forest Local Plan.</p> <p>Alterations to the Policies Map in respect of the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan were agreed when the Plan was adopted by Council in January 2023.</p> <p>Alterations to the Policies Map for the Bracknell Forest Local Plan have been consulted on at each stage of the plan making process. Extracts of alterations associated with the Proposed Main Modifications are currently subject to consultation.</p>

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