

Authority Monitoring Report: Progress against the Local Development Scheme

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1 Introduction

1.1 This report monitors progress made since the publication of the last Local Development Scheme (LDS) Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) in November 2016. It considers development against the key milestones documented in the current LDS, published in February 2018. The present report covers the period from 1st December 2016 to 31st October 2018.

1.2 Since the publication of the previous LDS AMR, in November 2016, there have been two further iterations of the LDS. The November 2016 LDS covered the three-year period up until 2019. However this was superseded by the February 2018 LDS which covers the period until Spring 2021.

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

- Duty to Co-operate
- Economy
- Housing
- Community Infrastructure Levy

2 Context

2.1 Part 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 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 February 2018.⁽¹⁾ It covers the three year period to Spring 2021 and contains programmes for the following:

- Bracknell Forest Local Plan (BFLP; previously referred to as the Comprehensive Local Plan), and,
- Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan (JMWLP)

2.3 As mentioned in paragraph 1.2, two updates of the LDS have been issued since the previous LDS Monitoring Report, dated November 2016. Progress in this AMR is evaluated against the current February 2018 LDS as described in Table 3.1.

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

3 Progress against the Local Development Scheme

3.1 The following table provides an update on the progress of documents contained in the 2018 LDS:

Table 3.1 - Progress against the 2018 LDS

Document	Progress
Bracknell Forest Local Plan	<p>The 2018 LDS sets out the key milestones for document preparation and progress against each of these. To date, progress is as follows:</p> <p><u>Milestone 1</u></p> <p>June 2015 to June 2016</p> <p>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/July 2016</p> <p>Issues and Options Consultation.</p> <p>Completed: 13 June to 25 July 2016.</p> <p><u>Milestone 3</u></p> <p>July 2016 to February 2018</p> <p>Further evidence and analysis.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>A full list of completed evidence base studies can be found at: https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/draft-bracknell-forest-local-plan/evidence-base</p> <p><u>Milestone 4</u></p> <p>February/March 2018</p> <p>Draft Plan Consultation</p> <p>Completed: 8 February to 26 March 2018.</p> <p><u>Milestone 5</u></p>

Document	Progress
	<p>October/November 2018</p> <p>Publication (6 weeks)</p> <p>Stage currently delayed.</p> <p>There have been several changes in circumstance since the LDS was published, as identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developers and landowners submitted further sites for consideration for development during the consultation on the draft Local Plan in February/ March 2018. As a result, the Council decided to run a further consultation on new sites during September 2018, under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning England) Regulations 2012. • Further technical evidence is required on matters such as air quality modelling and employment need. • The revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published in July 2018. There is a requirement to ensure that all policies and proposals in the BFLP are consistent with national policy. Amongst other matters, the NPPF confirmed the need to use the new standard method for calculating local housing need and also broadened the definition of affordable housing. • The Government published a technical consultation on updates to national planning policy and guidance in October 2018. This includes a section that proposes amending planning practice guidance to specify that the 2014 based household projections should be used in calculating local housing need, rather than the latest 2016 based household projections. This would have a significant impact on Bracknell Forest and the spatial strategy pursued. Pending the outcome of the consultation, further work is to be carried out on a range of growth options. <p>A revised timetable is currently being considered given the significant and emerging changes to national policy and guidance.</p>
<p>Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan</p>	<p><u>Milestone 1</u></p> <p>September 2016 to March 2017</p> <p>Notification of bodies/persons of intention to prepare a plan SA scoping, evidence gathering and preparation of consultation documents.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Previous delays were due to the need to reconsider the approach to producing a plan. In 2016, four authorities (Bracknell Forest Council, Wokingham Borough Council, Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council and Reading Borough Council) commissioned Hampshire Services to prepare a JMWP. This is known as the Central and Eastern Berkshire JMWP. An adjusted timescale for this plan was published in the 2018 LDS.</p>

Document	Progress
	<p><u>Milestone 2</u></p> <p>June 2017 to July 2017</p> <p>Issues and Options Consultation</p> <p>Completed: 9 June - 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 2017 to December 2017</p> <p>Further evidence and analysis</p> <p>Completed. The evidence base can be accessed online from Hampshire Services: https://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult</p> <p><u>Milestone 4</u></p> <p>January 2018 to May 2018</p> <p>Preferred Options Consultation (Draft Plan)</p> <p>Completed: The ten week consultation period closed on 12th October 2018; over 300 responses were received and are currently being processed by Hampshire Services.</p> <p>The Preferred Options Consultation was delayed due to consideration of responses to the previous stage which resulted in the need to undertake an additional call for sites in October and November 2017. The results of this then required further evaluation. Due to the involvement of four separate authorities, the decision making process within each organisation follows different arrangements. Approval to consult on the Draft Plan was not achieved by all four authorities until August 2018 as further site based public meetings were required before the start of consultation. Consequently Milestone 4 was achieved later than scheduled.</p>
Policies Map	The LDS states that this will be updated alongside the Bracknell Forest Local Plan and the Central and eastern Berkshire JMWP. Draft policies maps for both documents have been created and consulted on. Their finalisation will follow the agreed timelines for each document.

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