
West Berkshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD): Proposed Submission – Supporting Information

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Council is asked to approve the content of the proposed submission version of the West Berkshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document (HSA DPD) which is attached as Appendix C, and to agree, firstly its publication for consultation between 9 November and 21 December 2015 and secondly for its submission to the Secretary of State in April 2016. This will be followed by an independent examination in June 2016 and adoption around November 2016.
- 1.2 The DPD must be based on sound evidence and developed in partnership with the community. This means that this report is accompanied by other documents which must be read in conjunction with the DPD as they provide the evidence to support the conclusions within it, including explaining how sites have been selected or rejected for allocation. These appendices include a sustainability appraisal report, a submission policies map and a consultation statement. There are also a number of technical evidenced based studies which have supported the preparation of the DPD. These include landscape assessment work, transport assessments and a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA).
- 1.3 The DPD gains more weight as a material consideration in the planning process as it progresses. Sites that are confirmed as forming part of the proposed submission DPD may, in some cases, be able to be included in the Council's 5 year housing land supply, boosting the supply of dwellings and helping to manage future development in the District.

2. Supporting Information

- 2.1 The Council adopted its Core Strategy in July 2012. This sets out a housing requirement for the District of 'at least' 10,500 dwellings from 2006-2026. The Core Strategy sets out an overall spatial strategy to accommodate this level of housing across the District and in addition it allocates two large strategic sites in Newbury (Newbury Racecourse and Sandford Park).
- 2.2 Whilst the Core Strategy allocates strategic development and sets out strategic policies, it only forms one part of the Local Plan. There is therefore a requirement to prepare an additional document to allocate non-strategic housing sites across the District and to allocate sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.
- 2.3 The opportunity is being taken to update some other policies as part of this process, namely those related to housing development in the countryside and residential parking standards.
- 2.4 The DPD is prepared in a series of stages and information about these is set out in the Statement of Consultation which accompanies the proposed submission DPD.

This sets out the key issues raised through the consultation and the Council's response to those issues. The consultations have resulted in a significant number of comments, which have been fully considered in making the recommendations set out in this report.

3. Approach to Housing Numbers

- 3.1 The Council is required by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to meet the 'full objectively assessed needs' of the area. Work has now been completed on establishing this requirement by undertaking a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) in partnership with other Berkshire authorities and the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. The Council has a statutory duty to cooperate with its neighbouring authorities and it was therefore essential that the review of the SHMA was undertaken in conjunction with them. The output of this study quantifies future housing need and demand for each of the local authority areas. The SHMA concludes that West Berkshire is within a Housing Market Area which also includes Bracknell Forest, Wokingham and Reading.
- 3.2 The SHMA gives an objectively assessed housing need (OAN) for the District of 665 dwellings per annum between 2013 and 2036. Discussions are now underway about how the number for the Housing Market Area will be distributed, taking into account development opportunities and constraints to development. This work will advise on a new housing requirement for the District.
- 3.3 This DPD allocates the remainder of the 'at least' 10,500 housing figure from the Core Strategy, with added flexibility in the numbers which includes the long term Sandford Park strategic site and windfalls as well as a degree of contingency in the site provision. This approach means that the Council is allocating the first part of the objectively assessed housing needs for the District, in the short to medium term. Following the adoption of this DPD, a new Local Plan will be prepared. This will allocate the rest of the new housing requirement for West Berkshire and look longer term to 2036, as well as dealing with the other policy issues.
- 3.4 By prioritising a Housing Site Allocations DPD at the earliest opportunity, rather than waiting for the outcome of the SHMA, West Berkshire Council is pro-actively allocating non-strategic housing sites in accordance with the spatial strategy as set out in the adopted Core Strategy. This is positively planning for the District through the plan-led system as set out in the NPPF. Timetables for both this DPD and the Local Plan are set out in the Council's approved Local Development Scheme and demonstrate the Council's public commitment to assessing and proactively meeting the objectively assessed needs of West Berkshire through the plan-led system.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 The major part of the DPD is the site allocations for housing. Its purpose is to allocate smaller (non-strategic in scale and function) extensions to settlements within the settlement hierarchy in accordance with the spatial strategy of the adopted West Berkshire Core Strategy. It is a regulatory requirement that the DPD is in general conformity with the Core Strategy.
- 4.2 Following introductory text, the housing site allocations are set out in the proposed submission version of the DPD (**Appendix C**) by spatial area, following the framework of the adopted Core Strategy which sets out approximate housing

numbers for each of these areas. There are four spatial areas of the District which reflect the distinct characteristics of the different parts of West Berkshire, using the District's settlement hierarchy as the focus for development within these areas. The four spatial areas are as follows:

- (i) Newbury/Thatcham
- (ii) The East Kennet Valley
- (iii) The Eastern Area and
- (iv) The North Wessex Downs AONB

4.3 The following sites are included within the DPD as housing allocations and each of these has a specific policy which sets out parameters to guide the future development of the site. A map is also included for each site, together with maps showing the proposed changes to the settlement boundary. These inset maps are attached as **Appendix E**. There is also a generic site policy, covering the criteria which will need to be considered for all of the sites. The table below also shows which additional areas are proposed to be included within revised settlement boundaries. 2 additional sites are now included as longer term development sites to add some additional flexibility to the housing numbers.

Table 1: Housing Site Allocations - Summary

Note: approx total figures **do not** include sites to be included within the settlement boundary –these sites add extra flexibility to the numbers

Key: *White* = sites recommended for allocation

Red = Sites recommended for rejected following preferred options

Newbury and Thatcham Spatial Area (Approx. 525 - 555 dwellings)

Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
Newbury				Approx. 445 dwellings
NEW012	Land north of Newbury college, Monks Lane	15	23	Site area reduced by site promoter as result of pub being built on part of the site.
NEW042	Land at Bath Road, Speen	100	100	No change
NEW045	Coley Farm, Stoney Lane, Ashmore Green	75	75	No change
NEW047 (B)	South East Newbury	30 (Later in plan period)	Rejected	No significant issues in relation to site. Development in principle seen as acceptable.
NEW047 (C)	South East Newbury	65 (Later in Plan period)	Rejected	No significant issues in relation to site. Development in principle seen as acceptable.
NEW047 (D)	South East Newbury	140 - 160	120	Density increased to take into account surrounding area (30dph at PO to

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Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
				40dph)
NEW106	Land at Moor Lane Depot	Rejected	40	Site rejected. Concerns over access.
Thatcham				Approx. 85 dwellings
THA025	Land at Lower Way	85	87	Number for allocation rounded down to give approximate figure.
14Cold Ash				Approx. 15 - 25 dwellings
COL002	Land at Poplar Farm, Cold Ash	10 – 20	20	Final development potential to be determined as a result of further technical work regarding surface water flooding.
COL006	St Gabriel's Farm, Cold Ash	5	6	Principle of linear development seen as acceptable in landscape terms at a similar density to existing development
COL011	Land at Cold Ash Hill	Rejected	6	Principle of development not acceptable in landscape terms

East Kennet Valley (Approx. 300 dwellings)

Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
Burghfield Common				Approx. 160 dwellings
BUR002, 002A, 004	Land to the rear of The Hollies Nursing Home. Land opposite 44 Lamden Way	60	85	Area reduced to exclude woodland. BUR019 previously part of this wider site, but at Preferred Options request made for the site to be taken out of the wider allocation.
BUR015	Land adjoining Pondhouse Farm, Clayhill Road	100	105	Number for allocation rounded down to give approximate figure.
Mortimer – NDP area				WBC will require the Mortimer NDP to allocate approx. 110 dwellings in Mortimer.
MOR005	Land adjoining West End Road	NDP	47	WBC will not be allocating sites in Mortimer.
MOR006	Land to the south of St John's Church of England School, Victoria Road	NDP	100	WBC will not be allocating sites in Mortimer.
Woolhampton				Approx. 30 dwellings
WOOL001	Land north of Bath Road	Rejected	20	Only one site to be allocated in Woolhampton. Preference as a result of consultation only for WOOL006
WOOL006	Land north of A4	30	30	No change

Eastern Area (approx. 365 dwellings)

Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
Eastern Urban Area			Approx. 280 dwellings	
EUA003	Stonehams Farm, Long Lane, Tilehurst	15	17	Number for allocation rounded down to give approximate figure.
<i>EUA007</i>	<i>Turnhams Farm, Pincents Lane</i>	<i>Rejected</i>	<i>285</i>	<i>Concerns over the highway impact of this site and IKEA. To be reviewed following completion of IKEA</i>
EUA008	Stonehams Farm	60	44	Density increased to take into account surrounding area (20dph at PO to 35dph).
EUA025	Land adjacent to Junction 12 of M4, Bath Road, Calcot	100 (Later in plan period)	50 - 100	Assessment of the site indicates up to 100 dwellings is acceptable. Density increased to take into account surrounding area (30dph at PO to 40dph)
EUA026	Land adjacent to Bath Road and Dorking Way, Calcot	35 (Later in plan period)	24	Density increased to take into account surrounding area (30dph at PO to 40dph)
EUA031	Land to the east of Sulham Hill	35	29	Density increased to take into account surrounding area (30dph at PO to 35dph)
<i>EUA033</i>	<i>Land to the east of Long Lane and south of Blackthorn Close</i>	<i>Rejected</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Concerns over flood risk on Long Lane and Highways impact on Sulham Hill and significance of improvements required.</i>
EUA035	72 Purley Rise	35	34	Number for allocation rounded up to give approximate figure.
Theale			Approx. 85 dwellings	
<i>THE001</i>	<i>Former Sewage Works</i>	<i>Rejected</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>Concerns regarding access and relationship to settlement. Landscape Assessment indicates part of the site would be suitable for development, but requires buffers between the site and existing development which are not considered appropriate.</i>

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Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
THE003	North Lakeside	15	50	Site area reduced as result of Landscape Assessment
THE005	Land at Junction 12	Rejected	50	Site in flood zone 2. EA require a sequential test to be carried out for all sites in flood zones prior to allocation. Other suitable sites are available; therefore, the Council would be unable to carry out the sequential test.
THE009	Field between A340 and The Green	70	125	Site area reduced as result of Landscape Assessment

AONB Spatial Area (Approx. 385 dwellings)

Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
Bradfield Southend				Approx. 10 dwellings
BRS004	Land off Stretton Close	10	10-12	Number for allocation rounded down to give approximate figure.
Chieveley				No proposed allocations
Compton				Approx. 140 dwellings
COM004	Pirbright Institute Site, High Street	140	140	No change
Great Shefford				No proposed allocations
Hermitage				Approx. 25 dwellings
HER001	Land off Charlotte Close	15	16	Number for allocation rounded down to give approximate figure.
HER004	Land to the south east of The Old Farmhouse	10	Part of site proposed for SB review	Only part of the site is suitable for development. Development capacity is too large to be considered as a settlement boundary review
Hungerford				Approx. 100 dwellings
HUN003, 005, 006, 015, 020	Eddington Sites	Rejected	87	Only one site required in Hungerford. There are a number of issues on this site which could impact on deliverability of the site in the short term, which are not issues on HUN007
HUN007	Land east of Salisbury Road	100	100	No change
Kintbury				Approx. 10 dwellings
KIN006/7	Land to the east of Laylands Green	10	13	Development potential reduced due to recent woodland TPO designation

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Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
Lambourn		Approx. 65 dwellings		
LAM005	Land adjoining Lynch Lane	60	56	Further technical work has resulted in a slightly larger developable area and ultimately a slight increase in number of dwellings
LAM007	<i>Land between Folly Road, Rockfel Road and Stork House Drive</i>	<i>Rejected</i>	24	<i>Site is in use associated with racehorse industry. Allocation would be contrary to policy CS12</i>
LAM015	Land at Newbury Road	5	New site - submitted at Preferred Options stage	Principle of linear development seen as acceptable in landscape terms at a similar density to existing development
Pangbourne		Approx. 35 dwellings		
PAN001	<i>Land at Green Lane</i>	<i>Rejected</i>	36	<i>The surrounding roads to the site are narrow and unsuitable for additional levels of traffic, and there are no footways in the vicinity of the site. Road widening and the addition of footways is not possible.</i>
PAN002	Land north of Pangbourne Hill and west of River View Road	35	35	No change

Settlement boundary review sites (<5 dwellings)

Newbury and Thatcham Spatial Area

Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
Newbury				
NEW032	The Bungalow, Shaw Farm Road	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary		
NEW051	Foxglove House, Love Lane	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary		
NEW103	Sanfoin, Sanfoin Cottage, Garden Close Lane, Newbury	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary	Rejected Site	Development potential reduced due to access concerns regarding access via private drive.
NEW104	Land at Warren Road	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary	5	Included as preferred option, to be included in SB along with all sites for 5 or less dwellings.

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Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
Thatcham				
No sites				
Cold Ash				
No sites				

East Kennet Valley

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Burghfield Common				
BUR019	Haycroft, Reading Road	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary		Site originally part of BUR002/002A/004, but request made at preferred options for site to be considered separately from the wider site.
Mortimer				
No sites				
Woolhampton				
WOOL002	Station Yard, Woolhampton	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary	Proposed for SB review	

Eastern Area

Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
Eastern Urban Area				
No sites				
Theale				
No sites				

AONB Spatial Area

Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
Bradfield Southend				
BRS002	Corner of Cock Lane and South End Road	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary		
Chieveley				
CHI001	The Colt House	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary	Proposed for SB review	

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Settlement	Site Address	No. Dwellings For Allocation (Approx.)	Preferred Options No. Dwellings	Notes
CHI010	Land adjacent to Coombe Cottage, High Street, Chieveley	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary	7	Recommended for allocation at Preferred Options. Revised development potential means site is no longer of a size for allocation and is considered as part of the settlement boundary review.
CHI016	Morphetts Lane, Downend	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary		
CHI017	The Old Stables, Green Lane	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary	Proposed for SB review	
Compton				
No sites				
Great Shefford				
No sites				
Hermitage				
No sites				
Hungerford				
HUN021	Land behind The Lamb Inn	<5 Included in Settlement Boundary	Proposed for SB review	Site has planning permission for 2 dwellings.
Kintbury				
No sites				
Lambourn				
No sites				
Pangbourne				
No sites				

4.4 Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the Parish. This will allocate housing for Mortimer in accordance with the Core Strategy and re-draw the settlement boundary. The Council is supporting the preparation of the NDP.

4.5 Settlement boundaries identify the main built up area of a settlement within which development is likely to be considered acceptable in principle, subject to other policy considerations. While allowing for development, settlement boundaries protect the character of a settlement and prevent unrestricted growth into the countryside. They create a level of certainty about whether or not the principle of development is likely to be acceptable which is helpful for Development Management officers, Members, applicants and members of the public. The settlement boundaries of those settlements within the defined settlement hierarchy have been re-drawn around the developable areas of the housing sites allocated, plus around those sites which have been identified as suitable to include within a

revised settlement boundary (generally sites suitable for development which are below the usual threshold for allocation).

- 4.6 There is a requirement for West Berkshire Council, as the local planning authority to identify sites to meet the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, based on the evidence set out within the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA). This was carried out by an independent consultant, using a shared methodology with other Berkshire authorities. The study indicates a requirement for 17 permanent pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and 24 plots for Travelling Showpeople between 2014 and 2029. The DPD allocates a site for Gypsies and Travellers at Paices Hill for 8 permanent pitches and a site for Travelling Showpeople at Longcopse farm in Enborne for 24 plots. A policy is included for each of these allocations. The site at Paices Hill meets the need for Gypsies and Travellers for the first 5 years of the Plan and for all but 2 pitches of the following 5 years up to 2024. Further work is underway on the Clappers Farm site that was included as an allocation in the preferred options version of the Housing Site Allocations DPD. This site may have potential to accommodate the needs for Gypsies and Travellers in the longer term, and it is now included as an area of search for the future, rather than as an allocation. Further allocations will need to be made in a future Local Plan.
- 4.7 Policies to guide housing in the countryside are also included within the DPD. These policies respond to a concern about the age of some of the saved Local Plan policies and reflect updated national policies and respond to local issues in West Berkshire. They have been updated since the preferred options draft to reflect the outcomes of consultation and to reduce some repetition. In some cases key points from the supporting text has been included within the policy itself. Once adopted, the policies will replace some of the existing saved policies of the Local Plan and information about this is set out within the DPD attached as Appendix C.
- 4.8 The revised parking standards for residential development have also been amended following the preferred options consultation and there are now a smaller number of parking zones which better reflects the evidence.
- 4.9 An amended policy for Sandleford Park was included in the preferred options version of the DPD. This has not been taken forward as the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the site was revised instead, and was adopted by Council in March 2015.

5. Proposals Map

- 5.1 The Core Strategy Proposals Map has been updated to reflect the proposed site allocations and proposed changes to the settlement boundaries. It has also been updated to show the most up to date flood zone data. The Proposals Map is attached as **Appendix E**.

6. Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

- 6.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be carried out for all DPDs. Both of these appraisals can be carried out in one appraisal process. In order to avoid any confusion, all references to the SA will refer to both the SA and the SEA.

- 6.2 The objective of the SA is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations in the preparation of new or revised DPDs. The SA focuses on the significant sustainability effects of the DPD and considers alternatives that take into account the social, environmental and economic objectives and the geographical scope of the documents.

The SA / SEA for each site has been updated following the consultation on the preferred options version of the DPD. The changes made take into account any new evidence that has been received plus the outcomes of public consultation.

- 6.3 The SA/SEA is attached as **Appendix F**. For ease of reference, the changes from the preferred options SA/SEA are shown as tracked changes so it is more straightforward to see what has been updated and amended.

7. Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)

- 7.1 European legislation and government regulations mean that a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) needs to be carried out for the DPD, in order to protect the integrity of internationally important nature conservation sites. These sites, collectively known as Natura 2000 sites include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Area (SPAs).

- 7.2 The HRA assesses the likely impacts of the policies of the DPD and possible ‘in combination’ effects with other policies and proposals. The HRA for the Housing Site Allocations DPD is set out as **Appendix I**

8. Duty to Cooperate

- 8.1 Section 110 of the Localism Act places a legal duty on local planning authorities and other prescribed bodies to cooperate with each other when preparing development plan documents in order to address strategic planning issues relevant to their areas.

- 8.2 Failure to satisfy the Duty will mean that plans cannot be adopted as a Planning Inspector cannot make main modifications to remedy this through the examination process. The Examination also assesses how effective cooperation has been as one of the tests of soundness.

- 8.3 Work on satisfying the Duty has been ongoing throughout the preparation of the DPD. A Duty to Cooperate Statement is attached as **Appendix H**. This explains how the Council has carried out the Duty throughout the preparation of the DPD.

9. Conclusion

- 9.1 If the DPD is approved by Council, a 6 week period of consultation will be held between 9 November and 21 December in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement. As this is a regulatory period of consultation views will be sought on the ‘soundness’ of the document.

- 9.2 Following submission, the DPD will be independently examined by a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector’s role is to assess whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements and whether it is sound. In terms of the tests of soundness, the Inspector has to assess whether or not the plan has been:

- (1) Positively prepared in terms of meeting the need for development.
- (2) Justified in terms of being the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives and based on evidence.
- (3) Effective in terms of being deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working.
- (4) Consistent with national policy in terms of according with the policies set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

9.3 The Council has prepared what it considers to be a sound plan. If the Inspector concludes that the Housing Site Allocations DPD is sound and meets the necessary tests, it can then be adopted by Council and will form part of the Local Plan for the District.

10. Consultation and Engagement

- 10.1 Consultation is a key part of the preparation of the DPD and provides important evidence to help to inform decision making. Consultation has taken place at each stage of the preparation of the DPD. Early consultation with Parish Councils and Ward Members on the SHLAA took place in January and February 2014. These workshops allowed the parish councils and Ward Members to discuss the shortlisted sites with officers and to indicate any preferences they had regarding sites within their parishes. The comments made through these consultation events were used in the process of site assessment, as they identified local concerns and issues for specific sites.
- 10.2 Ongoing consultation work on the HSA DPD to date has included two newsletters to everyone who is registered as having an interest in planning policy matters.
- 10.3 A 'Regulation 18' consultation was held between 30 April and 11 June 2014. The Council is required to notify specified bodies and persons of the subject of the DPD which it proposes to prepare and invite each of them to make representations to the Council about what the DPD ought to contain in terms of scope and content. This consultation is a requirement under the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012.
- 10.4 Over 40 responses were received during the Regulation 18 consultation. A table of these representations and the Council response to them, setting out how representations would be taken into account is included as part of the Statement of Consultation that accompanies the proposed submission DPD.
- 10.5 The first part of the preferred options of the Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document was published for a 7 week period of consultation between 25 July and 12 September. This contained the preferred options housing sites, the preferred options for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople and policies to guide parking standards. Whilst this was an informal period of consultation, it was an important opportunity to gauge public opinion on the proposals within the DPD before it is formally published. A direct approach was taken to consulting members of the public, with letters sent to everyone living within 100 metres of the boundary of each proposed site. This was used alongside the usual consultation methods such as use of the website, contacting everyone on the consultation database and use of the media. The consultation was very successful and resulted in a high

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number of comments with around 8,500 comments being received during this consultation. A number of template responses were received.

- 10.6 A further period of informal consultation was held on the Housing in the Countryside policies between 19 September and 31 October 2014 and 165 comments were received during this consultation.
- 10.7 Detailed information on the consultation undertaken on the DPD is set out in the Statement of Consultation that is attached as **Appendix G**. It clearly shows how the consultation undertaken has informed the preparation of the DPD.

Background Papers:

West Berkshire Core Strategy 2006 to 2026

West Berkshire Local Development Scheme September 2015

West Berkshire Statement of Community Involvement, September 2014

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval



Wards affected:

All

Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:

The proposals will help achieve the following Council Strategy aims:

SLE – A stronger local economy

HQL – Maintain a high quality of life within our communities

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priority:

SLE1 – Enable the completion of more affordable housing

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Council Strategy aims and priority by: the DPD will bring forward sites for development across the District, boosting the supply of housing and enabling the delivery of affordable housing. This will also help to support the local economy and enable the provision of infrastructure that is planned in a coordinated way.

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