
**WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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AT A GLANCE – WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The local development scheme is a public statement setting out details of which local development documents will be produced, in what order and when. Put simply, it's **our programme for making plans**.

This is a summary of the **development plan documents** we are intending to produce under the new planning system.

DPD	What will be in it?
West Berkshire Planning Strategy	You will hear this being called the Core Strategy . It sets out the overall plan strategy without being specific about sites. The content will depend a lot on what you tell us during consultation but we expect it to steer the approach to planning throughout West Berkshire and to act as the guide for subsequent plans in making tricky decisions such as where new housing sites may need to go. It will also contain a set of policies which will guide decisions on planning applications and so help manage new development in West Berkshire.
Newbury Town Centre Plan	You may have heard about the Newbury Vision 2025. This DPD will focus on Newbury town centre and deal with the planning elements of the Vision.
Housing Site Allocations	We talked about tricky decisions above....we expect that many of the new homes we must provide for will be built inside existing built up areas. But we are probably going to have to find some land for building outside settlements. The West Berkshire Planning Strategy will give the steer as to where we should be looking for sites. This Housing Site Allocations DPD will come up with specific locations and show them on a map. This process won't be easy but we'll be asking you what you think.
Anything else?...	...not at the moment as we need to focus on these priorities. This Local Development Scheme can plan ahead for future documents but we think it's a little early for that, especially as we haven't consulted you yet. We will review this Local Development Scheme later this year and give more thought to what future documents may be needed.

You may remember it took nearly 10 years to produce the last local plan - the old system was very time consuming. The aim of the new planning system is to make the process quicker and we'll be doing our bit to make sure it is.

So what is our timetable?

	Initial consultations and involvement	Formal consultation on preferred options	Submission	Independent Examination	Adoption
West Berkshire Planning Strategy	Spring/Summer 2005	October 2005	February 2006	September 2006	About March 2007
Newbury Town Centre Plan	Spring/Summer 2005	October 2005	February 2006	September 2006	About March 2007
Housing Site Allocations	Winter/Spring 2006/2007	June/July 2007	November 2007	June 2008	About November 2008

We hope that summary was helpful. Please take a look at the all important small print which follows. On the next page there's an introduction to the Local Development Scheme and a list of its contents.

Introduction to the Local Development Scheme

All local development documents produced in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 fall within the portfolio of documents called the Local Development Framework (LDF). The Government requires that all local planning authorities produce a **Local Development Scheme** which is a public statement of the Council's programme for the production of local development documents.

This Local Development Scheme comes in seven sections:-

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Section 1 - Documents to be Saved, Prepared or Withdrawn

Proposed Statement of Community Involvement

Document	Role and Contents	Timetable for production
Area covered		
West Berkshire Statement of Community Involvement	Shows how the community will be involved in the production of Local Development Documents and in the consideration planning applications in West Berkshire. The SCI will conform with the minimum requirements as set out in the Regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commencement of work - October 2004 ▪ Early stakeholder and community engagement - to Feb 2005 ▪ Pre-submission participation - March to May 2005 ▪ Submission to Secretary of State - August 2005 ▪ Pre-examination meeting - October 2005 (subject to Planning Inspectorate) ▪ Public Examination - January 2006 ▪ Estimated date for report and adoption - April 2006 (subject to Inspector's timetable)
West Berkshire		

Saved Development Plans and Policies

Document	Role and Contents	Area covered	Status	Timetable for production and review
Berkshire Structure Plan 1991 - 2006 <i>Adopted November 1995</i>	<i>Sets out the broad planning policy framework for Berkshire</i>	<i>All six Berkshire Unitary Authorities</i>	Saved Structure Plan <i>(until replacement by BSP 2001 -2016 in Spring 2005)</i>	<i>To be replaced by the Berkshire Structure Plan 2001 -2016</i>
Berkshire Structure Plan 2001 - 2016	<i>Sets out the broad planning policy framework for West Berkshire, including the level of housing provision. Contains:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Policies</i> ▪ <i>Explanatory Memorandum</i> ▪ <i>Key Diagram</i> 	<i>All six Berkshire Unitary Authorities</i>	Proposed Saved Structure Plan <i>Emerging</i> To be replaced by: <i>West Berkshire Planning Strategy</i> <i>Regional Spatial Strategy</i> Conforms with: <i>PPSs, RPG9</i>	<i>Prepared by the Joint Strategic Planning Committee for the Berkshire Unitary Authorities.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Placed on deposit - March 2002</i> ▪ <i>Pre-examination changes published April 2003</i> ▪ <i>Examination in Public - September 2003</i> ▪ <i>Modifications published - March 2004</i> ▪ <i>Resolved to be adopted October 2004</i> ▪ <i>Estimated date for Adoption - Spring 2005</i>
West Berkshire District Local Plan	<i>Area wide Local Plan. Contains:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Written Statement</i> ▪ <i>Proposals Map</i> 	<i>West Berkshire</i>	Saved Local Plan <i>Adopted June 2002</i> To be replaced by: <i>Proposed Development Plan Documents</i> Conforms with: <i>Adopted Berkshire Structure Plan 1991 - 2006</i>	<i>The Local Plan as a whole is saved until 28 September 2007 but will be partly replaced by the West Berkshire Planning Strategy, Newbury Town Centre Plan and Housing Site Allocations DPDs. There are a number of policies which the Council proposes to save beyond that time so that they can continue to be key material considerations in managing development until they are replaced by future development plan documents. Those policies are set out below:</i>
West Berkshire District Local Plan - Saved Policies	<i>Policies of the adopted local plan which will conform with the West Berkshire Planning Strategy</i>	<i>West Berkshire</i>	Saved Former Development Plan Policies	<i>These policies will be reviewed when the Council amends this local development scheme and reviews its adopted development plan documents. The list may be amended during the time scale of this Local Development Scheme:-</i>

List of Policies Proposed to be Saved beyond March 2007

Policy	Reason for Saving
OVS.7&8 Hazardous Substances	Consistent with overall strategy. Policy may need to be saved if not covered within West Berkshire Planning Strategy suite of development control policies.
ENV.3 Areas of Special Landscape Importance	Landscape areas have been established for some time and are consistent with PPS7.
ENV.4 Gaps between Settlements	If the West Berkshire Planning Strategy re-establishes the concept of gaps between settlements ENV.4 provides a suitable development control policy to maintain them.
ENV.22 The Extension of Residential Curtilages in the Countryside	Well established policy giving protection to countryside. Suitable policy to be retained if not covered within the West Berkshire Planning Strategy.
ENV.31 Important Open Space (identified sites only)	Protection of open spaces within settlements is consistent with national and regional planning strategies. Policy wording may need revision for incorporation into West Berkshire Planning Strategy. Sites will be reviewed in future DPDs of the next LDS in the light of the Council's assessment of open space
ENV.32 Alterations and Extensions to Listed Buildings	The policy provides criteria for considering such proposals which are likely to be consistent with the West Berkshire Planning Strategy.
ENV.37 Development on SAMs	The policy provides criteria for considering such proposals which are likely to be consistent with the West Berkshire Planning Strategy.
ENV.38 Management of SAMs	The policy provides criteria for considering such proposals which are likely to be consistent with the West Berkshire Planning Strategy.
HSG.1 Identification of Settlements for Planning Purposes (settlement boundaries only)	The settlement boundaries established by the West Berkshire District Local Plan and its predecessor provide a clear distinction between built up areas and the open countryside. It is proposed that they are retained for the time being and will be reviewed in subsequent documents which will be considered as part of the review of this LDS. The wording of HSG1 will not be retained and will be replaced by new policies within the DPDs, particularly the West Berkshire Planning Strategy. The DPDs may allocate certain areas for development outside the existing settlement boundaries - such allocations will be clearly indicated on the Proposals Map.
HSG.14 Retention of Mobile Home Parks	PPG3 notes that residential mobile homes may have a part to play in providing low cost accommodation for small households. This policy may be appropriate for retention if not covered in the West Berkshire Planning Strategy.
HSG.16 Purley Park River Estate	Long established policy applicable to a small and unique area of West Berkshire. Circumstances do not suggest a need for a new policy within the time-scale of this current Local Development Scheme.
HSG.17 Gypsy Transit Sites	The policy provides criteria for considering such proposals which are likely to be consistent with the West Berkshire Planning Strategy.
HSG.17A Permanent Gypsy Sites	The policy provides criteria for considering such proposals which are likely to be consistent with the West Berkshire Planning Strategy.
ECON.1 Retention of Existing Employment Site (boundaries only)	Identifies main areas of employment activity around which West Berkshire Planning Strategy policy can be based.
ECON.6 Future of Greenham Common Airbase	Maintains a well established approach to a specific site which was subject to a planning brief.
ECON.7 Safeguarding Rail Based Industry at Theale	Well established policy consistent with Government guidance and Berkshire Structure Plan.
ECON.8&9 Policies on the Racehorse Industry	These policies give specific guidance about an industry important in rural areas of West Berkshire.
S.1 Non-retail uses in primary shopping frontages (except Newbury)	Policy consistent with aim of maintaining town centre vitality. Newbury town centre will be covered by policies within the Newbury Town Centre Plan. Area Action Plans for the other main centres are likely to be included within the next Local Development Scheme.
TRANS.1A Road Schemes	Consistent with current LTP.
TRANS.3 A34/M4 Junction 13 Chieveley	Consistent with overall strategy. Review within DPDs of next Local Development Scheme.
	A table showing the approach to the review of all policies in the adopted West Berkshire District Local Plan is included in section 7.

Proposed Development Plan Documents

Document Area Covered	Role, Contents and Conformity	Timetable for production and review
<p>West Berkshire Planning Strategy</p> <p>West Berkshire</p> <p>For management arrangements see page 14</p>	<p>Sets out the core spatial development strategy for West Berkshire. Proposed contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A core spatial development strategy ▪ A succinct suite of policies managing development which assist in implementing the spatial strategy and setting out considerations applicable to most forms of development <p>Will conform with: PPGs/Ss, RPG9 (and emerging RSS), Berkshire Structure Plan 2001-2016</p> <p>Replaces: West Berkshire District Local Plan 1991 - 2006 and Berkshire Structure Plan 2001 - 2016 (except saved policies)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commencement of work - January 2005 ▪ Consultation on Issues and Options - Spring/Summer 2005 - ongoing ▪ Public participation on preferred options and proposals - October/Nov 2005 ▪ Submission to Secretary of State - February 2006 ▪ Pre-examination meeting - to be arranged close to commencement of examination (subject to Planning Inspectorate) ▪ Commencement of Public Examination - September 2006 (subject to Planning Inspectorate) ▪ Estimated date for report/adoption - March 2007 (subject to Inspector's timetable)
<p>Newbury Town Centre Plan</p> <p>Newbury Town Centre - precise boundary to be defined in consultation with stakeholders</p> <p>For management arrangements see page 14</p>	<p>The spatial expression of the Council's Newbury Vision 2025. Sets out overall planning strategy and site specific policies within Newbury Town Centre.</p> <p>Will conform with: PPGs/Ss, RPG9 (and emerging RSS), Berkshire Structure Plan 2001-2016.</p> <p>This DPD will be prepared in parallel with the West Berkshire Planning Strategy with which it will conform.</p> <p>Replaces: West Berkshire District Local Plan 1991 - 2006 and Berkshire Structure Plan 2001 - 2016 (except saved policies).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early stakeholder and community engagement - has already occurred through consultation on Newbury Vision 2025 ▪ Commencement of work - January 2005 ▪ Consultation on Issues and Options - Spring/Summer 2005 ▪ Public participation on preferred options and proposals - October/Nov 2005 ▪ Submission to Secretary of State - February 2006 ▪ Advertise objection site proposals - Spring 2006 ▪ Pre-examination meeting - to be arranged close to commencement of examination (subject to Planning Inspectorate) ▪ Commencement of Public Examination - September 2006 (subject to Planning Inspectorate) ▪ Estimated date for adoption - March 2007 (subject to Inspector's timetable)
<p>Housing Site Allocations</p> <p>West Berkshire</p> <p>For management arrangements see page 14</p>	<p>This plan will allocate specific areas for residential development in accordance with the overall planning strategy for West Berkshire set out in the West Berkshire Planning Strategy.</p> <p>Will conform with: PPGs/Ss, South East Plan (RSS), West Berkshire Planning Strategy DPD.</p> <p>Replaces: West Berkshire District Local Plan 1991 - 2006 (particularly Policy HSG.5)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commencement of work - Early 2006 ▪ Consultation on Issues and Options - February to June 2007 ▪ Public participation on preferred options and proposals - June/July 2007 ▪ Submission to Secretary of State - November 2007 ▪ Advertise objection site proposals - early 2008 ▪ Pre-examination meeting - to be arranged close to commencement of examination (subject to Planning Inspectorate) ▪ Commencement of Public Examination - June 2008 (subject to Planning Inspectorate) ▪ Estimated date for adoption - November 2008 (subject to Inspector's timetable)
<p>Proposals Map and Inset Maps</p> <p>West Berkshire</p>	<p>This will identify adopted policy designations on an Ordnance Survey base.</p>	<p>Proposed changes to West Berkshire District Local Plan Proposals Map to be published in draft on submission of DPDs. The amended Proposals Map to then be published on adoption of DPDs showing on a geographical basis the application of the policies in the DPD.</p>

Proposed Supplementary Planning Documents

Note: The West Berkshire District Local Plan will remain as the adopted Local Plan until replaced by emerging DPDs. Supplementary planning documents will continue to be formulated and revised as required in accordance with that plan until it ceases to have statutory status. When the West Berkshire Planning Strategy is adopted the Council will review whether existing SPG needs to be re-established as SPD supplementary to that plan. The Council may also propose new SPD to supplement that and any other adopted Development Plan Documents.

Document/ Area Covered	Role, Contents and Conformity	Timetable for production and review
Design and Sustainability West Berkshire	Serves as a checklist for ensuring well designed and sustainable developments and assists in guiding the design and character of residential in-fill development along with town and village design statements - see below. Will conform with: Berkshire Structure Plan 2001-2016, West Berkshire District Local Plan (various policies)	Early engagement on this matter has occurred because this document was published for public consultation 16 June 2003; various comments were received. Due to resource constraints the work was not progressed. Consultants are engaged to progress the work and develop it by including guidance on how residential in-fill development can be accommodated without harm to the residential environment. This will address the aims in PPG3 of designing for quality and making efficient use of land. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft to be agreed for public consultation - Early Summer 2005 ▪ Public consultation - Summer 2005 ▪ Adoption - Autumn 2005
Market Street Urban Village, Newbury - Planning Brief Market Street	Guidance for the development of a key town centre development site and transport node Will conform with: Berkshire Structure Plan 2001-2016, West Berkshire District Local Plan (town centre policies)	Consultants have been engaged to undertake this work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft to be agreed for public consultation - Spring 2005 ▪ Public consultation - Summer 2005 ▪ Adoption - Autumn 2005
The Wharf, Newbury - Planning Brief The Wharf	Guidance for the development of a key town centre development site Will conform with: Berkshire Structure Plan 2001-2016, West Berkshire District Local Plan (town centre policies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Draft to be agreed for public consultation - Summer 2005</i> ▪ <i>Public consultation - Autumn 2005</i> ▪ <i>Adoption - Late/Early 2005</i> <p><i>This timetable is indicative and is subject to discussion with external stakeholders who will be leading this work</i></p>
Delivering Investment from Sustainable Development - West Berkshire Council's approach to securing developer contributions towards local infrastructure, services and amenities - Core Guidance and various topic papers West Berkshire	Core guidance and supporting papers setting out the Council's approach to securing contributions. Will conform with: Berkshire Structure Plan 2001-2016, West Berkshire District Local Plan (Policies DP4 and OVS.3 respectively)	Supplementary planning guidance on this subject has already been introduced by the Council and is a material consideration. The Government has stated that it will revise its policy on planning obligations and it intending to introduce a voluntary charge system. The Council may wish to review this area and produce new SPD in the light of the new guidance. It is not possible at this stage to produce a timetable for this work. This will be kept under review by the Council's LDF Working Group and a timetable produced as appropriate.

Supplementary Planning Guidance - Material Considerations

Document	Role, Contents and Conformity	Area covered	Status	Timetable for production and review
<p>Although supplementary planning guidance produced under the previous legislation cannot be saved, the following documents are still considered to give up to date and relevant guidance which supplements the policies of the saved West Berkshire District Local Plan. They have been produced in consultation with the public and stakeholders and include a statement of public consultation.</p>				
SPG No.19 Public Houses	Provides guidance on proposals which involve the loss of public houses	West Berkshire	Adopted 25 January 2000 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the Council in consultation with the local community. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
SPG No.20 Village Design Statement for Basildon	Design guidance for development in Basildon	West Berkshire	Adopted 13 March 2001 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
SPG No.21 Chieveley Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Chieveley	Chieveley	Adopted 2 April 2002 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
SPG No.22 Bucklebury Vision - Parish Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Bucklebury Parish	Bucklebury	Adopted 16 April 2002 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
SPG No.23 Cold Ash and Ashmore Green Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Cold Ash and Ashmore Green	Cold Ash and Ashmore Green	Adopted 1 May 2002 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
SPG No.24 Speen Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Speen	Speen	Adopted 1 October 2002 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Beenham Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Beenham	Beenham	Adopted 8 July 2003 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Hermitage Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Hermitage	Hermitage	Adopted 14 July 2004 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Inkpen Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Inkpen	Inkpen	Adopted 31 August 2004 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Subsequent village and town design statements	Design guidance for specified village or town	Various locations	Emerging material considerations Conform with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Several local communities are currently working on village and town design statements. Where they have been prepared in support of statutory planning policies and in consultation with the local community, West Berkshire Council will adopt town and village design statements as material planning considerations.

Supplementary Planning Guidance - Material Considerations

Document	Role, Contents and Conformity	Area covered	Status	Timetable for production and review
SPG 03/1 Shop Fronts and Signs - Supplementary planning guidance	Guidance on the design of shop fronts and signs	West Berkshire - mainly town/village centres	Adopted 3 July 2003 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Retain as existing. No current timetable for review.
SPG 04/1 Park Way Planning Brief	Planning brief for Park Way site in Newbury town centre	Park Way, Newbury	Adopted 13 May 2004 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Retain as existing. No current timetable for review.
SPG 04/2 House Extensions	Provides guidance on how to design house extensions so that they respect the character of the area, protect living conditions of neighbours and comply with relevant planning policies	West Berkshire	Adopted 15 July 2004 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Retain as existing. No current timetable for review.
SPG 04/3 Replacement Dwellings and Extensions in the Countryside	Sets out guidance to guide the scale and design of extensions to dwellings in the countryside outside settlements	Countryside outside settlements	Adopted 15 July 2004 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Retain as existing. No current timetable for review.
SPG 04/4 Delivering Investment from Sustainable Development	Explains the Council's approach to securing appropriate contributions to meet the impacts of new development	West Berkshire	Adopted 27 September 2004 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Consider review in the light of any changes to national Government policy.

There are a number of other existing and emerging documents which, whilst they will not have SPD status will be considered by the Council to be material considerations in the determination of planning applications. These include:

- North Wessex Downs Management Plan
- Landscape assessments
- Berkshire Access Guide

To be considered as a material consideration such documents should normally have been produced in consultation with the local community and stakeholders. They must generally support and accord with the Council's statutory planning policies.

Documents Proposed to be Withdrawn

The Council intends to withdraw some existing SPG when this LDS comes into effect as they are no longer required in SPG form. Others will be retained as material considerations until replaced by the proposed SPDs

Document	Status	Comments
No.1 House Extensions	Withdrawn July 2004	Replaced by SPG O4/1 in June 2004
No.2 Nursery School etc.	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	Elements of text will be retained as customer advice
No.3 Residential accommodation in relation to livestock	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	See No.2 above
No.4 Private open space for new residential development	To be withdrawn on adoption of Design and Sustainability SPD	Information on amenity space to be included in Design and Sustainability SPD
No. 5 Agricultural dwellings	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	Issues addressed in PPS7
No.6 Flat conversions	To be withdrawn on adoption of Design and Sustainability SPD	As SPG No.4 above
No.7 New flats - communal open space	To be withdrawn on adoption of Design and Sustainability SPD	As SPG No.4 above
No.8 Bed and breakfast	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	See No.2 above
No.9 Golf courses	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	See No.2 above
No.10 Disabled access	To be withdrawn on adoption of Design and Sustainability SPD	Issues addressed in Design and Sustainability SPD
No.11 Personal safety and security	To be withdrawn on adoption of Design and Sustainability SPD	Issues addressed in Design and Sustainability SPD
No.12 Petrol filling stations	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	See No.2 above
No.13 Keeping of horses for leisure purposes	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	See No.2 above
No.14 Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	Issues addressed in PPS7
No.15 Siting of bottle banks or similar local recycling facilities	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	See No.2 above
No.16 Use of premises for the sale of food and drink	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	See No.2 above
No.17 External lighting	To be withdrawn on adoption of Design and Sustainability SPD	Issues addressed in Design and Sustainability SPD
No.18 Planning guidance street trading pitches	Withdrawn as SPG April 2005	See No.2 above

Minerals and Waste Plans

Joint Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme

For the purpose of providing a Local Development Framework for Minerals and Waste the authority will work together with the other five Berkshire Unitary Authorities to produce the following local development documents.

- Proposals Map
- Minerals and Waste Core Strategy
- Detailed Waste Development Control Policies and Preferred Areas
- Detailed Minerals Development Control Policies and Preferred Areas

The Joint Strategic Planning Unit (JSPU) together with consultants will undertake this work on behalf of all the Berkshire Unitary Authorities.

Details of the preparation programme for the Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework are set out in the Berkshire Unitary Authorities Draft Joint Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme December 2004. Further information can be found at www.berks-jsu.gov.uk. A copy of the document is on the Council's web site www.westberks.gov.uk.

Section 2 – Explanation of Local Development Scheme

How has the Council decided on the documents to be included in the Local Development Scheme?

West Berkshire is a unitary authority covering over half the land area of the former county of Berkshire and it has a population of around 145,000 people. As West Berkshire is a reasonably self contained unit for most planning and development matters, the Council does not currently propose to produce any local development documents jointly with other authorities (but see details of the Berkshire Structure Plan and the Minerals and Waste Plans). However, it will continue to work with surrounding authorities to co-ordinate policy on matters of cross boundary and regional significance.

The new system of local development frameworks allows for a number of statutory planning documents to be produced rather than the single comprehensive local plan of the old system. Given the need to progress quickly with implementation of the new system and the limitations on time and resources of the Council and stakeholders, the Council has focused its first Local Development Scheme on key priority areas. The Council considers that the proposal for two initial Development Plan Documents covering the core strategy and Newbury Town Centre followed by a further DPD for Housing Site Allocations is achievable and addresses priority needs.

In assessing the priorities the Council has had regard to the following:

- The local community's priorities expressed in the Community Plan
- The Council's Corporate Plan
- Government spatial planning policies and priorities
- The direction given by the new Berkshire Structure Plan

An examination of the various priorities suggests a number of key themes for the new Local Development Framework to urgently address:

- The development of an overall spatial planning strategy focussed on the efficient use of land including use of previously developed land
- The delivery of new housing, including affordable housing
- Establishing patterns of development which help to address the aim of improving transportation
- Revitalising West Berkshire's town centres, particularly Newbury town centre
- Addressing the needs of rural communities

The proposals for Local Development Documents reflect these themes. More explanation of the role of the three proposed Development Plan Documents is set out below:-

West Berkshire Planning Strategy

This Development Plan Document will set out the Council's core spatial planning strategy for West Berkshire up to 2016. This strategy will be accompanied in the document by a succinct suite of development control policies which will enable development to be managed within the context of the spatial planning strategy.

The spatial strategy will be guided by the policies set out in the saved Berkshire Structure Plan 2001 to 2016. Within that context it will set out an overall planning strategy for West Berkshire and articulate the Council's overall vision for the area and the broad locations within it. It will also address key issues such as the delivery of affordable housing and how planning obligations arising from development can help to achieve community objectives.

The suite of development control policies will be succinct but provide a comprehensive framework for the consideration of planning applications. There will be three types of policies:

- Considerations that can apply to all forms of development
- Policies applicable to specific areas
- Policies applicable to specific types of development

In particular the Council is expecting to prepare a single or limited set of planning policies to cover considerations which can apply to any form of development, whatever its scale. Such considerations would include design, all amenity issues, parking/transport requirements, crime reduction and development requirements. Such an approach would provide a single point of reference, moving away from the topic based approach which led to relevant considerations being spread across a wide range of planning policies in earlier plans. Matters fully dealt with in Government planning policy statements will not be replicated.

It is intended that this DPD sets out the overall planning strategy for West Berkshire which then informs the production of other Development Plan documents.

As a wide ranging document the West Berkshire Planning Strategy will assist in addressing a range of Community Plan and Council corporate priorities

Newbury Town Centre Plan

This DPD is needed to help deliver the Council's framework for the development of the town centre set out in Newbury Vision 2025. It will be a very focused plan covering a relatively small area.

This plan will conform with the Berkshire Structure Plan and will be informed by the considerable amount of stakeholder engagement and public consultation which has already taken place in producing the Vision document. It helps to address the Council's corporate priority of revitalising town centres.

Housing Site Allocations

This DPD will be produced shortly after the development of the West Berkshire Planning Strategy. It will identify specific sites for primarily residential development within existing built up areas and, if necessary, in areas outside existing settlement boundaries. Together with the West Berkshire Planning Strategy its aim will be to ensure that the housing requirements set out in the saved Berkshire Structure Plan are met and that housing development is delivered when it is needed and in locations which best serve the overall objectives of the community. This DPD is not required immediately as there is currently a considerable stock of planning permissions which will meet housing

requirements for the first years after 2006. However, when adopted it will provide a framework of specific site allocations to ensure that there is sufficient land for housing up to 2016. It will also aim to take into account any changes to housing numbers allocated to West Berkshire arising from the emerging South East Plan (Regional Spatial Strategy)

***Statement of
Community
Involvement***

The Council has a statutory requirement to produce a statement showing how it will involve the community in the preparation of local development documents and in the consideration of planning applications in West Berkshire. The timetable for production is shown in section 1. A copy of the draft SCI is available on the Council's web site.

***Supplementary
Planning Documents***

The Council has programmed 3 SPDs which address current priorities. They cover design matters and two sites within Newbury town centre.

Section 3 – Procedures and Programme Management

The Council's local development documents will be prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2004 and relevant Government planning policy statements and codes of practice.

Programme Management

Preparation of each DPD and SPD in this LDS will be led by the Planning and Transport Strategy Service of West Berkshire Council. Specific roles and responsibilities are set out in section 4 below.

Democratic Decision Making Structure

Within the Council, **Development Plan Documents** will be prepared by members of the authority in accordance with the following structure:-

Planning and Transport Policy Task Group and Local Development Framework Working Group)	Executive	Council
▶ ▶ ▶	▶ ▶ ▶	
Undertakes detailed work in preparation of the local development framework. Will prepare draft development plan documents for consideration by the Council's Executive. Task Group has a key role in ensuring harmonisation of Local Development Framework and Local Transport Plan	The Executive will receive reports from the Task Group. At key stages in the production of development plan documents, such as approval of documents to submit to the Secretary of State, the Executive recommends to the full Council.	Agrees key stages of development plan documents at the recommendation of the Executive. Responsible for the final adoption of development plan documents.
Task Group meets quarterly. Working Group meets monthly. Special meetings as required.	Meets monthly	Meets every two months. Special meetings will be arranged as required to agree key stages in order to progress work quickly
	Meets in public	Meets in public

A similar approach will be taken to **Supplementary Planning Documents** but there will be no reference to full Council and draft publications will proceed to public consultation following consideration by the Task Group.

Community Involvement

Arrangements for involving the community in each of the local development documents are explained in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. A draft SCI was presented to the Council's Executive in March and will be subject to consultation during Spring 2005. Public involvement in the production of the three development plan documents in this programme will be tailored in accordance with the role and scope of the document as explained in the Statement of Community Involvement. In brief, the arrangements for consultation and involvement in **Development Plan Documents** will be as follows:-

Development Plan Documents – Public Consultation and Involvement	
Stage	Consultation Activities
1. Issues and Options	The initial work of identifying the issues and considering options relevant to each DPD will involve varied consultation arrangements and activities depending on the DPD being produced. These will be developed in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement. The results of such consultations will be used to inform the production of DPDs.
2. Development of Preferred Options	The work undertaken on issues and options will evolve into the decisions to be made on preferred options. Matters raised in the previous stage will inform preferred option development. Further involvement as appropriate will help the Council draw up the preferred options.
3. Public participation on preferred options	This is a more formal consultation stage where preferred options on each DPD are published for comment and representations are invited over a fixed period. The Council then has to consider the representations before finalising the DPD for submission.
4. Submission to Secretary of State	At submission stage the Council will be satisfied that it has consulted widely and has produced a DPD that is sound and fit for purpose. It will not be expecting to make any further changes to the DPD. In spite of the consultation and involvement which has gone before there will inevitably be individuals and organisations who do not agree with elements of the DPD. At submission stage they will be able to make, within a specified period, formal submissions saying how they think the DPD should be changed.
5. Examination	An independent Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate will hold an examination of the plan about 6 months after it has been submitted. Having regard to all relevant evidence, the sustainability appraisal and the representations received the Inspector will consider whether the DPD is sound. At the examination the Inspector will question participants and call on them to comment. The examination will mainly comprise round table sessions with the Inspector chairing the discussion.
6. Binding Report	The Inspector's report is binding on the Council. There is no modifications stage as there was under the previous system and no further opportunity for involvement to influence the content of the DPD. It is very important that people wishing to be involved make their views known at stages 1, 2 and 3 above.

There will also be opportunities to be involved in the production of supplementary planning documents – see the Statement of Community Involvement for details.

Section 4 – Resources and Risk Assessment

What resources are available to produce the Local Development Framework and how will these be deployed?

	Resource	Role
<i>Political Leadership and Decision Making</i>	▪ Local Development Framework Working Group - 6 Councillors (cross party)	Detailed democratic leadership of LDF production
	▪ Planning and Transport Policy Working Group - 10 Councillors (cross party)	Co-ordination of planning and transport policies
	▪ Executive Member for Planning and Sustainability	Political management of LDF
	▪ Executive	Agree LDS, referrals to full Council
<i>Core Officer Team</i>	▪ Full Council	Formal decisions
	▪ WBC Planning and Transport Policy Manager (P&TPM)	Strategic management and resource allocation
<i>Supporting Officers</i>	▪ WBC Planning Policy Team Leader (PPTL)	LDF project manager - reports to P&TPM
	▪ WBC Planning Policy Team (PPT) = PPTL plus 5 full time equivalent planning officers	Evidence base preparation, drafting, consultation and engagement, examination witnesses. Monitoring, web site maintenance, customer service.
	▪ WBC Transport Policy Team = 3 full time equivalent transport planning officers	Policy drafting support, integration of transport issues, joint consultation and engagement work
	▪ WBC Ecologist	Specialist advice - bio-diversity
	▪ WBC Conservation Officer	Specialist advice - built environment conservation
	▪ WBC Development Control	Secondments to assist in policy preparation, examination work.
	▪ WBC Strategy and Resources	Corporate consultation and engagement work linked with LDF. Democratic arrangements.
	▪ 1.5 full time equivalent administrative support staff	General administrative support to core team
<i>Administrative support</i>	▪ Flexible administration support pool	General administration, assistance with peaks of work such as formal consultation periods
	▪ Customer Contact Centre	Management of telephone calls during consultation and submission periods
	▪ Examination Programme Officer	To be appointed at appropriate times
<i>Joint Working and Partnerships</i>	▪ Berkshire Unitary Authorities' Joint Strategic Planning Unit	Professional assistance with evidence base preparation, policy drafting.
	▪ Berkshire Development Planning Group = lead planning policy officers from 6 Berkshire unitary authorities	Forum for exchange of experience; lead role in arranging Berkshire wide evidence base work and policy co-ordination
	▪ West Berkshire Partnership Action Groups	Information provision, consultation, co-ordination with community strategy priorities
<i>Consultancy Support</i>	▪ Consultancy services	Preparation of evidence base: urban capacity study; recreation assessment; economic profiling; transport advice; public consultation; landscape advice
<i>Production and Technical Support</i>	▪ Graphics Team	Production/presentation of documents

	▪ GIS Team	Assistance with mapping
	▪ Print Service	Printing of documents
	▪ Contract printers and mapping specialists	Production of key documents, preparation of proposals map

What information and evidence will inform the preparing of the local development documents?

The initial Development Plan Documents will be informed by various studies. These will provide the evidence base for all three initial DPDs. The evidence base includes:-	
Study/survey	Production arrangements
Sustainability Appraisals - produced as an integral part of DPD and SPD preparation.	For initial 2 DPDs work to be undertaken by consultants commissioned by and working in conjunction with WBC Planning service. Subsequent appraisals will draw on the initial work - arrangements for producing SA for the Housing Site Allocations DPD will be considered in early 2006.
West Berkshire Urban Capacity Study - completion February 2005, publication Spring 2005	Undertaken by Halcrow. Commissioned by WBC Planning service
West Berkshire Housing Needs Assessment - 2002 (and subsequent update to be published August 2005 - consultants to be appointed March 2005)	2002 Study by Outside Research. Update to be undertaken by consultants commissioned by WBC Housing and Planning services
Housing Commitments data survey published annually in September	Undertaken by Joint Strategic Planning Unit and WBC Planning
Analysis of housing densities, implementation timetables, take up of permissions, windfall site delivery - 1 st two quarters 2005	Undertaken by WBC Planning service Planning Policy team
Employment Land Assessment - Autumn 2005	To be undertaken by consultants commissioned by WBC Planning service
Economic profiling - to be undertaken during 2005 in conjunction with Employment Land Assessment	As above and also with Joint Strategic Planning Unit
Employment Commitments data survey published annually in September	Undertaken by Joint Strategic Planning Unit and WBC Planning service
West Berkshire Retail and Leisure Study 2003. Published.	Undertaken by DTZ Pbeda, commissioned by WBC Planning service
Open Space and Recreation Facilities Assessment - target for completion spring 2005	Undertaken by PMP and commissioned by WBC Planning and Culture and Youth services
Movement and transport studies undertaken for Local Transport Plan preparation. Completed during 2004.	Undertaken by various consultants, commissioned by WBC Planning service Transport Policy Team
Site surveys and analysis. Second quarter 2005 and on-going.	Undertaken by WBC Planning service Planning Policy team
Annual Monitoring Report	See section 5. This will be a focus for information and will assist in assessing the role and effectiveness of policies

Relationship between proposed timetable and resources

A chart setting out the detailed timetable arrangements is set out in Section 7 of this document. The timetable has been arranged to ensure that linked tasks are undertaken together and that key stages of

production do not overlap and so create resource pressures within the relatively small core team. The key features of this careful programming are:-

- Parallel production of West Berkshire Planning Strategy (Core Strategy) and Newbury Town Centre Plan - this allows for parallel consultation processes. The aims of both documents will be linked and there has already been a great deal of public consultation about Newbury Town Centre and so it is appropriate to incorporate the consultation requirements for that document within the arrangements for the Core Strategy. The examinations are proposed to be concurrent which is resource efficient in terms of venue booking, programme officer appointment and deployment of key staff.
- Timing of Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document - the early stages of consultation and involvement will occur in the period following the public examinations of the earlier documents. On receipt of the Inspector's binding report there will be time to adapt to any changes in focus without the Housing Site Allocations DPD having been progressed too far.

Risk Assessment

One of the key objectives for the new system of development plans is that they should be delivered and reviewed far more rapidly. The Government has a target of having the key elements of LDFs being adopted by March 2007. This is a tight timetable. In order to minimise the risk of this not being achieved, the Council has focused its first Local Development Scheme on a limited number of local development documents which address priority areas. However, there remain risks to delivery which are discussed below:

Potential Risk	Analysis	Strategy for Managing Risk
Staff retention and recruitment	There is a general shortage of professional planning staff and officers from other disciplines compounded by push factors such as high housing costs in South East England. Opportunities exist for staff to move to other employers. The relatively small size of the core team and other key teams means that they are vulnerable to staff changes and recruitment delays. Level of Risk: High	The Planning and Transport Strategy service has employed a number of graduates and is providing professional training. Flexible working arrangements are put in place to encourage return to the workplace from those with skills but who may not be able to commit to full time work. The sharing of skills within and between authorities will assist in plugging any staffing gaps which may arise and consultants will be engaged as appropriate to undertake short term projects.
Financial constraints	The resources allocated reflect current budgets but future financial constraints could be a threat. Planning delivery grant has assisted with LDF preparation to date. Level of Risk: Medium	Preparation of the LDF is to be included as one of the Council's key corporate priorities. In the event of resource reductions the Council will discuss the matter with the Government Office.
Role of Planning Inspectorate	The Planning Inspectorate has a key role in the LDF process for examining and reporting on SCIs and DPDs. The achievement of the latter stages of DPD timetables is particularly dependent on the Inspectorate's availability to undertake examinations and on reporting time. Level of Risk: Low/Medium	The Planning Inspectorate's resources are not within the control of the Council. The Government sets standards for its performance. The Council has discussed its LDS plans with the Inspectorate at an early stage to facilitate time-tabling of examinations and maintain on-going liaison. The Inspectorate is considering resource and time-tabling matters and will enter into a service level agreement with the Council

Competing work demands beyond Council's control	<p>The Council cannot prevent certain works areas arising. For example it has been announced that a planning application for 7500 dwellings in Burghfield parish (the 'Kennet Valley Park Proposal') will be submitted in during 2005. This proposal is not allowed for in the current local plan, the adopted or emerging Structure Plan or the regional spatial strategy. Therefore, it will place demands on the Council's work programmes far beyond that which would normally be expected having regard to the adopted planning policy context. As call-in seems likely if an application is submitted, the proposal may well go to inquiry and will place demands across the Council's team.</p> <p>Level of Risk: Medium</p>	<p>Planning and Transport Strategy service management team will identify competing work demands at an early stage and allocate resources as appropriate. The Head of Service has already indicated to the prospective applicants that pre-application discussions of the proposal will not be undertaken. The Council will consider whether it is appropriate to engage consultancy support to handle any application and subsequent inquiry.</p>
Competing work demands within Council's control	<p>As the LDF is prepared within an organisation there is a risk that staff will be diverted to work on other projects. This could apply to staff within the Planning and Transport Strategy service and other Council service areas which are supporting LDF preparation.</p> <p>Level of Risk: Low</p>	<p>Preparation of the LDF is to be included as one of the Council's key corporate priorities and it is the priority work area for the Planning Policy team. All points in the management structure are aware of the key role of the LDF. Competing priorities will be identified by all relevant staff including project managers. The issues will then be referred for resolution by the Management Teams of the Service Groupings and by the Council's Management Board.</p>
Delays in decision making process	<p>The decisions to be made are complex and there is a great deal at stake for the Council, the community and the development industry. Decision makers will be understandably keen not to rush to decisions and to ensure the optimum result. The binding Inspector's report means that the submitted DPDs must be complete and comprehensive but a decision stage is no longer required following receipt of report.</p> <p>Level of Risk: Low/Medium</p>	<p>The LDS is focussed on a limited number of matters and sets out timetables. The Council will aim to maximise time for consultation and involvement to ensure the range of options and opportunities are fully established. Sufficient time periods will also be time-tabled between consultation stages to ensure officers making recommendations and Members making decisions have sufficient time to reflect on matters raised. The initial production of a Core Strategy should help to guide and focus future decisions</p>
Political changes	<p>A general election will be held within the period covered by this LDS. A new incoming Government may amend policies or set new priorities.</p> <p>Level of Risk: Low</p> <p>Council elections are held after the target for adoption of the initial DPDs.</p> <p>Level of Risk: Low</p>	<p>The Council cannot mitigate any risks arising here but all local planning authorities are likely to be placed in a similar position. The advice of the Government Office will be sought as necessary.</p> <p>Officers would seek guidance from political leaders, Council's Chief Executive and Corporate Directors in the event of any political changes.</p>
Legal action	<p>The new system may generate more legal uncertainties. The likelihood of legal action is unknown. However, the opportunity for legal challenge of a development plan document remains at the post adoption stage and so should not affect the current timetables.</p> <p>Level of Risk: Low</p>	<p>The Council's Legal Services team will be closely involved in the process of DPD and SPD preparation.</p>

Section 5 – Monitoring and Review

Monitoring the implementation of the Council's Local Development Framework is a key feature of the new planning system.

Annual Monitoring Report

In December each year the Council is required to produce an annual monitoring report to track the implementation of policies and changes which have occurred in West Berkshire. The monitoring year will cover the period from 1 April to 31 March each year - so the first AMR will be produced in December 2005 and cover the period 01/04/04 to 31/03/05.

The Government is due to produce guidance notes on the content of Annual Monitoring Reports in the near future. It is expected that the West Berkshire Annual Monitoring Report will contain:-

- An assessment of whether any targets set out in development plan documents are being met and, if not, the reasons why
- Impact of policies on targets set out at national, regional, sub-regional or local level
- Consideration of whether any policies need to be replaced or amended, and action needed to do this
- Details of housing delivery including completed dwellings during the monitoring year, numbers of units under construction, stock of permissions, house type data, parking spaces provided, density of development
- A housing trajectory showing past completions and expected future building
- Details of employment generating development constructed, started and given planning permission
- Other development trends data

The Annual Monitoring Report will also cover progress on achieving the timetable set out in this Local Development Scheme

Reviewing this Local Development Scheme

The LDS sets out the programme for four years. However, it is likely that amendments will be needed to account for changed circumstances and also to introduce future local development documents. The first review of this document will occur in December 2005 when the council prepares its first annual monitoring report. At that stage the Council will assess whether any changes to the timetable may be required and whether the results of monitoring suggest attention to particular policy areas is required.

Protocol for liaising with Government Office over changes to LDS

If it is expected that amendments to the LDS are required, the Council will contact the Government Office informally to discuss the issues and proposals for change. Following these informal discussions the Council's Executive will then agree a revised LDS and formally submit the document.

Section 6 - Glossary

Term	Acronym	Explanation
Adoption		Formal approval by the Council of an LDD whereupon it achieves its full weight.
Annual Monitoring Report	AMR	Annual statement analysing the implementation of policies. Produced in December. This is a statutory requirement of the new planning system
Area Action Plan	AAP	A Development Plan Document which focuses on a specific area
Binding Report		Not a formal term but refers to the fact that an Inspector's report on a DPD is binding on the local authority (see Examination below)
Community Strategy/Plan		Strategic objectives and action plan produced by LSP
Conformity		LDDs normally have to fit in to the policies set out in higher documents - conformity
Core Strategy		The overall spatial planning policies and objectives for an area. The West Berkshire Planning Strategy will be West Berkshire's core strategy.
Council		In this context, the local planning authority; in this case West Berkshire Council. References to full Council are to the meeting of all elected members which is the Council's supreme decision making body
Development Plan Document	DPD	A statutory document which is the primary consideration in determining planning applications. It is required to undergo public testing (inquiry or examination before an independent inspector or panel).
Examination		In this context the forum at which an independent inspector considers the soundness of a development plan document
Executive		In this case, the Council's lead decision making body comprised of elected members
Government Office		Grouping of Government departments working at regional level - see GOSE.
	GOSE	Government Office for the South East
Housing Trajectory		Diagram showing housing delivery and expected trends of development
Inset map		Specific section of a Proposals Map
Local Development Document	LDD	Either a Development Plan Document or a Supplementary Planning Document
Local Development Scheme	LDS	This document, the public programme for producing elements of the Local Development Framework
Local Development Framework	LDF	The portfolio of Local Development Documents that provides the framework for delivering the spatial strategy for the area
Local Strategic Partnership	LSP	A grouping of local stakeholders - local councils, business, voluntary sector - working together in the local community. The local LSP is the West Berkshire Partnership
Material consideration		A factor or document which can be taken into account in deciding a planning application
Planning Inspectorate		National agency which supplies independent planning inspectors.
Planning Policy Guidance	PPG	Government statement of its planning policy. Gradually being replaced by PPS
Planning Policy Statement	PPS	Government statement of its planning policies.
Proposals Map		Map showing policy areas on an Ordnance Survey map base.
Public examination		See Examination above
Regional Planning Guidance	RPG	Government planning policies for a region. Replaced by RSS
Regional Spatial Strategy	RSS	Government planning policies for the region. Now part of the development plan.
Saved Development Plans or Policies		The new system allows all existing Local and Structure Plans to be saved until September 2007. Some policies may be saved for a longer period through agreement.
South East Plan		RSS for the South East
Spatial strategy		An integrated planning/development strategy aiming to achieve a range of objectives
Stakeholder		In this context an organisation or individual with an interest in local planning matters
Statement of Community Involvement	SCI	Adopted document setting out how the Council will involve the community in the planning process.
Structure Plan		Broad planning policies for a whole County. Being replaced by local DPDs and RSS
Submission		Stage at which a prepared DPD is presented to Secretary of State. Similar to the deposit stage under the old system in that formal representations can be made.
Supplementary Planning Document	SPD	A local development document which does not have DPD status but which is taken into account as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications
Supplementary Planning Guidance	SPG	Planning guidance produced under the previous planning system. They give additional guidance in support of policies in statutory planning documents
Unitary authority		A single tier local authority providing a full range of local government functions. West Berkshire Council is a unitary authority
Village Design Statement	VDS	Local design guidance produced by local community and adopted by the Council
West Berkshire Partnership		The local LSP.

Section 7 - Appendices

The table shows how each existing policy in the West Berkshire District Local Plan will be replaced or whether it is proposed to be saved. Where a policy is shown to be replaced by a DPD it is likely the principles and aims of the policy will be incorporated if appropriate into that document. Policies marked with a * are likely to be replaced in part by supplementary planning documents.

WBDLP Policy	Role of policy - Comments	
OV51 Overall Strategy	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
OV52 Core Policy	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
OV53 Planning Benefits	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
OV53A Provision of Infrastructure	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
OV54 Environmental Impact Assessment	Policy not likely to be required	
OV55 Environmental Nuisance/ Pollution control	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
OV56 Noise pollution	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
OV57 Hazardous Substances	Proposed saved policy	
OV58 Hazardous substances	Proposed saved policy	
OV59 Renewable energy	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
OV510 Energy Efficiency	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	*
OV511 Planning to Reduce the Opportunity for crime	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	*
ENV1 The Wider Countryside	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV2 Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV3 Areas of Special Landscape Importance	Proposed saved policy	
ENV4 Gaps between settlements	Proposed saved policy	
ENV5 Setting of Settlements	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV6 Enhancement of Degraded Landscapes	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV7 Central Berkshire Forest	Policy not likely to be required	
ENV8 Active Nature Conservation Measures	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV9 Impact of Development Proposals on Nature Conservation Sites	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV9A Protected Wildlife Species	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV10 River Flood Plain Areas	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV11 Surface Water Run-off	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV11A Waste Water Management	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV11B Surface water disposal	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV12 Ground and surface water protection	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV13 Water Resources	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV14 River Corridors and Nature Conservation	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV15 Protecting Agricultural Land	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV16 Farm Diversification	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV17 Agricultural development	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV18 Control of Development in the Countryside	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV19 Re-use and adaptation of Existing Buildings in the Countryside	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV20 Redevelopment of Existing Buildings in the Countryside	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV21 In-filling and Ribbon Development in Existing Areas of Dispersed Settlements	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV22 Extension of Residential Curtilages in the Countryside		
ENV23 Replacement Dwellings in the Countryside	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV24 Extensions to Dwellings in the Countryside	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV25A Redundant Defence and Government Establishments	Policy not likely to be required	
ENV25 Defence and Government Establishments in the Countryside	Policy not likely to be required	
ENV26 The Former Greenham Common Air Base	Proposed saved policy	
ENV27 Institutional and Educational sites in the Countryside	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV28 Telecommunications Development	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV29 Development Involving Horses	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV30 Protecting and Improving the Urban Environment	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	*
ENV31 Important Open Space	Proposed saved policy	
ENV32 Alterations and Extensions to Listed Buildings	Proposed saved policy	
ENV33 Development in Conservation Areas	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV34 Burgage Plots in Hungerford	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV35 Historic Parks and Gardens	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	

WBDLP Policy	Role of policy - Comments	
ENV36 The Newbury Battlefield Site	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV37 Development on SAMs and AAS	Proposed Saved Policy	
ENV38 Management of SAMs and AAS	Proposed Saved Policy	
ENV39 The Provision of Archaeological Evaluation	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ENV40 The Level of Archaeological Investigation	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
HSG1 Identification of Settlements for Planning Purposes	Settlement boundaries proposed to be saved	
HSG2 Exceptions to Normal Restrictions on New Housing in the Countryside	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
HSG3 The Relaxation of Agricultural Occupancy Conditions	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
HSG4 Development within urban areas and on brownfield sites	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
HSG5 Allocation of New Housing Sites	Replaced by Housing Site Allocations DPD	
HSG7 Planning Benefits relating to new housing development	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
HSG8 Housing to Meet the Needs of Disabled People	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	*
HSG9 Affordable Housing to Meet Local Needs	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
HSG10	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
HSG11 Rural Exceptions Schemes	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
HSG13 Residential Use of Space above shops and offices	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
HSG14 Retention of Mobile Home Parks	Proposed saved policy	
HSG15 Temporary Residential Accommodation	Policy unlikely to be required	
HSG16 Purley Park River Estate	Proposed saved policy	
HSG17 Gypsy Transit Site	Proposed saved policy	
HSG17a Permanent Gypsy Sites	Proposed saved policy	
ECON1 Retention of Existing Employment sites	Proposed saved policy (site designations)	
ECON2A Employment Schemes on Non-protected sites	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ECON2 Alternative Uses for Existing Committed Employment Sites	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ECON3 Retention of 'Bad Neighbour' Uses	Policy unlikely to be required	
ECON4 Enhancement of Employment Areas and their surroundings	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	*
ECON5 Town Centre Commercial Areas	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
ECON6 Former Greenham Common Airbase	Proposed saved policy	
ECON7 Safeguarding Rail Based Industry at Theale	Proposed saved policy	
ECON8 and 9 Policies on the Racehorse industries	Proposed saved policy	
S1 Non-retail uses in primary shopping frontages	Proposed saved policy (except Newbury Town Centre where replaced by DPD)	
S1A Mixed Uses In Town Centres	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
S2 Parkway and the Wharf	Replaced with Newbury Town Centre Plan	
SHOP3 Retail Areas and Retail Warehousing	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
SHOP4 Car Boot Sales and Sunday Markets	Policy not likely to be required	
SHOP5 The Encouragement of Local and Village Shops	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
TRANS1A Road Schemes	Proposed saved policy	
TRANS1 Meeting the Transport Needs of New Development	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
TRANS2 Enhancement of Transportation Facilities and Network	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
TRANS3 A34/M4 Junction 13 - Chieveley	Proposed saved policy	
TRANS4 Cycling	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
TRANS5 Pedestrians	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
RL1 Public Open Space Provision in Residential Development Schemes	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	*
RL2 Provision of Public Open Space (Methods)	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
RL3 Selection of Public Open Space and Recreational Sites	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
RL3A Protection of Existing Public and Private Open Space and Recreation Facilities	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
RL4 Safeguarding Existing Allotment Land	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
RL4A Informal Recreation and Access in the Countryside	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
RL5 Policy on the Kennet and Avon Canal	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
RL5A The River Thames	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
RL6 Thatcham Moors	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	
RL7 Lower Kennet Water Park	Replaced by West Berkshire Planning Strategy	