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# Regulation 22 Statement of Consultation

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## 1.0 Introduction

### Purpose

- 1.1 This Statement of Consultation has been prepared with regard to Regulation 22 (1)(c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and sets out how the Council has undertaken community participation and stakeholder involvement in the production of the Local Plan in accordance with Regulation 18 and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) adopted on 6 March 2017. The statement sets out how this engagement has shaped the plan and the main issues raised by consultation / representations.
- 1.2 Before the Council can submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for examination, it must comply with the requirements of Regulation 22(1)(c). This requires a statement setting out:
  - (i). Which organisations and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations under regulation 18;
  - (ii). How they were invited to make their representations;
  - (iii). A summary of the main issues raised;
  - (iv). How those issues have been taken into account;
  - (v). If representations were made pursuant to regulation 20, the number made and a summary of the main issues raised;
  - (vi). If no representations were made pursuant to regulation 20 a statement of that fact.
- 1.3 This statement meets the requirements of Regulation 22 (1)(c) and demonstrates that consultation on the preparation of the Local Plan has been undertaken in accordance with the relevant Regulations and the adopted SCI.
- 1.4 The SCI document sets out how the Council will consult and involve the public and statutory consultees in planning matters. Full details of the current adopted SCI can be viewed here:  
[http://www.fareham.gov.uk/PDF/planning/local\\_plan/Adopted\\_CommunityInvolvement.pdf](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/PDF/planning/local_plan/Adopted_CommunityInvolvement.pdf).

### Background

- 1.5 The Council began preparing a new Local Plan in 2015. The local plan will set out the strategic vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the Borough (excluding Welborne), as well as the planning policies which will guide future development. The Plan will look ahead to 2037 and identify the main areas for sustainable development growth. It establishes policies and guidance to ensure local development is built in accordance with the principles set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- 1.6 The Fareham Local Plan 2037 will replace the adopted Core Strategy (Local Plan Part 1) (2011) and Development Sites and Policies (Local Plan Part 2) (2015). The Welborne Plan (Local Plan Part 3) (2015) will remain and together with the new Local Plan will form the development framework for the Borough.

## Structure of Statement

1.7 This statement of consultation comprises seven sections:

- Section 1 is an introduction.
- Section 2 sets out the timeline which has been followed in preparing the Local Plan which is accordance with the up to date Local Development Scheme which can be found on the Council's website at: [http://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/local\\_plan/lds.aspx](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/local_plan/lds.aspx).
- Section 3 summarises the process the Council implemented for each stage of consultation carried out under Regulations 18 and 19.
- Section 3 is supported by four appendices as follows:
- Appendix 1 explains how the Council engaged with the community and other interested parties.
- Appendix 2 provides a summary of the main issues raised by the representations at each Regulation 18 consultation stage and how the Council has taken these into account when preparing the Local Plan (in accordance with Regulation 22 (1)(c) (iii) and (iv)).
- Appendix 3 provides a summary of the main issues raised by the representations at each Regulation 19 consultation stage and how the Council has taken these into account when preparing the Local Plan (in accordance with Regulation 22 (1)(c) (iii) and (iv)).
- Appendix 4 sets out who was invited to make representations and how (in accordance with Regulation 22 (1)(c) (i) and (ii)).

## 2.0 Plan Production Timeline

2.1 In order to ensure thorough engagement with all stakeholders including the local community, businesses and organisations, the Fareham Local Plan 2037 has been the subject of a number of stages of consultation. The aim of these consultations is to develop a comprehensive document, tailored to the needs of the Borough in terms of strategy and the policies required.

2.2 The timeline below outlines the work undertaken and the stages of consultation of the Fareham Local Plan 2037.

2.3

	Date	Key Stage	Method
	The Council committed to reviewing the Local Plan in 2015 during the examinations of Local Plan Parts 2 and 3 and immediately commenced work on its preparation, reviewing existing policies and identifying and updating any gaps in policies or evidence bases. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) was adopted September 2016.		
1.	25 Oct 2017 to 8 Dec 2017	Draft Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 18)	The Council consulted on a full draft version of the Local Plan including the evidence base and technical assessments. Consultation was open for a 6 week period.
	The Government confirmed the implementation of the standard methodology in July 2018, resulting in a higher housing need for Fareham. The Draft Local Plan which the Council had consulted on in 2017, would not meet the new requirement and so the Council revisited this work in order to meet the new identified housing target. Updated LDS adopted July 2017.		
2.	10 Jun 2019 to 26 Jul 2019	Issues and Options Consultation (Regulation 18)	Consultation to address additional housing need, and to establish where stakeholders considered development should go and where in the Borough should be protected from future development. Consultation was open for a 6 week period.
	The Council took on board comments received during the Issues and Options consultation and prepared a Local Plan Supplement to address the additional housing need and further progress the Borough's Development Strategy. Updated LDS adopted March 2019.		
3.	13 Jan 2020 to 1 Mar 2020	Draft Local Plan Supplement Consultation (Regulation 18)	Consultation on the supplement to the Draft Local Plan including additional evidence base and technical documents. Consultation was open for a 6 week period.
	The Council took on board comments received during all the preceding Regulation 18 consultations. Further evidence base documents were		

	<p>updated (eg SA/SEA) or commissioned (Viability Assessment) to improve the Local Plan ready for formal consultation/submission. In August 2020 the Government commenced a consultation which outlined its intention to revise the Standard Method. The revision would significantly decrease the housing requirement for Fareham and therefore the Council took the decision to proceed with the regulation 19 consultation with a Publication Plan based on the proposed revised housing need. Updated LDS adopted August 2020.</p>		
4	2 Nov 2020 to 14 Dec 2020	Publication Plan Consultation (Regulation 19)	A submission ready version of the plan was made available for stakeholders and the public to comment on for a minimum of 6 weeks. In accordance with the Local Plan Regulations, this consultation was formal and statutory seeking specifically the Plan's soundness for Examination in Public.
	<p>Two days prior to the end of the Publication Plan consultation, the Government announced it would be proceeding with the proposed changes to the Standard Method, meaning the Council needed to revise the Publication Plan to ensure it met the Borough's housing requirement based on the Standard Method as set out in 2018. The Council also assessed the comments received during the regulation 19 formal consultation and made revisions to ensure the plan's soundness. An updated LDS was adopted in June 2021. The Council undertook a second regulation 19 consultation on the revisions to the Publication Plan clearly identifying the revisions which had been made.</p>		
5	18 June 2021 to 30 July 2021	Revised Publication Plan Consultation (Regulation 19)	A submission ready version of the revised plan was made available for stakeholders and the public to comment on for a minimum of 6 weeks. In accordance with the Local Plan Regulations, this consultation was formal and statutory seeking specifically the Plan's soundness for Examination in Public.
	<p>The Council assessed the comments received during the regulation 19 formal consultation to ensure its soundness.</p>		
6	30 September 2021	Submission to the Secretary of State	Submitted for examination in public.
7	Anticipated Winter/Spring 2021/22 (timing determined by the	Examination	The Plan will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector.

	Planning Inspector)		
8	Summer 2022 (estimated)	Adoption	The Council will formally adopt the Fareham Local Plan 2037.

2.4 Ahead of the 2020 regulation 19 Publication Plan consultation, the period the Local Plan will cover was amended. The plan period identified in the regulation 18 consultations ran from 2020 to 2036. The amended plan period will run from 2021 to 2037. This has been reflected in the plan name which has changed from Fareham Local Plan 2036 to Fareham Local Plan 2037.

## 3.0 Summary of Process

3.1 The following summarises the steps undertaken to consult at each stage of the Fareham Local Plan preparation, outlining the measures taken to publicise the consultations.

### *Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan Consultation*

3.2 The Council published the Draft Fareham Local Plan 2036 document and the supporting evidence base including the Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening and Equalities Impact Assessment for six weeks public consultation (Regulation 18) between 25 October and 8 December 2017.

3.3 In accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement, the following measures were undertaken to publicise the consultation and ensure that consultation material was available and accessible:

- Publication of the Draft Local Plan and all supporting evidence documents on the Council's website.
- Publication of a special edition of the Council's Fareham Today magazine.
- Direct mailing either by email or letter to all parties on the Planning Strategy consultation database.
- Targeted contact with specific consultees, including neighbouring authorities.
- Press release.
- A series of Community Action Team meetings and public exhibitions across the Borough, publicised through the Council's website and Fareham Today magazine.
- Static consultation displays in Fareham Shopping Centre throughout the consultation period.
- Paper copies of the key consultation material (the Draft Local Plan, as well as the Habitats Regulation Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal, Policies Map and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) and Special edition Fareham Today available at the Council's Civic Offices as well as libraries across the Borough and in venues in the neighbouring borough of Gosport.
- An interactive 'Story Map' shared online and via social media, reflected the contents of Fareham Today alongside interactive proposal maps.
- Regular posts in respect of the Draft Local Plan consultation on Facebook and Twitter.
- Regular updates on the Council's E-Panel<sup>1</sup>.

3.4 Arrangements were made for representations on the Draft Local Plan and its evidence base to be submitted on-line, by email and by letter with the option of using a consultation form that could be completed via the Council's website or by using a hard copy available at the CAT meetings, exhibitions, Civic Offices or libraries or supplied by the Planning Strategy or Communications Team upon request.

3.5 Detailed information of the consultation, including consultation material and the methods via which people could respond is provided in Appendix 1.

3.6 Over 2,500 individuals and organisations submitted comments and 5 petitions were received. Appendix 2 provides a summary of the main issues raised by the

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.fareham.gov.uk/have\\_your\\_say/e-panel/intro.aspx](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/have_your_say/e-panel/intro.aspx)



representations split by chapters and policies and how the Council has taken these into account when preparing the Local Plan.

#### *Regulation 18 Issues and Options Consultation*

- 3.7 The Council undertook a Regulation 18 Consultation on the Issues and Options for the new Local Plan for six weeks from 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Issues and Options consultation document took the form of a special edition Fareham Today magazine.
- 3.8 In accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement, the following measures were undertaken to publicise the consultation and ensure that consultation material was available and accessible:
- Publication of the consultation document which was in the form of a special edition of the Council's Fareham Today magazine.
  - 51,000 copies of the document posted to homes and businesses throughout the Borough.
  - Direct mailing either by email or letter to all parties on the Planning Strategy consultation database.
  - Targeted contact with specific consultees, including neighbouring authorities.
  - Press release.
  - A series of Community Action Team meetings and public exhibitions across the Borough, publicised through the Council's website and Fareham Today magazine.
  - Static consultation displays in Fareham Shopping Centre throughout the consultation period.
  - Paper copies of the special edition Fareham Today available at the Council's Civic Offices as well as libraries across the Borough and in venues in the neighbouring borough of Gosport.
  - An interactive 'Story Map' shared online and via social media, reflected the contents of Fareham Today alongside interactive proposal maps.
  - Regular posts in respect of the Draft Local Plan consultation on Facebook and Twitter.
  - Regular updates on the Council's E-Panel.
- 3.9 Arrangements were made for representations on the Council's Issues and Options to be submitted on-line, by email and by letter with the option of using a consultation form that could be completed via the Council's website or by using a hard copy available in at the CAT meetings, exhibitions, Civic Offices or libraries or supplied by the Planning Strategy or Communications Team upon request.
- 3.10 Full details of the consultation including copies of the consultation material is provided in Appendix 1.
- 3.11 A total of 487 public survey responses were received containing approximately 1500 comments as well as 88 responses from specific consultees, interested parties and organisations. Appendix 2 provides a summary of the main issues raised by the representations and how they have been taken into account when preparing the Local Plan.

### *Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan Supplement Consultation*

- 3.12 The Council published the Draft Fareham Local Plan 2036 Supplement and supporting evidence for six weeks public consultation (Regulation 18) between 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.
- 3.13 In accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement, the following measures were undertaken to publicise the consultation and ensure that consultation material was available and accessible:
- Publication of the Draft Local Plan Supplement and supporting evidence documents on the Council's website.
  - Publication of a special edition of the Council's Fareham Today magazine, sent to residential and business addresses across the Borough.
  - Direct mailing either by email or letter to all parties on the Planning Strategy consultation database.
  - Targeted contact with specific consultees, including neighbouring authorities.
  - Promotional flyers were displayed on all 43 Council-wide noticeboards.
  - A series of Community Action Team meetings and exhibitions across the Borough, publicised through the Council's website and the Fareham Today magazine.
  - Community Action Team meeting presentations made available for online viewing.
  - Paper copies of the consultation document and supporting evidence including the special edition Fareham Today magazine available at the Council's Civic Offices as well as libraries across the Borough.
  - An interactive 'Story Map' shared online and via social media, reflected the contents of Fareham Today alongside interactive proposal maps.
  - Regular posts in respect of the consultation on Facebook and Twitter.
  - Regular updates on the Council's E-Panel.
- 3.14 Arrangements were made for representations on the Draft Local Plan Supplement and its evidence base to be submitted on-line, by email and by letter with the option of using a consultation form that could be completed via the Council's website or by using a hard copy available in at the CAT meetings, exhibitions, Civic Offices or libraries or supplied by the Planning Strategy or Communications Team upon request.
- 3.15 Full details of the consultation including copies of the consultation material is provided in Appendix 1.
- 3.16 A total of 803 public survey responses were received as well as a petition and approximately 100 responses from specific consultees, interested parties and organisations. Appendix 2 provides a summary of the main issues raised by the representations split by chapters and policies and how they have been taken into account when preparing the Local Plan.

### *Regulation 19 Consultation Publication Plan*

- 3.17 The Publication Fareham Local Plan 2037 document and the supporting evidence base including the Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening and Equalities Impact Assessment were published for six weeks public consultation (Regulation 19) between 6 November and 18 December 2020.

- 3.18 The consultation was undertaken during the Coronavirus pandemic and as such The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 No 731<sup>2</sup> took effect however the Council ensured the consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement, with the following measures undertaken to publicise the consultation and ensure that consultation material was available and accessible:
- Publication of the Publication Local Plan and supporting evidence documents on the Council's website.
  - An online virtual exhibition including presentations and displays with links to the Publication Local Plan and evidence base.
  - Publication of a special edition of the Council's Fareham Today magazine, sent to residential and business addresses across the Borough.
  - Direct mailing either by email or letter to all parties on the Planning Strategy consultation database.
  - Targeted contact with specific consultees, including neighbouring authorities.
  - A dedicated telephone line where questions could be asked of a planning officer during office hours.
  - Booking arrangements to view the online documentation in the Civic Offices in a Covid secure environment.
  - Regular posts in respect of the consultation on Facebook and Twitter.
  - Regular updates on the Council's E-Panel.
- 3.19 Arrangements were made for representations on the Publication Local Plan and its evidence base to be submitted on-line, by email and by letter with the option of using a consultation form that could be completed via the Council's website or by using a hard copy available to download online or supplied by the Planning Strategy or Communications Team upon request.
- 3.20 Full details of the consultation including copies of the consultation material is provided in Appendix 1.
- 3.21 A total of 183 responses were received made up of responses from specific consultees, local residents, interested parties and organisations. Appendix 2 provides a summary of the main issues raised by the representations split by chapters and policies and how they have been taken into account when preparing the Local Plan.

#### Regulation 19 Revised Publication Plan

- 3.22 The Revised Publication Fareham Local Plan 2037 document and the updated supporting evidence base including the Revised Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening and Equalities Impact Assessment were published for six weeks public consultation (Regulation 19) between 18 June and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- 3.23 In accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement, the following measures were undertaken to publicise the consultation and ensure that consultation material was available and accessible:
- Publication of the Revised Publication Plan and supporting evidence documents on the Council's website.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/731/pdfs/ukxiem\\_20200731\\_en.pdf](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/731/pdfs/ukxiem_20200731_en.pdf)

- An online virtual exhibition including presentations and displays with links to the Revised Publication Local Plan and evidence base.
- Publication of a special edition of the Council's Fareham Today magazine, sent to residential and business addresses across the Borough.
- Direct mailing either by email or letter to all parties on the Planning Strategy consultation database.
- Targeted contact with specific consultees, including neighbouring authorities.
- Promotional flyers were displayed on all 43 Council-wide noticeboards.
- Paper copies of the consultation document and the special edition Fareham Today magazine available at libraries across the Borough.
- A series of Community Action Team meetings and exhibitions across the Borough, publicised through the Council's website and the Fareham Today magazine.
- Regular posts in respect of the consultation on Facebook and Twitter.
- Regular updates on the Council's E-Panel.

3.24 Arrangements were made for representations on the Revised Publication Local Plan and its evidence base to be submitted on-line, by email and by letter with the option of using a consultation form that could be completed via the Council's website or by using a hard copy available to download online, in at the CAT meetings, exhibitions, Civic Offices or libraries or supplied by the Planning Strategy or Communications Team upon request.

3.25 Full details of the consultation including copies of the consultation material is provided in Appendix 1.

3.26 A total of 294 responses were received made up of responses from specific consultees, local residents, interested parties and organisations. Appendix 2 provides a summary of the main issues raised by the representations split by chapters and policies and how they have been taken into account when preparing the Local Plan.

3.27 The consultation focussed on the revisions made to the publication plan and as such, for the avoidance of doubt, no consultation responses were received in respect of policies FTC6, HA12, HA15, HA23, HA26, HA29, HA30, HA32, HA33, HA34, HA35, HA36, HA37, HA41, HP3, HP10, HP12, R3, NE6, NE7, NE11, D2, D3, HE1, HE2, HE3, HE4, HE5, HE6.