

# Local Development Scheme

November 2023





# Background

1. This Local Development Scheme sets out the timetable for the production of the Building a Better Future Plan. This will form the local plan for Havant Borough.
2. Currently, the development plan is comprises:
  - The Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) (2011);
  - The Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) (2014);
  - The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan<sup>1</sup> (2013).
  - The Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
3. There is currently no intention to review the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan. As such, following the adoption of the Local Plan, the development plan will comprise:
  - The Building a Better Future Plan;
  - The Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan (2021); and
  - The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan<sup>2</sup> (2013).
4. The Partnership for South Hampshire (PFSH), of which Havant Borough Council is a part, published a Spatial Position Statement<sup>3</sup> on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016. This sets out an ambitious programme for the development and growth of South Hampshire into the future. A replacement Spatial Position Statement is scheduled to be considered by the PFSH Joint Committee by the end of the 2023 calendar year.

## The proposed solution

5. Local Plans remain at the core of the Governments planning system. It is considered a priority for the Council to continue having an up-to-date Local Plan in place to shape future development of the Borough and is a key part of the Council's Corporate Strategy.
6. The Local Plan will reflect the up-to-date national planning system, as defined in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act and will also respond to the Council's updated position, supporting strategies such as the Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy and the Climate Change and Environment Strategy.

## Evidence base and statutory assessments

7. The Local Plan will be supported by a proportionate but robust evidence base. Evidence base studies are published on the Council's website when complete.
8. The plan will also be informed by Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Integrated Impact Assessment in line with regulatory requirements. The Local Plan will be iteratively informed by these assessments to create the most sustainable plan.

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<sup>1</sup> More detail about the plan can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/planning-policy-home.htm>.

<sup>2</sup> More detail about the plan can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/planning-policy-home.htm>.

<sup>3</sup> See [www.push.gov.uk](http://www.push.gov.uk) for further details.

9. When studies are complete, they will be published on the Local Plan website at [www.havant.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.havant.gov.uk/localplan).

## Consultation and engagement

10. It is vital to engage stakeholders at all levels as much as possible in the Havant Borough Local Plan in line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement, which is available on the Council's website.
11. Extensive informal engagement with key stakeholders, particularly the specific consultation bodies set out in the regulations, will take place as the evidence base and the Local Plan evolves.
12. Moving forwards, there will be a detailed and robust approach to engagement and consultation on the Building a Better Future Plan. A great deal of detail on the proposed approach was submitted through the consultation which took place in 2022. That will feed into the evidence base which is being developed and a draft of the Local Plan.
13. An extensive consultation will then take place on the Local Plan, with access at the same time to the evidence base which has informed the plan. This provides residents and stakeholders with a clear opportunity to influence and shape the detailed proposals in the plan.
14. Following this stage, the plan will be refined into the 'Pre-submission Local Plan'. This will be subject to the statutory consultation at that stage, however this will be limited to respondents being asked whether the plan is legally compliant or sound and is not an opportunity to shape the plan's contents.







