

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	1081554
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1. **TITLE:** Consultation response on the submission version of the Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan and submission of the Plan for Examination

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Place, Planning & Regeneration

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To agree (1) the response to the consultation on the submission of the Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 16 submission consultation), and (2) to submit the Plan for an independent Examination. (This follows the decision of the Executive on 18th December 2018, which agreed to delegate these decisions to the Leader).

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Council Strategy and Community Cohesion

6. **DECISION:**

That the Executive Member for Council Strategy and Community Cohesion:

- i. Agrees the Council's response to the Submission version of the Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 16) as set out in Appendix A of the Director: Place, Planning and Regeneration's report.
- ii. Agrees to submit the Plan for Examination (Regulation 17)

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The reason for this recommendation is that the Council, as a consultee, can make a response to the Submission consultation (Regulation 16), and is also required to exercise its statutory duty in relation to the Examination. Regulation 17 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations requires a local planning authority, as soon as possible after the appointment of a person to carry out an examination, to send the following:

- the plan proposal,
- the documents (such as the Consultation Statement) and any other documents submitted to the local planning authority by the qualifying body in relation to the plan proposal (as set out in the Regulations), and
- a copy of any representations which have been made in accordance with Regulation 16 (i.e. any comments which are made in response to the current consultation).

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The alternative option is for the Council not to respond to the Submission

consultation. This is not recommended, as it is the final opportunity for the Council to comment on the Plan. It would also be in breach of the Council's statutory responsibilities in respect of Neighbourhood Planning under Regulation 17 of the Regulations, which could expose the Council to legal challenge and attendant costs.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Bracknell Forest Council can provide comments on this consultation (which will take place between 7 January and 18 February 2019), which will be sent to the independent Examiner. In producing the response, relevant affected service areas will be consulted for comments.
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director: Place, Planning & Regeneration
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
7 February 2019	14 February 2019