

Consultation Strategy for Comprehensive Local Plan Issues and Options

Document Title	Comprehensive Local Plan (CLP) Issues and Options
Nature of Plan being Prepared	The CLP will provide a framework for guiding the location and level of development in the Borough between 2013-2036, and will include detailed policies used to determine applications for planning permission. It will include a vision, objectives, and strategy for the level and distribution of development, including housing, economic and retail development and new infrastructure.
Purpose of Consultation	The purpose of the consultation is to seek views on the issues and options contained in the CLP.
Nature of issues that need to be consulted upon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision and objectives for the CLP. • Strategic issues (housing (including affordable), economic development and retail). • Development management policy options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Green Belt, countryside, landscape, gaps; ○ design and character; ○ local economy and retail; ○ heritage and conservation; ○ natural environment (nature conservation and SPA); ○ environmental sustainability (pollution, contaminated land, flooding, drainage, and renewable energy); ○ infrastructure; and ○ transport.
Who should be consulted	<p>As prescribed in the Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those living and working within the Borough; • Parish/Town Councils within the Borough; • Adjoining County, District and Borough Councils; • Specific consultees (such 'duty to co-operate' bodies and specific consultees, including Environment Agency, Natural England, Highways Agency and Historic England); and • General consultees (including voluntary bodies, bodies which represent the interests of: different racial, ethnic or national groups, different religious groups, disabled persons, and persons carrying on a business in the Local Authority area).
Why we are consulting them	<p>Those living and working within the Borough have the potential to be directly affected by future planning policies and development proposals, so should have an input in terms of planning for the future of the Borough.</p> <p>There are also strategic issues which extend beyond the</p>

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	Borough boundary (such as meeting housing needs, Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area, and highway matters) which require liaison with specific bodies (such as adjoining Authorities, Environment Agency, Natural England, Highways Agency and Historic England).
How we will be consulting	<p>Regard needs to be given to the Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (February 2014).</p> <p>The Council will use a diverse range of communication methods in order to ensure inclusive consultation on the CLP Issues and Options as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Online consultation event using the online 'have your say consultation portal' (Objective) (including notification to those on the current Planning Policy consultation portal database). This will also include a plain English leaflet to explain the nature of the consultation. b) Letter or email to consultees explaining the nature of the consultation, and where information is available. c) Update the front page of the Council's web page (including 'Consultations' page), and Comprehensive Local Plan web page to include notification that the CLP Consultation has commenced and provide a direct link to consultation event. d) Update strap line of emails of staff within the Planning section to include information on the consultation. e) Town and Country Article – which is circulated to all residents within the Borough. (An article was included in the March 2016 edition to alert residents of the future consultation, and how to register their interest). f) Press release to local newspapers/radio stations at start of consultation. g) Press advert in local newspaper. h) Information on the Council's social media (Facebook and Twitter), at the start of the consultation. i) Make available a hard copy of the CLP Issues and Options Document, and leaflet at local libraries (computer access is also available at local libraries). j) Meeting with BFC Parish and Town Councils via the Parish Liaison Meeting prior to the start of the consultation to advise on the nature of the consultation. k) Notification to BFC Parish/Town Councils and provision of a hard copy of CLP Issues and Options consultation document (& supporting documentation, including leaflet). l) Provision of a hard copy of the CLP Issues and Options consultation document (& supporting

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	<p>documentation) at the Council's Time Square office.</p> <p>m) Consultation with local voluntary and community groups via 'Involve' (to include letter and leaflet).</p> <p>n) Consultation with the Council's Access Group.</p> <p>o) Consultation with local business interest via the Council's Business Enterprise team.</p>
When consultation will take place	Core consultation is planned during June/July 2016, prior to the summer holidays, for a 6 week period between Monday 13 June and Monday 25 July 2016.
Accessible/Inclusive Consultation	<p>As set out above, the Council will use a diverse range of communication methods in order to ensure inclusive consultation on the CLP Issues and Options Document, such as a hard copy of the Issues and Options consultation document being made available in local libraries and Parish/Town Councils through to it being made available on the Council's web site.</p> <p>A press advert will also be placed in a local newspaper We will aim to ensure that the press advert is in plain English.</p> <p>A plain English leaflet will also be produced to explain the nature of the consultation.</p> <p>The core consultation is planned to avoid the summer holidays, so as to not prejudice those with school age children from getting involved in the consultation. There may be possibility of extending the consultation (to make it longer), but this would result in it running into the summer holidays.</p> <p>The Council also liaises with 'Involve' who send out consultation information on the Council's behalf (usually a letter setting out the nature of the consultation, where information can be viewed and how they can comment). 'Involve' is the central support agency for over 600 voluntary and community action groups. They liaise with such groups as Bracknell Forest Minorities Alliance and Bracknell Forest Faith and Belief Forum.</p> <p>Copies of documents can also be obtained in large print, Braille, audio cassette or in other languages.</p> <p>The CLP is accompanied by an Equalities Impact Assessment which considers these matters in further detail.</p>
How comments will be taken into account	Following the consultation, any comments received will be set out in a 'Consultation Report', which will summarise the key issues raised, how we have dealt with

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	<p>comments, and how they have been taken into account. These will be made available on the Council's website.</p> <p>Comments made will inform the next stage of the CLP (Preferred Options in 2017).</p>
How comments will be reported	<p>Comments received will be reported in a Consultation Report, which will inform the next stage of the CLP.</p> <p>Updates on the CLP can be viewed on the Council's website: http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/comprehensivelocalplan</p>

Draft Consultation Mandate for Comprehensive Local Plan Issues and Options

Consultation Mandate	
1. We	<p>Consultation is being carried out by Bracknell Forest Council (Planning Policy) on the Comprehensive Local Plan (CLP) Issues and Options.</p> <p>The CLP will cover the plan period 2013-2036.</p>
2. Need to understand the view of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty to co-operate bodies • Statutory Consultees • Those living and working in the Borough • Land Owners • Local Businesses • Parish/Town Councils • Local Amenity Groups • Any other interested parties
3. Concerning (issue)	<p>The issues contained in the CLP – e.g. vision, objectives, strategic issues (including meeting identified development needs), options on policies for assessing planning applications).</p>
4. So that	<p>The Council can seek the views of those who live and work in the Borough, together with seeking the views of those who may be affected by strategic issues that cross the Borough boundary.</p>
5. Can (take action)	<p>Comments received will inform the Preferred Option stage of the CLP.</p>
6. On/by (date)	<p>July 2016.</p>
7. So as to accomplish/in order to	<p>Meet the development needs of the Borough up to 2036 in a sustainable manner and have appropriate policies against which to assess development proposals (planning applications).</p>