

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I084392
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1. **TITLE:** Draft Bracknell Forest Local Plan - further consultation

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

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To seek authority to carry out consultation on a revised strategy following consideration of changes in national policy, previous comments and new evidence.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

- i) the Draft Bracknell Forest Local Plan (Appendix A of the Director of Place, Planning and Regeneration's report) and other supporting consultation documents be published for a period of public consultation starting on Friday 25th October and ending on Friday 6th December 2019;
- ii) the Consultation Strategy (Appendix B Director of Place, Planning and Regeneration's report) be agreed; and,
- iii) Any minor changes to the Draft Bracknell Forest Local Plan and other supporting material produced prior to the consultation be agreed by the Director, Place Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

- 1. The Regulations require that a local plan is prepared in consultation with the local community and other stakeholders. The proposed consultation will facilitate engagement and comments received will help inform policies and allocations included in the Submission BFLP.
- 2. It is important that the Submission BFLP is based on robust evidence and takes account of current national policy, in order to be found 'sound'.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The option of not consulting on the revised growth strategy would leave the Council vulnerable at examination stage when stakeholders have the opportunity to pursue concerns that they have about the process followed and which sites have been included with an independent inspector, whose role is to assess a plan.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Public
Statutory consultees

General consultation bodies

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director: Place, Planning & Regeneration

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
24 September 2019	1 October 2019