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Consultation Strategy for the Pre - Submission Bracknell Forest Local Plan

Document Title	Pre - Submission Bracknell Forest Local Plan (BFLP)
Nature of plan being prepared	<p>The BFLP provides a framework to guide the location and level of development in the Borough between 2020/21 – 2036/37. It is divided into two parts: Strategic Matters (Part 1) and Non Strategic Matters (Part 2).</p> <p>Part 1 includes a vision, objectives, and strategy for the level and distribution of development, including housing and economic development. Overarching policies are also included on the provision of new infrastructure and issues relating to climate change including design.</p> <p>Part 2 deals with the more detailed development management policies that are used to assess planning applications.</p>
Purpose of consultation	<p>The purpose of the consultation is to seek views on legal compliance and the ‘soundness’ of the BFLP in preparation for submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Examination. This is a statutory consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).</p> <p>It is also necessary to consult on the Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations Assessment (covered by separate legislation).</p>
Nature of issues that need to be consulted upon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision and objectives • Spatial Strategy • Policies dealing with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sustainability, ○ housing need and supply plus forms of housing; ○ economic development including need and supply; ○ site allocations; ○ infrastructure; ○ Climate change and the built and natural environment (Green infrastructure, SPA, flooding, design, Green Belt villages and gaps) ○ Development management policies (for example, housing mix, travellers, designated employment areas, Green Belt, countryside, historic environment, biodiversity, sustainable construction) • Policies Map • Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)

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Who should be consulted	<p>As prescribed in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and specific legislation covering the SA and HRA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those living and working within the Borough; • Landowners and consultants; • Parish/Town Councils within the Borough; • Neighbouring County, District and Borough Councils; • Specific consultees (such as ‘duty to co-operate’ bodies and specific consultees, including Environment Agency, Natural England, Highways Agency and Historic England); • General consultees (including voluntary bodies, bodies which represent the interests of different groups).
Why we are consulting them	<p>There is a statutory requirement to consult on legal compliance and the ‘soundness’ at this stage of the plan making process.</p> <p>Those living, working and owning businesses 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>Certain strategic matters will have an impact on areas beyond the Borough boundary (such as meeting housing needs, Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area, and transport matters) which require liaison with specific bodies, such as neighbouring Authorities, Environment Agency, Natural England, Highways England and Historic England.</p>
How we will be consulting	<p>Regard needs to be given to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement (February 2014) as revised by the temporary update to cover the impact of Covid 19.</p> <p>The Council will use a range of communication methods in order to ensure inclusive consultation on the BFLP having regard to public health guidelines on social distancing during the consultation. This may mean that it will not be possible to deposit physical copies of the main documents at specific venues including the Council Offices at Time Square, parish council offices and local libraries.</p>

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	<p>The consultation exercise will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Online consultation event using the online consultation portal (Objective) (including notification to those on the relevant consultation portal database). b) Letter or email to consultees explaining the nature of the consultation, and where information is available. c) Update the Council's website including 'Consultations' page to include notification that the consultation has commenced and provide a direct link to the consultation event. d) Provision of a hard copy at the Council Offices at Time Square, parish council offices and any local libraries that are open to public access, but, only by prior arrangement and where it is considered safe to do so. e) Notification of Parish/Town Councils and provision of links to the BFLP together with key supporting documents. f) Information on the Council's social media (Facebook and Twitter), at the start of the consultation. g) Various press releases to local newspapers following publication of committee papers and decisions being taken by Executive and the Council. h) Alerts to the consultation in Town and Country. i) Update staff about the consultation via the Intranet. j) Consultation with relevant local voluntary and community groups via Involve.
<p>When consultation will take place</p>	<p>Consultation is to run from 23rd March until 11th May 2021</p>
<p>Accessible/Inclusive Consultation</p>	<p>As set out above, the Council will use a range of communication methods, proportionate to the nature of the issues being consulted upon and having regard to public health guidelines on social distancing at the time of the consultation.</p> <p>Press releases will be made available to local newspapers.</p> <p>In certain cases it may be possible to send a short hard copy extract from a document if a substantive request is received. Copies can also be supplied in large print, audio CD or in other languages on request.</p> <p>The BFLP is accompanied by an Equalities Impact Assessment which considers these matters in further detail.</p>
<p>How comments will be taken into account</p>	<p>Following the consultation, the key issues raised will be summarised and these plus the responses received will</p>

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	be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate ready for consideration by an independent Inspector.
How comments will be reported	<p>Issues will be summarised and these, together with responses will be placed on the Council's web site.</p> <p>Updates on the BFLP can be viewed on the Council's website: https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-policy/development-plan/draft-bracknell-forest-local-plan/draft-bracknell-forest-local-plan</p>

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Consultation Mandate for the for the Pre - Submission Bracknell Forest Local Plan

Consultation Mandate	
1. We	<p>Consultation is being carried out by Bracknell Forest Council on the Pre-Submission Bracknell Forest Local Plan (BFLP)</p> <p>The BFLP will cover the period to 2037.</p>
2. Need to understand the view of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty to co-operate bodies • Other Statutory consultees • Those living and working in the Borough • Parish/Town Councils • Any other interested parties
3. Concerning (issue)	<p>The BFLP covers the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision and objectives • Spatial Strategy • Policies dealing with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sustainability, ○ meeting housing and economic growth needs ○ infrastructure; ○ Climate change and the built and natural environment (Green infrastructure, SPA, flooding, design, Green Belt villages and gaps) ○ Development management policies (for example, housing mix, travellers, designated employment areas, Green Belt, countryside, historic environment, biodiversity, sustainable construction) • Policies Map <p>Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) of the BFLP</p>
4. So that	<p>The Council can seek the views of those who live and work in the Borough, together with the views of those who may be affected by strategic matters that cross the Borough boundary on legal compliance and the ‘soundness’ of the plan.</p>

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5. Can (take action)	Responses received will be used to produce a summary of issues raised. All will be sent to the Secretary of State/Planning Inspectorate for Examination of the BFLP by an independent Inspector.
6. On/by (date)	23rd March until 11 th May 2021
7. So as to accomplish/in order to	Meet the development needs of the Borough up to 2037 in a sustainable manner and have appropriate policies against which to assess development proposals (planning applications). Help achieve a legally compliant and 'sound' plan.