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Consultation Strategy for the Proposed Main Modifications to the Pre - Submission Bracknell Forest Local Plan

Document Title	Proposed Main Modifications to the 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.</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 Proposed Main Modifications</p> <p>Under separate legislation, it is also necessary to consult on the Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations Assessment.</p>
Nature of issues that need to be consulted upon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Main Modifications • Changes to the Policies Map to illustrate any changes in geographical application of Proposed Main Modifications. • Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)
Who should be consulted	<p>The Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations (February 2022) published by the Planning inspectorate states that the nature and duration of the consultation should reflect that of the consultation held at the Regulation 19 stage. This means that it should last at least six weeks and include the following stakeholders.</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);

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General consultees (including voluntary bodies, bodies which represent the interests of different groups).
<p>Why we are consulting them</p>	<p>There is a statutory requirement to consult on legal compliance and 'soundness' of the Proposed Main Modifications</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 opportunity to comment on the Proposed Main Modifications.</p> <p>Certain strategic matters have an impact on areas beyond the Borough boundary and therefore bodies most affected by such matters should be consulted. These include neighbouring authorities, Environment Agency, Natural England, Highways England and Historic England.</p>
<p>How we will be consulting</p>	<p>As the consultation is to reflect that held at the Regulation 19 stage, regard needs to be paid to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (February 2014).</p> <p>The Council will use a range of communication methods in order to ensure inclusive consultation</p> <p>The consultation exercise will include the following:</p> <ol 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. 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) Press releases to local newspapers. h) Alerts to the consultation in Town and Country.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Update staff about the consultation via the Intranet. j) Consultation with relevant local voluntary and community groups via Involve.
When consultation will take place	Consultation is to take place for 6 weeks during Summer 2023
Accessible/Inclusive Consultation	<p>As set out above, the Council will use a range of communication methods, proportionate to the nature of the issues being consulted upon.</p> <p>Press release 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>
How comments will be taken into account	Following the consultation, the responses received will be submitted to the Planning Inspectors for their review.
How comments will be reported	<p>Responses will be accessible from the Council's web site.</p> <p>Updates on the BFLP can be viewed on the Council's website:</p>

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Consultation Mandate for the for the Proposed Main Modifications to the Pre - Submission Bracknell Forest Local Plan

Consultation Mandate	
1. We	<p>Consultation is being carried out by Bracknell Forest Council on behalf of the Inspectors on the Proposed Main Modifications to 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 soundness and legal compliance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Main Modifications to the Pre - Submission BFLP • Policies Map <p>Comments are also invited on the addenda to the: Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) of the BFLP</p>
4. So that	<p>The Council (on behalf of the Inspectors) 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 'soundness'.</p>
5. Can (take action)	<p>The Planning Inspectors can review responses received and decide whether or not further hearing Sessions are required and/or changes to the Main Modifications to ensure soundness and legal compliance.</p>
6. On/by (date)	<p>Summer 2023</p>
7. So as to accomplish/in order to	<p>Achieve a legally compliant and 'sound' plan, that can be adopted.</p>