

Chichester District Council

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Draft Havant Borough Local Plan – Consultation Response

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2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Cabinet endorses this report as Chichester District Council's response to consultation on the Draft Havant Borough Local Plan.

3. Background

3.1 Havant Borough Council has published a draft version of the Havant Borough Local Plan for public consultation - https://www.havant.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/The%20Draft%20Local%20Plan%202036_for%20web%20with%20policy%20numbers%20%281%29.pdf. The plan sets out a draft strategy to inform and guide the development of housing, commerce, infrastructure and community facilities up to 2036.

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

4.1 Providing comments on the draft Havant Local Plan ensures that the cross-boundary issues that could have an impact on Chichester District can be taken in to account by Havant Borough Council during the plan-making process.

5. Proposal

5.1 It is suggested that the Council supports the content of the Draft Local Plan with respect to the approach to meeting housing needs and the scale of housing provision. Whilst there may be some concerns over the proposed allocation of land close to the village of Westbourne, it is notable that Havant Borough Council is intending to meet the objectively assessed need for housing development within the borough boundary. The draft government methodology on calculating objectively assessed housing need provides a need for Havant of 9,260 dwellings between 2016 and 2036. The draft plan makes provision for 9,549 dwellings.

5.2 It is also suggested that the Council supports the allocation of land for the provision of the Havant Thicket Reservoir. Whilst water supplies within the area supplied by Portsmouth Water are not constrained, the provision of this

reservoir will provide resilience should there be an issue with the future supply of water in this area. It will also assist with Portsmouth Water exporting water to the areas to the east and west where there are greater constraints to the water supply.

5.3 There are some parts of the plan where it is suggested that the Council comments and seeks further information before the pre-submission version of the plan is published. In particular, it is noted that the transport study to support the plan has not been completed. This raises the following issues that it is suggested Havant is requested to take into account.

5.3.1 That Havant Borough Council assesses the cumulative impact of development on the road network and should the proposals in the Havant Local Plan have a significant adverse impact on the road network in Chichester District, then appropriate mitigation should be identified along with the funding to deliver it. This is with respect to both the impact on the strategic road network and the local road network and, in particular, the impact on roads in Westbourne.

5.3.2 That Havant Borough Council establishes the emissions that will result from an increase in traffic as result of the proposals in the plan and assesses the cumulative impact (in conjunction with other plans and proposals in the area) of nitrogen deposition on the statutorily protected habitats as part of the Habitat Regulations Assessment.

5.3.3 The plan proposes a new junction on the A27 at Emsworth, however, no funding has currently been identified. It should either be acknowledged in the plan that the plan will not be deliverable without this junction, or alternative mitigation for the transport impacts of development should be identified.

5.4 Some of the additional development proposed in the plan will rely on foul drainage being treated at the Thornham Wastewater Treatment Works. The Council notes that the Habitat Regulations Assessment assumes that an upgrade to accommodate the additional development is feasible. Whilst in normal circumstances the Council could consider requesting Havant Borough Council to carry out further work, a current evidence base study to support the Chichester Local Plan is underway and will look at the cumulative impact of development on Thornham Wastewater Treatment Works. If necessary, officers will meet with officers from Havant Borough Council to discuss the implications of this study when it is available.

6. Alternatives Considered

6.1 The Council could object to parts of the plan, or decide to offer support to other parts of the plan.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

7.1 There are no resource or legal implications beyond fulfilling the duty to cooperate. Officers and members from both Councils meet regularly to ensure that this duty is met and that cross-boundary issues are being addressed.

8. Consultation

8.1 The report has been subject to internal circulation only. No comments or suggested amendments to the proposed response have been received.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

9.1 The main community impacts that will result from the proposals in the draft plan will be within the borough of Havant. However, there will be some impacts on the communities in the southwest of the District, close to the border with Havant.

9.2 Should the need for housing development increase, or sites proposed in the plan be removed, and Havant Borough Council is not able to provide for objectively assessed housing needs within the borough boundary, it could request that provision be made within the western part of the Chichester local plan area. This would cause the risk of delay to the Chichester Local Plan Review.

10. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?		
	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		X
Climate Change		X
Human Rights and Equality Impact		X
Safeguarding and Early Help		X
Other (please specify)		X

11. Appendices

11.1 None

12. Background Papers

12.1 None