

## ITEM 8 – LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

### 1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform the Forum on further Local Plan consultation underway from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 for 6 weeks and to decision whether or not an official LAF response is needed and if so how to achieve one within timescale.

### 2. **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Online link to the Council's current consultation:

<http://consult.rbwm.gov.uk/portal/blp/blpsv-pc/blpsv-pc-oct19?tab=files>

#### 2.1 **Background to the Consultation**

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is in the process of producing a new Borough Local Plan to replace the adopted Local Plan. The first stage of the plan-making process, known as the 'preparation' stage, ended in January 2018 when the Council submitted its Borough Local Plan (2013 – 2033) Submission Version (BLPSV) and supporting documents to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Upon submission, the Secretary of State appointed a planning inspector, Mrs Louise Phillips MA (Cantab) MSc MRTPI, to carry out the second stage of the plan-making process, involving the Examination of the BLPSV. The purpose of the Examination is to ascertain whether the BLPSV is legally compliant and sound, and whether the Council complied with the Duty to Co-operate when preparing the BLPSV.

Having completed that additional work, the Council has formulated Proposed Changes to the BLPSV to address concerns about the soundness of the submitted Plan. On 23 October 2019, the Proposed Changes to the BLPSV and supporting documents were considered and approved by Full Council for public consultation

The Council is now consulting on the Proposed Changes to the Borough Local Plan 2013 - 2033 Submission Version.

The purpose of this public consultation is to allow an opportunity for anyone interested to make representations on the proposed changes which are set out in the 'Borough Local Plan (2013 - 2033) Submission Version Incorporating Proposed Changes, October 2019'.

Specifically, as the 'Borough Local Plan (2013–2033) Submission Version Incorporating Proposed Changes, October 2019', is the version of the BLP the Council wishes to adopt, representations should address whether the Proposed Changes make the BLPSV legally compliant and sound. Please note that compliance with the Duty to Co-operate does not apply after a Local Plan has been submitted for independent examination

#### 2.2 **Making Representations**

Representations on the 'Borough Local Plan (2013-2033) Submission Version Incorporating Proposed Changes, October 2019' are invited for a six week period from **Friday 1 November 2019** until **midnight on Sunday 15 December 2019**.

Only representations received at the Council's offices within this period will be considered by the Inspector appointed to examine the Borough Local Plan. Late representations will not be accepted.

Details on how to comment on the Proposed Changes to the BLPSV using this Consultation Portal are as follows:

- To add an online comment, click on "Read and Comment on document" below and navigate to the document section that you wish to respond to.
- Click on the 'Add Comments' button next to the section. This will open a form where you can type in your comments for that section.
- Please note, you are required to register and login when providing us with your comments, to do this please click on 'Login/Register' at the top of this page.

Further information about the public consultation and the Proposed Changes to the BLPSV can be found in the following documents:

- [Statement of Representations Procedure and Statement of Fact](#); and
- [Consultation Explanation Statement](#)

**LAF Response/Recommendations** – Decision whether or not to respond and if yes, how to achieve the response within the timescales.