

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
28 July 2021
CABINET RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to Council following the Cabinet meeting held on 15 July 2021:

Horsham District Local Plan 2021 – 2038: Regulation 19 Consultation

It is a legal requirement that Horsham District Council prepare a Local Plan. A draft plan has therefore been prepared which sets out the proposed strategy for considering development proposals in the district for the period 2021 to 2038.

The Cabinet Member for Planning & Development presented her report, which set out details of the Local Plan preparation process. It was proposed that the draft plan be agreed as Council policy and be published for a formal period of comment in accordance with the relevant planning regulations, before being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for an independent examination of the Plan.

Appendices to the report include:

1. Draft Horsham District Local Plan 2021 - 2038 Regulation 19 document
2. Schedule of changes for Regulation 19 Policies Maps
3. Local Plan Evidence Base summary (list of documents)
4. Sustainability Appraisal (non-technical summary)
5. Habitat Regulation Assessment (non-technical summary)
6. Site Assessments (detail on the conclusions of the site assessment process)
7. Transport assessment (summary)
8. Viability report (summary)

Members of the Cabinet agreed unanimously to:

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

- i) To approve the Horsham District Local Plan Regulation 19 document as the Council's policy for planning for the future of the District for the period 2021-2038.
- ii) To publish the Horsham District Local Plan Regulation 19 document together with the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment and Policies Map and other supporting evidence base documents for a six week period of representation from Friday 10 September 2021 to Friday 22 October 2021.

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- iii) To Submit the Horsham District Local Plan to the First Secretary of State for examination following the six week representation period, together with Regulation 19 representations submitted to the Council.

REASON

- i) The recommendations are required to ensure that the Council meets the statutory requirement to carry out a Local Plan review, and to meet the requirements in the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) England Regulations 2012.
- ii) It is both legally necessary and appropriate to invite public and stakeholder participation in the preparation of a new Local Plan for Horsham District. Part of the statutory process is to allow representations to be made on the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State.
- iii) To enable the Local Plan to progress to independent examination.