

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL**  
**11 December 2023**  
**CABINET RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to Council made at the Cabinet meeting held on 11 December

**Horsham District Local Plan 2023 – 2040: 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 2023 to 2040.

The report to Cabinet sets out further detail on the Local Plan preparation process. It seeks agreement that the document 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 2023 – 2040 Regulation 19 document
2. Table of Key Changes to draft Regulation 19 Local Plan
3. Policy Maps
4. Local Plan Evidence Base summary (list of documents)
5. Strategic Environmental Assessment & Sustainability Appraisal (non-technical summary)
6. Habitat Regulations Assessment (executive summary)
7. Site Assessments (detail on the conclusions of the site assessment process)
8. Local Plan Transport assessment (executive summary)
9. Viability Study (executive summary)
10. Equalities Impact Assessment (summary)

The Cabinet is to consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Planning & Infrastructure immediately before this Extraordinary Council meeting. Cabinet is recommended to:

**RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL**

- i) Approves for publication 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 6 week period of representation from Friday 19 January 2024 to Friday 1 March 2024.
- ii) Approves the submission of the Horsham District Local Plan Regulation 19 document to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (the Planning Inspectorate) for examination, following the six week representation period, together with Regulation 19 representations submitted to the Council and the necessary background evidence.
- iii) Delegates authority to the Director of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure to prepare a Proposed Modifications Schedule for the Plan with proposed changes that may be required to address soundness representations received during the aforementioned representation period.

- iv) Notes that the final Local Plan will be brought back to full Council for formal adoption following the independent examination undertaken by the secretary of state.

## **REASONS**

- 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 and accord with government requirements to have an up-to-date Local Plan.