

## **Local Plan Part 2 – Development Management and Site Allocations**

Local Plan Part 2 was submitted for examination on 23 March 2016. The Secretary of State has appointed Inspector Nigel Payne BSc (Hons), Dip TP, MRTPI, MCMI, to conduct the Examination to determine whether the Winchester District Local Plan Part 2: Development Management & Site Allocations meets the tests of legal compliance, duty to cooperate and soundness.

The Council has also appointed a programme officer – Rosemary Morton, who will act on behalf of the inspector. Her contact details, together with all the examination documentation – matters to be discussed; library and detailed timetable can be viewed at <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-part-2/lpp2-examination/>. Both the Council's and participants statements are now also available to view.

The examination hearings will take place in the Guildhall, Winchester and will commence on Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 9:45am. The examination is open to the public, however, only those participants invited by the Inspector will be able to contribute to the discussion. The latest version of the [Examination Programme](#) lists the matters to be examined on each day of the hearings and the invited participants. The [Council](#) and [participants](#) have provided Further Statements in advance of the hearings.

It is likely modifications will be made to the Plan following the close of the examination and these will be subject to a six week consultation period. It is anticipated that the Council will receive the Inspector's report on the examination during October 2016 and be able to adopt LPP2 by end of the year.

## **Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document**

The Council is progressing with preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller development plan document (DPD) and has recently appointed, in partnership with other Hampshire authorities, consultants to undertake an up date of the accommodation needs assessment. This will enable the Council to publish its draft development plan document for consultation in late 2016. Depending on the identified need for the Winchester District, it will be necessary to safeguard or allocate sites. An initial site assessment is nearing conclusion, and it is anticipated that this will be published along with an additional 'call' for sites. Further details of this will be published in due course.

Work to date on the Gypsy and Traveller DPD can be viewed via the following link:<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-part-2/traveller-site-assessment-study-call-sites/>

## **PUSH Position Statement**

Winchester City Council is one of 12 local authorities that work together as the 'Partnership for Urban South Hampshire' (PUSH). PUSH developed the South Hampshire Strategy in 2012 and has been working since 2014 on updating and rolling forward plans for the sub-region. This would inform a future review of Winchester's Local Plan.

PUSH has published a [Position Statement](#) to set out progress to date. It has decided not to produce a full spatial strategy because of uncertainty over devolution and other changes - if a new Combined Authority is set up as a result of devolution, it would produce a statutory plan for the area involved. The PUSH work covers the housing and economic market areas within which the Councils have a 'duty to co-operate'.

The [Position Statement](#) identifies the need for housing and economic development and proposes a distribution of development for each Council area so as to meet future development needs. This has been assessed in terms of transport, infrastructure and environment, as well as by the latest national and Solent LEP policies and evidence.

For the part of Winchester District within PUSH, the Position Statement carries forward the strategy established in the [Winchester District Local Plan Part 1](#), which extends to 2031. Therefore, it will not be necessary to change Winchester's Local Plan at this stage and the Position Statement will enable the Council to test the development totals in more detail as part of a future review of the Local Plan. The timing of any Local Plan review may also be influenced by progress on devolution. A future Local Plan review will include any site allocations that may be needed and will involve public consultation.

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