

Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan

Further Comments of Independent Examiner

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Examiners Further Comments on Revised Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan

1. On 14th May 2019, I held a hearing as part of my examination of the Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan. I issued, on 11th June, a document entitled Interim Conclusions of Independent Examiner which set out my interim conclusions. The document highlighted concerns with respect to the form and structure of the submitted Neighbourhood Plan, as well as the quality of the mapping. My document offered the Town Council 3 options on how the examination could proceed.
2. I was subsequently advised that Bracknell Town Council had considered the way forward and decided to pursue Option 1, namely that it would reconfigure the document to address the concerns set out in my interim report but not to revise the policies, as per my recommendation.
3. On the 22nd October, the Town Council submitted a revised version of the Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan and a Schedule of Changes. I request that these documents are put into the public domain and published on the appropriate websites.
4. It is now my intention to proceed with the preparation of my examination report, on the basis of this revised plan document.
5. However, before continuing with the examination, I wish to invite any comments from the Local Planning Authority or any other parties who submitted comments at Regulation 16 stage, on the revised submission plan and the Schedule of Changes. I am anxious that any comments should not relate to the proposed policies, which have not changed and which have already been the subject of the Regulation 16 consultation. I am specifically only inviting comments on the revised document in terms of its structure and form, and whether there are matters that have been deleted from the original version of the plan, but should be included within the neighbourhood plan.
6. As this is not a formal stage of the examination and this is a focussed consultation, I have decided that a 28-day period should suffice, to run from the date that this document is published and I would ask that any comments are sent to me via the Bracknell Forest Planning Department. I would be grateful if Bracknell Forest planners provide appropriate publicity to this note and make appropriate arrangements for receiving any comments from the Regulation 16 consultees.
7. I am sending this note to both Bracknell Forest Council and the Town Council with a request that this document should be placed on the appropriate neighbourhood plan websites.

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Independent Examiner to the Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan