

PROPOSED SUBMISSION DRAFT VALE OF AYLESBURY LOCAL PLAN (REGULATION 19)

Councillor Mrs Paternoster

Cabinet Member for Growth Strategy

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the proposed submission draft of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan.

(All Members will have received their own copy of the proposed submission draft VALP document and are reminded to bring it with them to the Council meeting).

2. Recommendations

Council be recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the comments received from Cabinet in relation to the proposed submission draft VALP and make any changes as deemed appropriate.
- 2.2 Approve the proposed submission draft of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (attached as an appendix to the agenda), as amended by any changes agreed by Cabinet, or by Council itself, for the purpose of formally consulting, for a statutory period of 6 weeks in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012, and as the version proposed to be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2012 (subject to recommendations 2.3 and 2.4 below.
- 2.3 Delegate authority to the Assistant Director, Community Fulfilment, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Growth Strategy, to make minor amendments to the final VALP document and maps to address typographical errors and improve clarity, provided that these amendments do not alter policies significantly or change the sense of supporting text, prior to the start of the publication period.
- 2.4 Delegate authority to the Director with responsibility for planning after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Growth Strategy, to approve any modifications or other amendments which arise during the Examination.

3 Supporting information

- 3.1 All local planning authorities are under a statutory obligation to prepare a local plan. The district does not have an up to date local plan. The last adopted local plan dates from 2004 and it does not therefore take into account the recent changes in Government planning policy. The Council has tried to prepare a replacement plan on a number of occasions and the most recent attempt was withdrawn following an examination in public in 2014. Since then the Council has been committed to delivering a new local plan and to ensuring that we meet the Government expectations that local plans are produced as soon as practicable.
- 3.2 Attached as an appendix is a copy of a report that was considered by the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) Scrutiny Committee on 26 September, 2017, and Cabinet on 10 October, 2017, setting out the background to the production of the plan, as well as providing a summary of the contents.
- 3.3 On 26 September 2017, the VALP Scrutiny Committee made a number of comments and requests for Cabinet to take into account in making a final recommendation to Council. A summary of these is included at paragraph 4.2 to the Cabinet report. A

Schedule of the subsequent changes is attached to the Cabinet report. Cabinet may also make changes at its meeting on 10 October and a composite Schedule showing all the changes agreed by Cabinet will be circulated at the Council meeting.

- 3.6 It is anticipated that Cabinet will recommend approval of the draft submission of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan subject to any changes in the composite Schedule (to be circulated at the Council meeting).

4. Next Stages

- 4.1 Once the Council has agreed the plan for consultation in October, the Submission Draft of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan will be published for a period of 6 weeks starting on 2 November 2017 and concluding on Thursday 14 December 2017. Details on the procedures and the tests of soundness will be provided to help guide consultees. The formal consultation process will be published in accordance with the Local Planning Regulations and using all relevant media channels. A purpose built online consultation system will be used to gather and manage the comments received.
- 4.2 Comments at the formal Regulation 19 stage will need to focus on the soundness tests set out at paragraph 182 of the National Planning Policy Framework and the legal compliance of the plan with relevant legislation on the understanding that the council has approved the Local Plan as the version it intends to submit for examination. Any person may make representations on the plan and those that are made in accordance with the representation procedure will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate to consider as part of the formal Public Examination process.
- 4.3 Information on the Public Examination stage for the Plan are included in the VALP Scrutiny Committee covering report (paragraphs 3.33 to 3.36 inclusive).

5. Resource Implications / Reasons for Decisions / Options Considered

- 5.1 These are contained in the attached appendices.

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Background Documents All background supporting documents for Submission Draft VALP listed on AVDC website