

SUBJECT:	Regulation 18 Consultation for the new Chiltern District Local Plan, 2014 to 2036
REPORT OF:	Portfolio Holder – Sustainable Development
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1. Report Summary

To approve the Regulation 18 consultation (formal notification for the preparation of the new Local Plan and invite representations on its scope) for a Local Plan to replace the Core Strategy for Chiltern District and Chiltern District Local Plan / Delivery Development Plan Document for Chiltern District (when adopted) and to cover the period to 2036. In addition to approve a 'Call for Sites' to run alongside the consultation.

2. RECOMMENDATION

1. *That Cabinet approves*
 - a) *The document as set out in Appendix 1 for consultation as part of the early stage of preparation of the Local Plan for Chiltern District, 2014 – 2036.*
 - And*
 - b) *the proposed consultation period as set out in Appendix one (Paragraph 1.6)*
2. *That Cabinet agrees that the consultation process will comply with the Council's published Statement of Community Involvement and will include:*
 - a) *letters/emails to all organisations, residents and other stakeholders on the Council's Planning Policy Consultation Database*
 - b) *letters/emails to "specific, general and government consultation bodies" as required by Regulation*
 - c) *Publicity via the Council website headline story board on the home page*
 - d) *documents on the Planning pages of the Council website*
 - e) *a hard copy of the document provided to all local libraries serving Chiltern residents*
 - f) *a hard copy of the document provided to all Town/Parish Councils in Chiltern District*
 - g) *hard copy documents available at the Council's King George V House Amersham Office*
 - h) *email notification to all Chiltern District councillors and staff in advance of the consultation process*
 - and*
 - i) *a press release at the start of the consultation period.*

3. *That Cabinet agrees in addition to Recommendation 2, that officers encourage consultation responses from traditionally hard to reach groups by;*
 - a) *promoting the consultation through the Councils' social media (twitter and facebook)*
 - b) *writing to all senior schools in the District and Amersham and Wycombe College encouraging involvement from themselves and their pupils*
 - c) *targeting specific organisations working with or representing often hard to reach groups and offering additional support to engage in the consultation (e.g. officers attending meetings)*
 - d) *engaging with the Chiltern Youth Club Forum, Disability and Community Cohesion forums*
 - e) *engaging with community and residents associations, particularly in the more deprived neighbourhoods and with the support of Chiltern's Community services team;*
 - f) *seeking the advice of and where possible work with Community Services and Community Safety teams and the Buckinghamshire Youth MP*
and
 - g) *encouraging town and parish councils and all members to promote the consultation within their parishes / wards and through their community networks and activities.*
4. *That Cabinet approves the Call for Sites document and details as set out Appendix 3 to inform the preparation of the Local Plan for Chiltern District, 2014 – 2036.*
5. *That Cabinet delegates to the Head of Sustainable Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development any changes to the wording of the consultation documents to take account of any decision taken by the Cabinet prior to the consultation on the progression of the Delivery Development Plan Document and/or to incorporate any changes to the consultation documents suggested by Cabinet or to take account of any typographical errors.*

3. Reasons for Recommendation

To comply with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the Duty to Co-operate and the Council's Local Development Scheme and Statement of Community Involvement. Also to encourage stakeholder engagement at the outset of plan-making.

4. Other Options Available

The key alternatives are to not carry out the consultation or call for sites (which would make the Plan very vulnerable to challenge), to consult at a different time (which would mean the Council approved Local Development Scheme timetable would not be met) or to include more or less content in the consultation document. On this last point the recommended consultation document tries to get the right balance between not being too long and complicated so as to potentially put people off responding whilst also containing sufficient content to encourage informed responses.

5. Links to Council Policy Objectives

The consultation process takes into account the objectives to 'Provide best value for money services', 'Listen to our customers' and 'Provide excellent services' through actively seeking community engagement in the most cost effective and encouraging ways. The aim is to ensure stakeholders views are taken into account and as such will help meet the other Council Policy objectives, particularly 'Promote local communities', 'Conserve the environment' and 'Promote Sustainability'.

6. Financial Implications

The cost of the consultation and call for sites has been accounted for in the Planning Policy revenue budget.

7. Other Implications

This is a Key Decision.

Legal – *this report starts the process of plan-making which is governed by a number of legal and national planning policies/requirements. In addition the Council has a legal Duty to Co-operate with adjacent local authorities and other organisations. The matters set out in this report comply with the Regulation 18 consultation and wider plan-making requirements.*

Risks – *the nature of plan-making is such that there are a number of risks. These are set out in the Councils' approved Local Development Scheme along with mitigations. These risks are considered up to-date and remain valid. The consultation and call for sites are themselves part of risk mitigation against legal challenge to the Plan further into the process.*

Equalities issues – *the consultation is aimed at all residents, businesses, organisations and other stakeholders in the District. Respondents can raise equality issues relevant to the Plan at the outset of the plan making process and so enhance the Plans ability to identify and to seek to address local equalities issues. In addition respondents will be encouraged to complete an equalities monitoring form for feedback on the consultation. Monitoring from recent consultations is being used to try to increase responses from hard to reach groups for this stage of consultation. At subsequent stages of the Plan will also be the subject of an equalities impact assessment.*

Sustainability – *the consultation process sets out potential sustainable development solutions for meeting development needs and seeks views on these and other potential options. The Plan will in due course be the subject of Sustainability Appraisals as an integral part of the plan-making process, Sustainable Environmental Assessment and Wildlife Habitat Regulations Assessment.*

Other implications – *the consultation and Plan itself will be wide ranging addressing all matters which have a land use, development or spatial implication. This can include design measures to discourage 'Crime and Disorder', a range of national, regional and local 'Environmental Issues' and promotion of 'Social Inclusion'.*

8. Report

- 8.1 In accordance with the approved Local Development Scheme, the Council has scheduled its Regulation 18 consultation on the new Local Plan for December.

- 8.2** The Regulation 18 consultation seeks views on the scope for the plan and initial views at the outset of the plan-making process. This is a legal requirement and will also assist the Council in part in meeting its duty to co-operate with specific organisations.
- 8.3** Attached as Appendix 1 is the proposed Consultation Document. This explains the purpose of the consultation, provides an outline of the type of issues the Council will need to address as part of the new Local Plan and includes questions as prompts, but it is a completely open consultation inviting comments on any relevant matter. The document takes into account discussion at the Sustainable Development PAG.
- 8.4** The consultation will be important as this provides an open opportunity for local groups, individuals and other stakeholders to help influence the plan preparation from an early stage. Also, potentially it could be important for town or parish councils who do not want to prepare a neighbourhood plan, enabling them to put forward 'local measures' for consideration in the Local Plan. In this respect it will be important for the Council to actively promote the consultation process and to try to reach all sectors of the local community and to encourage others, such as town and parish councils, to promote the consultation locally and through their partnerships and work. A key part of the plan-making process is 'front-load' early consultation to ensure that the Council is best placed to be able to understand local issues and to take these into account from the start.
- 8.5** The Council has recently undertaken a number of planning policy consultations, the results of which have been analysed to see which sectors of the local community have and have not been responding. This analysis is set out in Appendix 2 of this report. Broadly our 'hard to reach groups' are young people, women, people from some ethnic minority groups, people with disabilities and people most likely to be within the more deprived areas of the District. Recommendation 3 sets out suggestions for trying to increase the opportunities for hard to reach groups to respond to this consultation. This is the stage of plan-making where it is considered the Council is most likely to be able to engage with hard to reach groups being at the outset of the plan-making process and where comments being sought are more open and less responsive to emerging ideas. The results of this consultation will also be analysed to see if responses have been more equally achieved across all sectors of the Districts' communities. For the latter stages of consultation it is suggested that the Council reverts to the normal consultation methods but having hopefully achieved awareness and contact details from a wider selection of interested stakeholders. All stages of consultation will be in compliance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
- 8.6** In addition to the Regulation 18 consultation it is recommended that the Council carries out a 'Call for Sites', the reasoning and details of which are set out in Appendix 3 of this report.

9. Background Papers

None

Chiltern District Council

Chiltern District Local Plan 2014 to 2036

Local Plan Initial Consultation (Regulation 18)

December 2014



1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Chiltern District Development Plan currently comprises the [Core Strategy for Chiltern District](#) adopted in November 2011, the saved [Chiltern District Local Plan](#) adopted in 1997 (as amended) and [Buckinghamshire County Council adopted waste and minerals local plan documents](#).
- 1.2 The Chiltern District Local Plan is proposed to be largely cancelled with the adoption of the Delivery Development Plan Document ([Delivery DPD](#)) anticipated in 2015 (currently the subject of Examination). Both the Core Strategy and emerging Delivery DPD cover the plan period 2006 to 2026.
- 1.3 The Council has approved a [Local Development Scheme](#) in August 2014, our timetable for producing plans, which proposes an early review of the Core Strategy and Delivery DPD (once adopted) by a single local plan to cover the period 2014 to 2036.
- 1.4 Government regulations¹ require the Council to;
 - a) Notify various bodies and individuals
 - b) Invite representations on what the Plan should contain
 - c) Take into account representations received.

This document is the Council's Initial Consultation for the proposed Chiltern District Local Plan 2014 – 2036.

- 1.5 The Local Plan is proposed to include planning policies, land use allocations and development proposal sites to meet a variety of needs across the District. In parallel with this consultation the Council is carrying out a Call for Sites (see the Council website for more details).
- 1.6 The Council invites comments on the scope and approach to the Chiltern District Local Plan 2014 – 2036. The Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Council's [Statement of Community Involvement](#) and will run from **22nd December 2014 to 16th February 2015**. The consultation period is for 8 weeks (normally 6 weeks) to take account of the Christmas and New Year period.
- 1.7 There is a form for Consultation Responses; however those responding can also do so by letter or e-mail. The form is available from the Council website, by post on request or from the Council Offices in Amersham.
- 1.8 All representations must be submitted in writing. These can be submitted via e-mail or by post to:

¹ Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

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All Consultation Responses must be received by 5 pm on 16th February 2015.

If you would like to discuss any matter relating to the above then please contact a member of the Planning Policy Team during normal office hours on (01494) 732269.

Local Plan Initial Consultation

What is the Consultation?

- 2.1 The Consultation is to help the Council decide the scope and issues to be addressed in a new Local Plan for Chiltern District to cover the period to 2036. Many issues affecting the District will be understood better through the preparation of new evidence base material and studies. However this consultation gives the opportunity to set out what is important to you or your organisation or what issues you feel the Local Plan will need to address.
- 2.2 The consultation is set out in sections for ease of reference with questions highlighted in boxed text intended as helpful prompts. Responses need not be provided to all, or any, of the questions as responses to the consultation can cover any points considered of relevance.
- 2.3 When responding to the consultation, please include, as far as possible, a reasoned case or justification and ideally evidence for suggesting a particular position.

What is the New Local Plan?

- 2.4 The new Local Plan is a planning document which will set out:
 - an overall vision and strategy for delivering sustainable development in the District up to 2036;

- provide site specific land use allocations and development proposals to meet identified development needs such as for housing, jobs, retail, community uses and other uses;
- policies for managing new development in the District (policies used to decide planning applications);
- infrastructure required to support development needs; and
- local measures relevant to a Local Plan identified by local communities, neighbourhoods or local representative groups.

Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy

- 2.5 The Local Plan will review the current Vision, Plan Objectives and Spatial Strategy set out principally in the Core Strategy for Chiltern District but also in the Submission Delivery DPD for additional Employment and Shopping Centre objectives.
- 2.6 The review will, in part, be shaped by an understanding of development needs, such as for, but not limited to, housing and businesses as well as an understanding of the likely challenges and opportunities in the District over the Plan period. Also within housing and business needs there will be specialist requirements such as for older people accommodation, Gypsy and Travellers, small businesses and retail.

Question 1: Taking the Core Strategy Vision² as a starting point, do you consider this remains valid in the District to 2036 and if not what changes do you think are needed or what issues do you think a revised Vision should take into account?

Question 2: Taking the objectives in the Core Strategy³ and Delivery DPD⁴ as a starting point, do you consider they remain valid or what issues do you think should be taken into account?

Question 3: What challenges or opportunities do you think the new Local Plan will need to address?

² See Appendix A section A1 or pages 18 to 22 of the [Core Strategy for Chiltern District](#)

³ See Appendix A Section A2 or pages 23 and 24 of the [Core Strategy for Chiltern District](#)

⁴ See Appendix A Section A3 or pages 34 and 41 of the [Delivery DPD](#)

- 2.7 The current Development Plan's Spatial Strategy⁵ essentially seeks to protect the Green Belt, enhance the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and to broadly direct development to the built-up areas outside of the Green Belt and to previously developed sites in the Green Belt. The level of needs planned for in the current Development Plan reflects constraints in the District, and falls short of objectively assessed needs.
- 2.8 In progressing the Local Plan the Council proposes to undertake needs assessments with other local authorities where there is a clear functional relationship. For example we will be working with other authorities grouped with Chiltern in a Strategic Housing Market Area (SHMA) and Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA), and other authorities under the Duty to Co-operate⁶.
- 2.9 Chiltern District Council proposes as part of its new Local Plan to:
- i) Undertake a Green Belt review to identify areas which no longer fulfil a Green Belt function⁷ and/or where exceptional circumstances exist to justify land that could potentially be removed from the Green Belt in order to contribute towards meeting development needs arising in Chiltern District consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) as a whole.
 - ii) Undertake capacity work to identify deliverable development opportunities within the built-up areas, previously developed land in the Green Belt and land which could potentially be removed from the Green Belt that can contribute to sustainably meeting development needs arising within Chiltern District.
 - iii) Determine infrastructure delivery needs / issues⁸ for different levels of growth for the main Chiltern settlements so that optimum levels of growth can be identified and infrastructure needs planned accordingly.
 - iv) Analyse areas of development constraint within Chiltern other than the Green Belt (including but not limited to the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), and where relevant explore with

⁵ See pages 25, 26 and Policy CS1 of the [Core Strategy for Chiltern District](#)

⁶ See the Government definition of [duty to co-operate and duty to co-operate organisations](#)

⁷ The Government define Green Belt functions as

- To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and
- To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other land.

⁸ Such as roads, schools, utilities and health care facilities.

relevant stakeholders the potential and limitations for development opportunities within these areas.

- v) Through a combination of i) to iv) above, seek to maximise development potential within Chiltern District to meet needs arising in Chiltern whilst still meeting the policy objectives of national planning policy⁹ and in particular achievement of sustainable development within the sub-regional context.
- vi) Explore ways to seek to protect and enhance the quality of life in the District (e.g. planning for community, recreational and cultural needs, enhancing the Chilterns AONB, improving our townscapes, respecting and protecting our historic environment, enhancing a local sense of 'place', etc.).

2.10 The above is likely to require a different spatial strategy and the Council will be testing a number of spatial strategy options which could include:

- a) Making more efficient and effective use of land within existing built-up areas such as increasing building density or heights, opportunities for relocating open space uses compatible with the Green Belt to create new development opportunities in the built-up area, converting some land (such as employment land) to other uses (such as residential).
- b) Urban extensions of the main settlements in the District - i.e. Chesham, Amersham, Little Chalfont and Chalfont St Peter
- c) Urban extensions to a wider range of settlements - i.e. in addition to b) others such as Great Missenden, Prestwood and Chalfont St Giles
- d) Village extensions
- e) A combination of the above.

2.11 In addition as part of the Duty to Co-operate with adjacent local planning authorities the Council may need to explore scope for nearby settlements outside the District to accommodate part of Chiltern's development needs (if, for example, Chiltern is unable to accommodate all of its development needs in sustainable ways and without harming other key national planning objectives set out in the National Planning Policy Framework) and/or for a new settlement in or nearby to the District which could accommodate Chiltern's needs.

⁹ For example the [National Planning Policy Framework](#)

Question 4: What spatial strategy options do you think the Council should consider and what option do you think is the right option for Chiltern? Are there any other options that the Council should consider?

Planning for Specific Needs

- 2.12 Communities in Chiltern will have a variety of development needs to 2036 which the Local Plan will need to understand and consider how best to plan to meet. Some of these needs will be essential requirements such as development to provide homes for newly formed households or for businesses to create jobs and achieve economic growth. Other needs may be more aspirational such as in relation to enhanced shopping or leisure uses while other needs will relate to services (e.g. schools and health facilities) or infrastructure (e.g. road improvements). There will also be specialist needs such as accommodation for older people or Gypsy and Travellers families.
- 2.13 The Council will be undertaking evidence base studies to determine need and will be working with others such as Buckinghamshire County Council, the Bucks Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership and health service and infrastructure providers.

Question 5: Do you have any information or a view on the need for specific types of development or infrastructure in Chiltern to 2036 that the Council should be aware of in preparing its new Local Plan?

Any Other Considerations?

- 2.14 The new Local Plan will include for example:
- a) development management policies for use in the determination of planning decisions;
 - b) opportunities to protect and enhance the environment;
 - c) the level and type of affordable housing needed;
 - d) opportunities to include local measures (development needs or policies at a local or neighbourhood level that are important to local communities);
 - e) how plan proposals and policies will be monitored;

- f) an Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (what infrastructure, such as roads, schools, health care, utilities, etc is needed to support the level and location of proposed development); and
- g) the need to consider whether the Council introduces a Community Infrastructure Levy (a charge on specific types of development to pay for essential infrastructure).

Question 6: Do you have any other information or views that you would like the Council to take into account in the preparation of its new Local Plan?

What Happens Next?

- 3.1 The Council will carefully consider all responses made, undertake various studies, engage directly with key partners and stakeholders and prepare further documents for consultation.
- 3.2 The next consultation will be an Issues and Options consultation on key emerging plan considerations. This is anticipated to be in October/November 2015.
- 3.3 The Council also propose to consult on a draft Local Plan in late 2016 before preparing the plan for the formal stages of the plan-making process in early 2017.

Local Plan Initial Consultation – Appendix A

A1 Core Strategy Vision

- **place with integrated, supportive and capable communities which promote active citizenship;**
- **A place where high quality services and facilities help people from all sections of the community, particularly the young, elderly and disadvantaged, to live independent and fulfilling lives;**
- **A place where we can lead safe lives free from the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour;**
- **A place with attractive and vibrant town and village centres and an outstanding countryside;**
- **A place which promotes equality of opportunity and ensures fair access to services;**
- **A place which encourages local employers and small businesses so we can protect the area’s economy for the future;**
- **A place where people have the skills, knowledge and ability to make effective decisions and healthy lifestyle choices;**
- **A place with enough affordable housing to meet local needs and maintain our services and communities;**
- **place with effective and targeted transport solutions, including a well maintained transport infrastructure;**
- **A place where high quality education and lifelong learning improves people’s lives, enabling them to make well-informed decisions and play their full part in the community;**
- **A place with a wide range of accessible leisure opportunities; and**
- **A place with a clean and green environment where recycling, waste minimisation and resource conservation are an established part of everyday life.**

(Please note the vision above is taken from the Adopted Core Strategy 2011 for more details on the vision please read the Core Strategy Document Section 5)

A2 Core Strategy Strategic Objectives

Core Strategy: Strategic Objectives

Number	Objective	Target
1	Enable an appropriate amount of housing together with supporting infrastructure.	Annual average of between 133 and 145 new dwellings to be completed between 2006 and 2026.
2	Ensure that a significant proportion of new dwellings permitted are affordable	500 affordable dwellings (average 33 pa) to be completed between 2011 and 2026 (Note: the start date of 2011 allows for new policies to be introduced)
3	Steer development to the most sustainable locations and ensure that new development is of very high quality design appropriate to its locality, and that it maximises efficiency in the use of energy, water and other resources, minimises pollution and waste and uses sustainable building practices, is designed so as to minimise criminal activity and has excellent access to sustainable transport.	To monitor against indicators for Policy CS2. Chiltern's carbon footprint to be reduced from the current 6.5 tonnes per capita - domestic energy consumption and CO ₂ emissions to be reduced in line with national targets.
4	Encourage local employers and small businesses so we can protect the area's economy for the future.	At least maintain the number of people employed within Chiltern District over the plan period. A net increase in the number of businesses operating within the District over the plan period. A net increase in new business start ups in the District over the plan period.
5	Promote the vitality and viability of town centres and other local centres, whilst retaining the character of the historic centres.	Year-on-year reduction in shop vacancies in each of Amersham-on-the-Hill, Chesham and Chalfont St Peter from 2011 onwards
6	Conserve and enhance the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and its setting and other natural assets (including biodiversity and geodiversity) of the District.	Improvement in indicators set out in the AONB Management Plan Improved local biodiversity (National Indicator NI197)
7	Encourage provision of specialist facilities and care and appropriate, adaptable homes for elderly people and those with special needs such as dementia.	Provision of 433 additional places in specialist accommodation between 2008 and 2020 to meet projected demands as detailed within the 12 Year Housing Plan for People with Support Needs (Bucks CC June 2009)
8	Seek to retain and improve, and, where possible, add, new services and facilities which serve the whole community, or groups within it, and improve access to these facilities.	No loss of community facilities (unless replaced)

(please note that the background to the Core Strategy Objectives set out above is explained in more detail in the Adopted Core Strategy Document section 6.)

A3 Delivery Development Plan Objectives

Employment Objectives

- Encourage entrepreneurial start-ups and progressions
- Support the provision of small modern office premises, particularly for knowledge based businesses such as the creative media and professional services sectors
- Encourage the provision of small modern industrial units (between 100 – 1,000 sq. m in size) with nominal office content and able to accommodate flexible uses (Use Classes B1c/B2/B8). These should be focused in the main areas of demand such as Chesham
- Promote employment development within reasonable walking distances from railway stations
- Enable the diversification of some employment areas from B class employment uses to other economic development uses, particularly in Chesham
- Promote the intensification and more efficient use of current employment sites (including appropriate uses in the Green Belt) through the implementation of Core Strategy Policy CS15: Smart Growth
- Encourage investment in employment areas to renew the building stock and in some locations consider non-B class enabling development to secure investment
- Protect important Green Belt employment uses and enabling more effective/ efficient use; and
- Support the rural economy.

Shopping Centre Objectives

- Seek to build upon the centre's strengths by taking a positive planning policy approach towards development
- Plan to meet retail and other centre needs to 2026 through new development opportunities, including mixed use schemes
- Protect retail core activities through defining primary and secondary shopping areas
- Direct town centre uses and investment to appropriate centres
- Support community projects to enhance the use, appearance and vitality of centres
- Protect, and where possible, extend car parking accommodation

(Please note further explanation of why the above Employment and Shopping Centre objectives were created is set out on pages 34 and 41 of the Delivery Development Plan Submission Document).

Appendix 2

Analysis of Recent Planning Policy Document Consultations

The following are conclusions taken from an analysis of consultation monitoring results compared to 2011 Census data for Chiltern District. The conclusions are from information set out in the two tables at the end of this Appendix.

Over performing sectors of the Chiltern community

- Males
- Over 60's particularly over 65's
- White ethnic groups
- Chinese, Indian and Caribbean ethnic groups (see Note 3)

Sectors broadly proportionate to the population (compared against the 2011 Census)

- 30 year olds to 44
- 45 year olds to 59
- White ethnic groups

Under performing sectors

- *Gypsy or Irish Travellers* (see Note 4)
- Under 24's, particularly under 18's
- People with a disability
- Women
- None-white ethnic groups
- People from the more deprived wards of the District

Notes

Note 1: Responses were over three recent consultations in 2013 and 2014. Out of 1,929 representations submitted 1,004 consultation respondents returned an equalities monitoring form, (a 52% return rate). Some respondents may have responded to more than one consultation.

Note 2: Significantly more equalities monitoring forms were returned in the Public Participation (99.7%) when the equalities form was provided with the response form. Equalities monitoring forms were provided separately during the Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Consultation and Submission DPD Consultation; these had an equalities form return rate of 42% and 25% respectively.

Note 3: Although over performing ethnic groups these groups comprise low numbers and so results are likely to be more susceptible to change.

Note 4: No Gypsy or Irish Traveller completed an equalities monitoring form however it is known from the responses provided that responses were received from this part of the community and so this part of the analysis cannot draw any meaningful conclusions.

Table 1: Comparison of Groups Submitting an Equalities Form in Recent Consultations Compared to the 2011 Census

	Census	Consultation*				Difference (Average/ Census)
		Public Participation	Gypsy and Traveller	Submission Consultation	Average	
Level of Response**						
Responses (Count)		387	1370	172	N/A	
Equality Forms (Count)		386	575	43	N/A	
Equality Forms (%)		99.7	42	25	N/A	
Gender		(386)	(574)	(42)		
Male	48.6	52	55	69	58.7	10.0
Female	51.4	48	45	31	41.3	-10.0
Age***		(123)	(571)	(43)		
Under 18	23.2	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.4	-22.8
18 to 24	5.9	3.0	1.2	0.0	1.4	-4.5
25 to 29	4.0	N/A	N/A	7.0	N/A	N/A
30 to 44	18.5	N/A	N/A	23.3	N/A	N/A
45 to 59	22.3	N/A	N/A	20.9	N/A	N/A
60 to 64	6.8	N/A	N/A	11.6	N/A	N/A
65+	18.5	38.2	37.5	37.2	37.6	19.2
Ethnicity		(100)	(514)	(39)		
Any other White	4.2	1.0	3.7	2.6	2.4	-1.8
White British	85.9	97.1	91.2	84.6	91.0	5.1
White Irish	1.2	1.0	1.8	2.6	1.8	0.6
Multiple ethnic background	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.5
White and Black African	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
White and Black Caribbean	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.3
White and Asian	1.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	-1.0
Any other Asian background	1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	-0.8
Bangladeshi	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Chinese	0.5	0.0	0.2	2.6	0.9	0.4
Indian	1.9	1.0	1.4	5.1	2.5	0.6
Pakistani	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.9
African	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Any other Black background	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.9	0.8
Caribbean	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Other Ethnic Group	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
Disability		(116)	(570)	(43)		
Yes	13.4	4.3	4.9	4.7	4.6	-8.8
No	86.6	95.7	94.3	95.3	95.1	8.5

* Figures in brackets indicate number of respondents who responded to the relevant section of the Equality Form

** Public Participation attached Equality Forms to the Response Form, subsequent Consultations separated the forms

*** First two Consultations did not range the ages as they are collected in the Census

Table 2: Post Code Analysis of People Submitting Representations in Recent Consultations**Delivery DPD Public Participation (April – June 2013)**

ACORN category	Number customers	Customer Profile %	Chiltern %	Index
1 Affluent Achievers	230	83.9%	69.3%	1.21
2 Rising Prosperity	13	4.7%	7.8%	0.59
3 Comfortable Communities	11	4.0%	11.1%	0.38
4 Financially Stretched	19	6.9%	8.4%	0.84
5 Urban Adversity	1	0.4%	3.4%	0.10
Totals	274	100.00%	100.0%	1.00

Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Options Consultation (Sept/Oct 2013)

ACORN category	Number customers	Customer Profile %	Chiltern %	Index
1 Affluent Achievers	815	77.9%	69.3%	1.21
2 Rising Prosperity	59	5.6%	7.8%	0.59
3 Comfortable Communities	89	8.5%	11.1%	0.38
4 Financially Stretched	26	2.5%	8.4%	0.84
5 Urban Adversity	57	5.4%	3.4%	0.10
Totals	1046	100.00%	100.0%	1.00

Delivery DPD Pre-Submission Consultation (February – April 2014)

ACORN category	Number customers	Customer Profile %	Chiltern %	Index
1 Affluent Achievers	78	83.9%	69.3%	1.21
2 Rising Prosperity	3	3.2%	7.8%	0.59
3 Comfortable Communities	5	5.4%	11.1%	0.38
4 Financially Stretched	5	5.4%	8.4%	0.84
5 Urban Adversity	2	2.2%	3.4%	0.10
Totals	93	100.00%	100.0%	1.00

Chiltern District Council

Chiltern District Local Plan 2014 to 2036

Call for Sites

December 2014



Call For Sites

- 1.1 The Chiltern District Development Plan currently comprises the [Core Strategy for Chiltern District](#) adopted in November 2011, the saved [Chiltern District Local Plan](#) adopted in 1997 (as amended) and [Buckinghamshire County Council adopted waste and minerals local plan documents](#).
- 1.2 The Chiltern District Local Plan is proposed to be largely cancelled with the adoption of the Delivery Development Plan Document ([Delivery DPD](#)) anticipated in March 2015 (currently the subject of Examination). Both the Core Strategy and emerging Delivery DPD cover the plan period 2006 to 2026.
- 1.3 The Council has approved a [Local Development Scheme](#) in August 2014, our timetable for producing plans, which proposes an early review of the Core Strategy and Delivery DPD (once adopted) by a single local plan to cover the period 2014 to 2036.
- 1.4 The Council is carrying out a (Regulation 18¹⁰) Local Plan Consultation and alongside this is also carrying out this Call for Sites.
- 1.5 The Local Plan is proposed to include planning policies, land use allocations and development proposal sites to meet a variety of needs across the District. The Council wants to understand landowners', developers' and other stakeholders' views on the availability and deliverability of potential site options in the District that can be considered and tested as part of the Local Plan process.
- 1.6 Developers, landowners and other interested parties can submit suggestions for site options they would like the Council to consider for future development within the District. You do not need to be the landowner, but ideally should provide information and the views of the landowner.
- 1.7 Suggested sites can be for housing, specialist housing such as for older people or Gypsy and Travellers, employment uses, town centre uses, community facilities, mixed use developments, sport and recreation, no specific use, or other development uses where there is considered to be a specific or general need or opportunity over the period to 2036.

¹⁰ Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

- 1.8 The information from the Call for Sites will be used to inform the Council's work on Land Availability Assessments, which will be part of the evidence base for the new Local Plan.
- 1.9 The Council therefore invites nominations for potential development site options through this Call for Sites.
- 1.10 The Call for Sites will run from **22nd December 2014 to 16th February 2015**, a period of 8 weeks.
- 1.11 Each site nominated must be via a completed form to ensure that the Council has sufficient information to consider all nominations. Call for Sites Forms are available from the Council website, by post on request or from the Council Offices in Amersham.
- 1.12 Forms can be submitted via e-mail or by post to:

The Planning Policy Team, Chiltern District Council
King George V House
King George V Road
Amersham
Bucks. HP6 5 AW

planningpolicy@chiltern.gov.uk

All Call for Sites Nominations must be received by 5 pm on 16th February 2015.

If you would like to discuss any matter relating to the above then please contact a member of the Planning Policy Team during normal office hours on (01494) 732269.

- 1.13 Please note that site information submitted under the Call for Sites does not mean that these sites will necessarily be agreed by the Council and included in the Local Plan, but each site nominated will be considered as part of the Local Plan process.