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South Bucks Local Development Framework

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1 Introduction

1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Planning Act (2008), The Localism Act (2011) and associated regulations sets out the system of plan-making for local councils. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) also provide national planning policy and guidance. A key feature is the production of “Local Plans” which will replace Development Plan Documents (DPD). There is normally more than one local plan in any area and there may be DPDs in force and in some areas possible neighbourhood plans that together constitute the statutory Development Plan for an area. The Development Plan is the main basis upon which decisions are made on planning applications. Local Plans cover a whole range of planning issues which are subject to independent examination.

1.2 Local authorities must prepare a Local Development Scheme (LDS) timetable for plan-making however this LDS goes beyond the statutory requirement in providing more information and background. This LDS is effectively a four-year rolling project plan. The key purpose of the LDS is to enable the public, developers, stakeholders and other interested groups to find out how, and when, they can participate in the development of Local Plans. This LDS essentially:

- Explains what constitutes the South Bucks Development Plan and how this is proposed to change; and
- Sets out a work programme for Planning Policy, including the timetable for a new Local Plan.

2 Purpose of this Document

2.1 The LDS gives a picture of the totality of plan-making in South Bucks and associated work carried out by the Planning Policy Team and supersedes the LDS that was approved in July 2013.

2.2 In the July 2013 LDS the Council set out a programme for the preparation of a Development Management Local Plan and Gypsy and Travellers Plan. Both of these DPDs were progressed to different draft stages but were not adopted and will now be incorporated into a new Local Plan to cover the period to 2036.

2.3 The LDS will be kept under review and progress will be reported in the District Council’s Annual Monitoring Reports.

3 Current Planning Context

3.1 Decisions on planning proposals have to be made in accordance with the Development Plan for an area unless there is a very good reason for not doing so. The Development Plan in South Bucks District comprises the Core Strategy DPD adopted in February 2011, the Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy adopted in November 2012, the Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan adopted in June 2006 and the South Bucks District Local Plan March 1999 (consolidated in September 2007 and February 2011) and a Proposals Map which shows policies and proposals on a geographical basis. Information about these five documents is set out below.

3.2 Core Strategy DPD

The Core Strategy was subject to examination in public by a Government-appointed Inspector in November 2010. The Inspector concluded that the Core Strategy provided an appropriate basis for the planning of the District over the next 15 years and that it was ‘sound’, subject to a limited number of binding changes (all of which were originally proposed by the Council). The District Council accepted these and adopted the Core Strategy on 22nd February 2011.

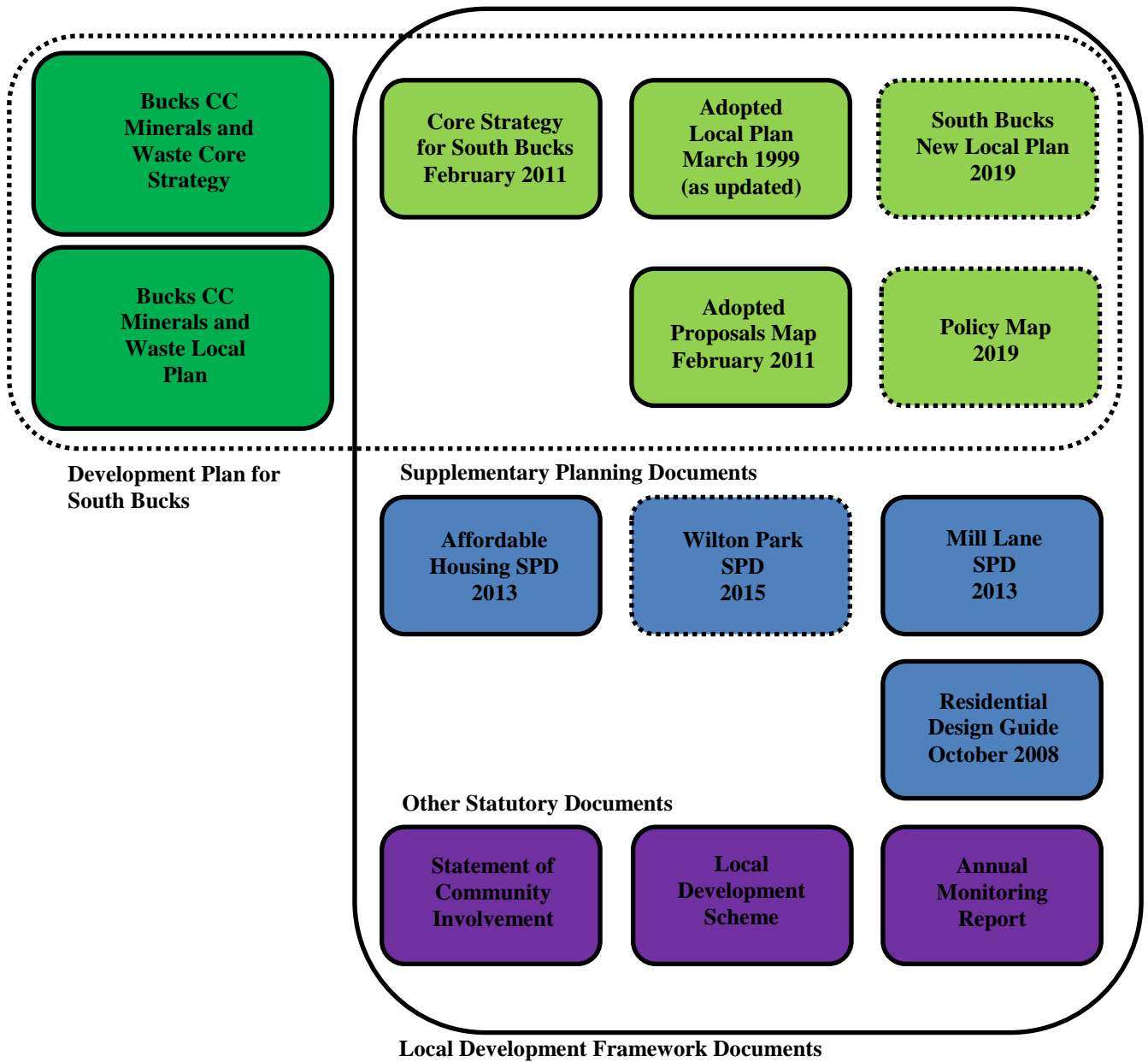
- 3.3 Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy DPD
Following an examination in public in the spring of 2012, the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy was found sound by a government-appointed Inspector. It was adopted by Buckinghamshire County Council on 22 November 2012.
- 3.4 Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan
Many of the policies in the Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2006 have been saved and will remain in force for the time being.
- 3.5 South Bucks District Local Plan 1999
Although the Local Plan was prepared in the 1990s, its provisions are broadly in line with the NPPF introduced in March 2012. In September 2007, 74 Local Plan policies were 'saved'. 22 of these expired in February 2011 upon adoption of the Core Strategy, leaving 53 Local Plan policies in place. A consolidated version of the Local Plan has been produced showing all saved policies with expired policies struck through.
- 3.6 Proposals Map
At the time of adoption of the Core Strategy, the Proposals Map was updated. This shows designations relating to policies in the saved Local Plan, the Core Strategy and the saved Bucks Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
- 3.7 It should be noted that;
- a) The Proposals Map when updated will be known as the Policies Map
 - b) Buckinghamshire County Council will have its own LDS for plan-making work relating to minerals and waste planning matters.

4 New Planning Framework for South Bucks

The planning framework for South Bucks, a set of documents which guide planning and development in the area, is displayed in Figure 1. This shows the documents which are, or will be:

- part of the existing statutory Development Plan shown in green;
- those policy documents which are supplementary to the adopted Core Strategy (i.e. Supplementary Planning Documents or SPDs) shown in blue;
- and the more procedural, or review-type, documents prepared previously, but which will be updated (shown in mauve).

Figure 1: Planning Framework for South Bucks



5 Local Plan and Associated Documents

5.1 Local Plans set out planning policies, proposals and land use allocations in local authority areas. These may also be set out in DPDs where adopted and in neighbourhood plans where these have been made. There are no neighbourhood plans currently in South Bucks. The intention in South Bucks is to prepare a single Local Plan to cover the period to 2036 that will replace the currently adopted Core Strategy and saved Local Plan.

5.2 The Local Plan will take account of the NPPF, NPPG and any other relevant national guidance and consider these against local circumstances and an evidence base to be prepared throughout the plan-making process. The Local Plan will also be prepared in consultation with and through joint working and collaboration where possible with Duty to Co-operate organisations such as adjacent local authorities, some Government bodies and the Bucks and Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The Duty to Co-operate is an on-going process and has already commenced on some specific matters related to the new Local Plan for South Bucks such as working in partnership with adjacent authorities and the LEP to define the Strategic Housing Market (SHMA) and Functional Economic Market (FEMA) areas locally.

5.3 Work undertaken on the Development Management Local Plan and Gypsies and Travellers Plan under the former LDS will feed into the new Local Plan.

5.4 The Policies Map, which shows policies in map form, will be updated alongside the preparation of the Local Plan.

5.5 During the preparation of the Local Plan the Council will also prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Schedule which will set out the type, timing and delivery mechanism for providing necessary infrastructure (such as roads, schools, health facilities and utilities) needed to support the level and type of development proposed in the Plan. This will also be informed through the Duty to Co-operate with adjacent authorities as some infrastructure may have cross-boundary implications.

5.6 One potential method to deliver necessary infrastructure could be the introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). South Bucks currently has no plans to introduce CIL but will keep this under review during the preparation of the Local Plan.

5.7 The Council's evidence base will comprise a number of studies and documents from which the Local Plan will draw evidence, conclusions and opinions to inform the plan. These will be added to throughout the plan process and will be contained on the Council website. Initial evidence base documents will include defining the SHMA and FEMA areas for South Bucks, a Housing and Economic Needs Assessment, Green Belt Review and Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment.

6 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

6.1 SPDs will be developed to define, expand and implement the policies and strategies contained within the Local Plan when needed. They will be subject to public consultation in accordance with the regulations¹. The Council has some adopted SPDs (see Section 4 above) and is currently progressing an SPD for Wilton Park, a strategic development proposal in the Core Strategy.

6.2 Residential Design Guide

The Council adopted a Residential Design Guide as a SPD in October 2008. It sets out Council advice which can help to secure high quality residential development which respects and enhances the character and sustainability of the District. The Guide relates to the whole of the South Bucks District Council's administrative area. It is supplementary to saved Local Plan policies EP3 and H9.

¹ Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

6.3 Mill Lane SPD

Core Policy 15 of the adopted Core Strategy identifies the Mill Lane Opportunity Site (Taplow) as a Major Developed Site in the Green Belt, and sets out broad policy for its redevelopment. The policy requires that the landowners/developers produce a development brief in conjunction with the Council prior to a planning application being submitted. An SPD was prepared and adopted by the Council in 2013.

6.4 Affordable Housing SPD

An Affordable Housing SPD was produced to provide additional guidance on the implementation of Core Policy 3 in the adopted Core Strategy. It was adopted in 2013 following public consultation. This SPD may need to be revised in the light of changing national guidance.

6.5 Wilton Park SPD

The Core Strategy identifies Wilton Park, an MOD site to the east of Beaconsfield Old Town, as an Opportunity Site. A development brief is being prepared as an SPD, which was the subject of public consultation in 2014. Adoption of an SPD is scheduled for March 2015.

6.6 Other Important Advice

The Chiltern Buildings Design Guide, prepared by the Chilterns Conservation Board, related to expired Local Plan policy L1 and saved policy EP3. The Board issued an updated version of the Design Guide in February 2010, which is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, but does not have the formal status as an SPD.

6.7 Court Lane

Land to the south of Iver Village is an Opportunity Site under Policy 16 of the Core Strategy and a development brief or SPD is envisaged for land at Court Lane. At present, the landowners have no plans to redevelop or sell the land. Accordingly no SPD is envisaged in the short-term.

7 Summary of Work 2015-2019

7.1 The chart on the next page summarises the work the Local Plan, Policies Map, Infrastructure Delivery Schedule and possible CIL set out in Section 4 above.

7.2 Additional work may need to be undertaken such as further SPDs, policy guidance documents or development briefs if circumstances require.

Timetable for the Production of the New Local Plan for South Bucks District

Key Dates and Milestones	2015												2016												2017												2018												2019		
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M
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8 Other Documents

8.1 Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

The Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted in February 2013 and;

- explains the process and methods for community involvement for different types of planning documents, including how different groups will be engaged.
- identifies community groups that will be involved at different stages of the planning process.
- explains how the community will be involved in the determination of planning applications, as well as pre-application discussions.

8.2 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)

The Council is required to prepare a Monitoring Report which:

- reports progress on the Local Development Scheme with reasons given where timescales are not being met.
- reports progress on the policies and targets in the Core Strategy and other policy documents, including any national targets. Where these are not being met, the AMR will indicate actions required to address the matter
- indicates how infrastructure providers have performed against any programmes set out in the Core Strategy and reprioritise infrastructure delivery assumptions if necessary.
- sets out actions taken under a duty for local authorities to co-operate with one another and with important agencies, particularly on strategic issues that go beyond the boundaries of a particular District Council area.

A Monitoring Report will continue to be prepared each year and will be published on the Council's website.

8.3 Neighbourhood Plans

The Localism Act enables Neighbourhood Plans to be brought forward by local communities if desired. To date, the Council has received no firm proposals to produce a Neighbourhood Plan by Parish Councils or other groups within South Bucks. If a Neighbourhood Plan or Plans were to be prepared, this would have resource implications for the District Council, as it would have a duty to assist the organisation to draw up the plan. This could have an impact on the timescales set out in this LDS.

9 Joint Working and Duty to Co-operate

9.1 The Localism Act 2011 places a formal duty on specific public bodies to co-operate with each other when developing strategic planning policies. The District Council will therefore be required to provide evidence at any future examination in public to demonstrate that it has worked with other organisations appropriately.

9.2 There is a good track record of joint working between the Buckinghamshire authorities and co-operation with other Duty to Co-operate organisations. Recent examples are the joint working on the needs of gypsies and travellers and a Buckinghamshire SHMA and FEMA geography study with all Bucks districts in consultation with all other adjacent authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships. The Bucks authorities have also worked closely on issues such as minerals and waste and transport. In addition, South Bucks District Council has worked jointly with Chiltern District Council on several studies for the Core Strategy.

9.3 The Council will continue to explore opportunities for joint working with its Duty to Co-operate partners and ways to ensure effective and on-going engagement in plan-making. Opportunities for producing studies jointly will be explored where appropriate, particularly where issues are strategic in nature or where there are cross boundary implications.

10 Resources

10.1 South Bucks is a small Council with limited resources, and the planning system, with its emphasis on evidence based plan-making and community engagement, has placed a significant resource burden on the Council. The NPPF emphasises that the evidence base should be proportionate. The Council is continually seeking ways of delivering the planning policy service in a more efficient, economic and effective way. One mechanism which has increased available resources is the drawing up of Planning Performance Agreements with developers. This has helped to pay for the drawing up of development briefs and SPDs for major sites.

10.2 Local Plans and SPDs are prepared by the Planning Policy Team, with the input of other teams within the Council as necessary. The Planning Policy Team is in the process of implementing a Shared Service arrangement with Chiltern District Council where the Manager is shared and resource efficiencies will be secured through joint and cross working. The resilience and ability of both teams to manage periods of intense working has increased.

10.3 As well as drawing up Local Plans and SPDs, the Planning Policy Team is responsible (with input from the Head of Sustainable Development) for a number of other work areas including, inter alia:-

- Strategic transportation matters, including Crossrail, High Speed 2 and the the Local Transport Plan for Buckinghamshire
- Aviation matters, particularly issues related to Heathrow
- Planning matters associated with other partnerships of which the District Council is a member authority, including the Colne Valley Partnership and the Chilterns Conservation Board
- The preparation of the Council’s Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, and other similar work, including sustainable energy
- Economic Development issues
- Provision of the Council’s response to planning policy documents of other bodies and organisations where appropriate
- Planning policy advice to all business units within the Council, including that relating to planning applications and to the Council’s own landholdings
- Input into future reviews of the South Bucks Sustainable Community Strategy.

10.4 Any reduction in staff resources would impact on the ability to meet the timetables set out in this LDS.

10.5 Costs for this four year programme in this LDS will for the initial years be met through revenue budgets and a reserve budget however during the life of this LDS the Council will need to replenish the reserve or secure additional revenue funding to complete the programme. The availability of resources is a matter that is included in the Risk Register and is considered on a regular basis.

11 Risk Assessment

11.1 The Council has a corporate risk assessment process, with the risk register being updated on a cyclical basis. The following table lists the main areas of risk to the LDS timetable, along with a summary of how these risks can be mitigated.

Table 2: Risk Assessment

Area of Risk	Potential risk	Mitigating action / contingency
Unexpected new national planning guidance emerges - nationally the plan-making process has seen significant changes	High	Changes to the planning system introduced by Government are out of the Council’s direct control. Many changes have recently been made and more are

recently and this process may continue particularly with additions or changes to the NPPG.		envisaged. The Council will monitor emerging national guidance closely to judge the impact is on timetables. The timetables will be kept under review and will be updated as necessary.
Impact of Localism agenda - The shift of power from the centre to communities is supported in principle. It is not known whether many, or any, parish councils will wish to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, which would require some input from the District Council.	Medium	We will ensure that all residents and businesses are engaged fully in the production of the Local Plan and SPDs, so that plans may take on board the aspirations of the community. If one or more parish councils or groups decide to progress a Neighbourhood Plan, this is likely to have an impact on the timetables set out in this LDS. The Council will continue to liaise with parish councils to ascertain whether they are likely to proceed with any Neighbourhood Plan.
Funding - A fund has been set aside for work on local plans, but will not be sufficient to complete the plan process.	Medium	The Council needs to make significant savings and it is necessary to keep costs at a minimum through smarter working, efficient use of Counsel, the use of an in-house programme officer, joint working with adjoining authorities and by carrying out studies in house where possible. Shared Service arrangements with Chiltern District Council will lower costs. Additional resources will be considered as part of the Councils budget setting processes throughout the period of the LDS.
Staff turnover/difficulty in recruitment	Medium	We are providing staff with a challenging and rewarding working environment where they are valued and appreciated. Should staff leave, we would seek to new recruit staff by advertising quickly. If difficulties in recruiting suitable and qualified staff arise, we explore other options including the use of consultants or temporary staff, subject to resources. The Shared Service arrangement will help provide mitigation.
“Soundness” of the Local Plan - there is a risk that the Local Plan will be found unsound at examination, for example by not meeting statutory requirements.	Medium	The Council will minimise this risk in several ways. We will liaise closely with the Planning Inspectorate, Counsel and our own Legal advisors, in particular regarding meeting statutory requirements, and by using the PAS ‘soundness self assessment toolkits’. We will discuss soundness issues internally, and with colleagues in other authorities and will engage a ‘critical friend’ where necessary. Joint working with other Councils and agencies under the “Duty to Co-operate” will minimise the risk of the Local Plan being found unsound

		through a failure to co-operate.
Programme Slippage - there is a risk that the milestones in the LDS will not be met.	Medium	The Council will continue to monitor the progress of the Local Plan and SPDs against the LDS and report these in the AMR each year. We have sought to ensure that the timing of resource intensive stages on policy documents does not clash to the extent that our resources are overstretched, and this will be kept under review.
Capacity of the Planning Inspectorate and other agencies - there is a risk that PINS will be unable to cope with examination demand nation-wide, or that other delivery partners, such as the Environment Agency and Buckinghamshire County Council, are unable to respond in time due to cutbacks to public services/workload.	Low	The Council will work closely with PINS and other agencies to keep them informed of its timetable for preparing local plans and policy documents and will aim to work to the times agreed.
Legal Challenge - There is a risk that third parties could mount a challenge to the adoption of the Local Plan.	Medium	We will minimise this risk by ensuring that the Local Plan is “sound” and founded on a robust evidence base and well-audited community engagement. We will also work closely with our Legal Services officers and will seek advice from Counsel where necessary.
Scale of stakeholder engagement - there is a risk that the scale of representations is much higher than expected, or that key stakeholders do not have the resources to engage with the Council.	Medium	It is not possible to predict accurately the likely scale of responses at various stages of consultation. However, should this be higher than expected, the Council will seek to gain additional admin/planning support to process them. We will seek to engage people by targeting key stakeholders in organisations and ‘hard to reach’ groups.

Appendix 1: Local Plan Profile

Local Plan

Overview

Role & Content The Local Plan will establish the level of planned development within the District to 2036, set out proposals and land use allocations to meet that need and a clear and concise set of development management policies relating to development in the District. It will be accompanied by changes to the Policies and an Infrastructure Delivery Schedule.

Geographic Coverage District-wide

Status Local Plan.

Chain of Conformity This will be in conformity with national planning guidance taking into account local circumstances.

Timetable As set out in the Table in Section 7

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead Shared Service Planning Policy Team, in association with Head of Sustainable Development.

Management Arrangements Full Council Resolution required for Publication of Proposed Submission (Regulation 19), and Adoption (Regulation 26) stages, on being recommended by Cabinet following prior recommendation by the Sustainable Development Portfolio holder, having been considered by the Sustainable Development PAG.

Delegated authority may be sought for the Sustainable Development Portfolio holder, following consideration by the Sustainable Development PAG, to approve any post-publication changes to the Local Plan, prior to it being submitted for examination.

Resources Shared Service Planning Policy Team, with other Council officers contributing as necessary.

Opportunities for joint working with the County Council, the other District Councils and other Duty to Co-operate organisations will be explored, particularly on evidence base studies.

Community & Stakeholder Involvement There will be continuous and proportionate engagement with the community and key stakeholders throughout the production process, particularly at the Regulation 18 stage. In addition, stakeholders will have an opportunity to make representations on the Local Plan when it is published. Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement.

Post production The Council will, through the Annual Monitoring Report, consider the effectiveness of the Local Plan to assess whether action is needed.

* The Regulations are the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Appendix 2: Profiles of SPDs (for information)

Wilton Park SPD

Overview

Role & Content Core Strategy identifies Wilton Park, an MOD site to the east of Beaconsfield Old Town, as an Opportunity Site. A development brief is being prepared in conjunction with the land owner.

Geographic Coverage Wilton Park Opportunity Site, Beaconsfield

Status Supplementary Planning Document

Chain of Conformity Core Strategy.

Timetable

Remaining Stage

Adoption of SPD (Regulation 14)

Dates

March 2015

Appendix 3: Initial Plan Stage Evidence Base

Local Plans should be based on adequate, up-to-date and relevant evidence. Evidence gathered should be proportionate to the plan being prepared. The Council will develop the evidence base throughout the plan-making process and will make it available on its website.

Initial evidence base work is set out below and further studies will be undertaken following evidence to establish development need in the plan period and Duty to Co-operate discussions to establish the level of development to be planned for in South Bucks.

Name of study	Indicative completion dates
Defining Buckinghamshire and Surrounding Area Strategic Housing Market and Functional Economic Market Areas	Early 2015
Housing and Economic Needs Assessment to 2036	Mid 2015
Buckinghamshire Green Belt Review	Mid/Late 2015
Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment	Mid/Late 2015

In order to make best use of resources, external consultants will only be used when the expertise or staff resources required are not available in house. Studies are made publicly available as soon as is practical after their completion, primarily via the Council's website.

As well as the above evidence base studies, the Council will rely on a number of other documents produced by other departments in the District Council (such as the Corporate Plan), and those prepared by adjoining local authorities, the County Council, Parish Councils, Government agencies such as the Environment Agency.

Appendix 4: Status of Local Plan Policies

The following Policies were saved, and remain saved following adoption of the South Bucks Core Strategy on 22nd February 2011:

Policy Number	Policy Title/Purpose
GB1	Green Belt Boundaries and the Control over Development in the Green Belt
GB2	Re-use and extensions of Buildings in the Green Belt
GB3	Residential Infilling in Green Belt Settlements
GB4	Employment Generating and Commercial Development in the Green Belt (excluding Green Belt Settlements)
GB5	Employment Generating and Commercial Development in Green Belt Settlements
GB7	Removal of Agricultural Occupancy Conditions
GB9	Agricultural Diversification
GB10	Extensions to Dwellings in the Green Belt
GB11	Rebuilding of Dwellings in the Green Belt
GB13	Extensions of Residential Curtilages in the Green Belt
L4	River Thames Setting
L10	Proposals Involving Felling or other Works affecting Trees Covered by a Tree Preservation Order
C1	Development within a Conservation Area
C6	Alterations and Extensions to Listed Buildings
C15	Sites of Geological Importance
EP3	The Use, Design and Layout of Development
EP4	Landscaping
EP5	Sunlight and Daylight
EP6	Designing to Reduce Crime
EP7	Signs and Advertisement
EP16	Hazardous Substances
EP17	Aerodrome/Air Traffic Safeguarding
EP18	Telecommunications Development
R5	Horse Related Facilities
R6	Specialist Sports
R8	Floodlighting
R9	Golf Courses
R10	Golf Driving Ranges
T2	Service Accommodation in the Green Belt
T4	New Built Development to provide Tourist Facilities
H2	New Housing Allocations
H6	Specialist Residential Accommodation
H9	Residential Layout and Design
H10	Residential Areas of Exceptional Character
H11	Alterations and Extensions to Dwellings
H12	Self-Contained Residential Annexe to Provide Ancillary Accommodation
H13	Ancillary Buildings within Residential Curtilage
TC1	Development in Beaconsfield (New Town), Burnham, and Gerrards Cross
S1	District Shopping Centres
S2	Local Shopping Centres
S3	Neighbourhood Shops
S4	Individual Shops
S6	Out-of-Centre Shopping Development
S9	Markets, Car-boot Sales, etc
E2	Pinewood Studios

TR4	Provision for those with Special Needs
TR5	Accesses, Highway Works and Traffic Generation
TR7	Parking Provision
TR10	Heavy Goods Vehicles
TR12	West Drayton to Poyle Railway Line
TR13	Freight Facilities
COM1	Provision of Community Facilities
COM2	Loss of Community Facilities

Appendix 5: Glossary

Allocations	Sites specifically identified on the proposals map for development
Annual Monitoring Report	A report prepared by local planning authorities assessing progress with, and the effectiveness of, policies within DPDs
Community Infrastructure Levy	A new levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money can be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods want. The level of the levy is set by the local planning authority.
Core Strategy	The long-term spatial vision and strategy for the area, including the key strategic policies and proposals to deliver that vision
Designations	Areas shown on the Policies Map to which specific policies apply (not allocations)
Development Plan	Under the Planning Acts, this is the prime consideration in the determination of planning applications. Under the new system it consists of all Development Plan Documents (including those produced by Buckinghamshire County Council).
Development Plan Document (DPD)	Spatial planning document prepared by the planning authority that is subject to an independent public examination. They can cover a range of issues, and will set out the main spatial strategy, policies and proposals of the District Council, and, in relation to Minerals and Waste, the County Council. Now referred to by the Government and this document as local plans.
Infrastructure Delivery Schedule	A schedule of infrastructure requirements (such as roads, schools, healthcare provision, etc) necessary to support development proposed in the Local Plan. The Schedule will also include details on timing, cost and who will be responsible for providing the infrastructure.
Local Development Scheme (LDS)	Rolling three-year project plan for the preparation of Local Plans
Local Plan	Spatial planning document prepared by the planning authority that is subject to an independent public examination. It can cover a range of issues, and will set out the main spatial strategy, policies and proposals of the District Council, and, in relation to Minerals and Waste, the County Council. Part of the Development Plan.
Policies Map (previously Proposals Map)	Illustrates policies and proposals in local plans on an Ordnance Survey map base.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	Statement of national planning policy on a wide range of issues. Published in March 2012.
National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG)	National planning guidance linked to the National Planning Framework.
Neighbourhood Development Plans	Statutory plans prepared by local communities, which are subject to a public examination and referendum prior to being adopted. Once adopted they become part of the Development Plan for the area.
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Sets out the approach of the authority to involving the community in the preparation, alteration and review of

	Local Plans, Supplementary Planning Documents and in the consideration of planning applications.
Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)	Statutory documents that expand upon policies or proposals in DPDs
Sustainability Appraisal (SA)	A social, economic and environmental appraisal of strategy, policies and proposals - required for all Local Plans.