



Report to Leader (Planning and Regeneration Portfolio)

Decision Date: 10 August 2022

Reference number: PR03.22

Title: Vale of Aylesbury Plan – D-AGT1
Supplementary Planning Document – Draft for
Consultation.

Relevant Cabinet Member(s) Councillor Peter Strachan, Cabinet Member for Planning
and Regeneration

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Ward(s) affected: Wendover, Halton and Stoke Mandeville

The Leader is recommended to:

- i. **Approve for public consultation the Vale of Aylesbury Plan – D-AGT1
Supplementary Planning Document.**

Reason for decision:

1. Executive summary

- a) This report requests that the draft Vale of Aylesbury Plan – D-AGT1 Supplementary Planning Document is approved for consultation for a minimum of four weeks.
- b) Supplementary Planning Documents provide guidance to implement Local Plan policies. This Supplementary Planning Document applies to the central planning area of Buckinghamshire.
- c) To adopt a Supplementary Planning Document, the Council is legally required to conduct a public consultation for a minimum of four weeks. This report requests that

the Leader of the Council exercises his delegated powers to approve that the consultation takes place.

2. Vale of Aylesbury Plan – D-AGT1 Supplementary Planning Document – Draft for Consultation.

- 2.1 Policies D1 and D-AGT1 of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan set out the requirements for the delivery of the AGT1 allocation. D1h requires the allocation to have a masterplan which sets out how the allocation should be developed. This report is seeking the Leaders approval for the draft D-AGT1 masterplan Supplementary Planning Document to be put out to public consultation.
- 2.2 Consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Document is a key decision for the delegated authority of the Leader of the Council. Consultation will raise awareness and provide opportunity for any refinement. In turn this will aid the Council's decision making on the adoption of the Supplementary Planning Document.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 The alternative is to not consult on draft Supplementary Planning Document. This would mean that the requirement for the Supplementary Planning Document as set out in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan would not be met.
- 3.2 This option was considered but officers concluded it was not an appropriate option for the reason set out in 3.1.

4. Legal and financial implications

4.1 Legal Implications

A Supplementary Planning Document is a document that contains additional detail on how the Local Planning Authority will interpret and apply specific policies in its Development Plan. Any guidance contained in a Supplementary Planning Document must not conflict with the relevant adopted Development Plan and must be linked to a Development Plan policy. Supplementary Planning Documents are material considerations in the determination of planning applications. Officers have paid due regard to these requirements and have prepared this Supplementary Planning Document in accordance with the appropriate legislation in place at the time of this key decision.

4.2 **Financial Implications**

There are no additional financial implications in regards to consulting upon, taking account of representations and adopting the final Supplementary Planning Document.

5. **Corporate implications**

5.1 **Equalities Impact Assessment**

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) was introduced as part of the Equality Act 2010, which protects people from discrimination in the workplace, in the provision of services and in wider society.

The duty requires all public bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination
 - Advance equality of opportunity
 - Foster good relations between different people
- The Council has carried out an Equalities Impact Assessment

The Council carried out an Equality Impact Assessment on the D-AGT1 Supplementary Planning Document. The document itself is unlikely to have impacts on protected groups. The consultation document will be available in an accessible format in accordance with Buckinghamshire Council's guidelines.

5.2 **Data Protection Impact Assessment**

A Data Protection Impact Assessment is not required for the approval of this consultation document.

5.3 **Consultation**

Officers have consulted with the Government's conservation bodies: Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England and they have influenced the development of this draft Supplementary Planning Document. The Council will signpost customers through Your Voice Buckinghamshire to the Planning Policy team's consultation software and by alert customers through the Planning Policy customer database and by social media.

6. **Next steps and review**

- 6.1 If it is agreed to consult upon this draft Supplementary Planning Document, the consultation will run for a minimum of four weeks, responses will be taken into account and brought back to the Leader for consideration and a decision on whether not to adopt the draft SPD with or without modification.

7. Background papers

7.1 The draft Supplementary Planning Document.

8. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the Cabinet Member to consider please inform the Democratic Services team. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

