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Please note:

This Local Development Scheme will be considered by the Fareham Borough Executive on 10th July 2017.

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1 Introduction

REQUIREMENT FOR A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

- 1.1 Local Planning Authorities are required by legislation to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). A Local Development Scheme is to provide a timetable for the preparation of a Local Plan and any other Local Development Documents by a Local Planning Authority, so that the community is aware of the programme for preparing the Local Plan and of when there will opportunities to respond to consultations on it.
- 1.2 This LDS covers the period 2017-2019 and supersedes the Council's previous LDS published in September 2016. This LDS sets out an up-to-date timetable for the stages of the Local Plan 2036, set out in Appendix 1, as well as identifying the key date milestones for the preparation of all planning documents, set out in Appendix 2.
- 1.3 The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) requires the LDS to be kept up-to-date and be made publically available, so that local communities and interested parties can keep track of Local Plan progress.

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND LOCAL PLAN MAKING

- 1.4 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published in March 2012. It sets out the presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- 1.5 The NPPF requires Local Planning Authorities' to produce a Local Plan for their area, which sets out the future development expectations for the local area, in consultation with the local community.
- 1.6 The term 'Local Plan' was introduced by the NPPF and replaces the term Local Development Framework (LDF) which was implemented by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The approach behind LDFs was to have a suite of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) including a Core Strategy and Site Allocations, as well as Area Action Plans.
- 1.7 The NPPF stipulates that various strategic priorities must be addressed in the Local Plan, including policies to deliver the homes and jobs needed together with any necessary retail, leisure and other commercial development, as well as policies to protect the natural and historic environment. Furthermore, the NPPF confirms that plans must be based on adequate, up-to-date and relevant evidence and prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements and be sound.
- 1.8 Where appropriate, Local Plans can be reviewed in whole or in part to respond flexibly to changing circumstances.

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¹ Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) with further requirements and guidance set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE

- 1.9 The Housing and Planning Act 2016 received Royal Assent on 12th May 2016. This legislation places even greater importance on a Local Planning Authority to prepare an up-to-date Local Plan which allocates sufficient sites for housing to meet objectively assessed need.
- 1.10 On 6th March 2014, Nick Boles launched a suite of new Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) intended to replace the raft of guidance in planning policy statements, circulars and ministerial statements. The PPG advises that Local Plans should make clear, what is intended to happen in the area over the life of the plan, where and when this will occur and how it will be delivered.

FAREHAM LOCAL PLAN 2036

1.11 A new Fareham Local Plan 2036 is being produced to address housing need and meet updated legislation and guidance. This will cover the period 2011-2036 and, once adopted, replace the existing Core Strategy (Part 1) and Development Sites and Policies Local Plan (Part 2). Further information about the emerging Fareham Local Plan 2036 and the timetable for its production is available in Section 3 of this document.

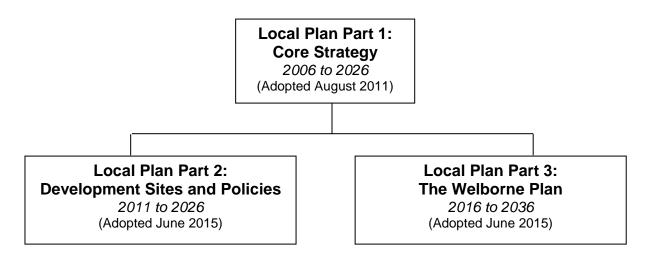
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1.12 Community involvement throughout the preparation of a Local Plan is very important in order to ensure local views are taken into account. The NPPF advises that in preparing Local Plans, the process should be an empowering creative process for local people to engage with and all sections of the community should be involved. The Council is committed to the involvement of interested parties and the wider local community, and this approach is set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (2017).

2 Fareham Local Plan

ADOPTED LOCAL PLAN

- 2.1 Local Plans set out a Local Planning Authority's planning strategy, policies and proposals and guides development decisions. The current adopted Fareham Borough Local Plan is combined of three parts, all of which have been through, an independent public examination conducted by the Planning Inspectorate.
- 2.2 The diagram below illustrates the current hierarchy of the three Local Plan documents that comprise the adopted Fareham Local Plan.



2.3 Alongside this the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (2013) also forms part of Fareham's Development Plan².

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

- 2.4 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are typically produced to provide more detailed guidance on how a particular policy (or policies) should be implemented. SPDs are not subject to independent examination and the full timetables for the preparation of SPDs are not required to be included in the LDS.
- 2.5 To date the Council has adopted the following Supplementary Planning Documents:
 - Non-Residential Parking Standards SPD (adopted September 2015)
 This SPD sets out the standards and key requirements for parking provision that developers will be expected to provide for new non-residential developments.
 - Design (Rest of Borough) SPD (adopted December 2015)
 This SPD provides further visual guidance to Policy CS17: High Quality Design of the Core Strategy and sets out Fareham Borough Council's aspirations for high quality design to householders, developers and other interested parties. The guidance is intended to make the planning application and permission process clearer for all interested parties, particularly applicants.

² The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan is produced by Hampshire County Council and is available at: http://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HampshireMineralsWastePlanADOPTED.pdf

- Welborne Design Guidance SPD (adopted January 2016)

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 - This SPD expands on the design principles in the Welborne Plan by explaining and illustrating what the Council expects in the design of Welborne. The Guidance is intended to be used by applicants in the preparation of planning applications for Welborne and by the Council to help assess planning applications at Welborne.
- Planning Obligations SPD (excluding Welborne) (adopted April 2016)
 This SPD sets out the mechanisms that will be used in mitigating the impacts of development as well as specific guidance on the different types of planning obligations and levels and type/tenure of affordable housing that may be sought.
- 2.6 The Council also prepared the Welborne Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing SPD and consulted on a draft in June 2014. However, since that time, the Welborne Plan was adopted by the Council in June 2015. The Council considers that the adopted version of the Welborne Plan provides sufficient detailed policy guidance on planning obligations and affordable housing to enable the Welborne development to be implemented. Therefore, it is not proposed to take the Welborne Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing SPD any further.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE OF THE ADOPTED LOCAL PLAN

2.7 The three parts of the existing adopted Local Plan all apply to different geographical areas of the Borough;

Local Plan Part 1 applies to the whole Borough; Local Plan Part 2 applies to the whole Borough apart from Welborne; Local Plan Part 3 applies only to Welborne.

HAMPSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN

2.8 The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan is the principal document for the management of minerals and waste in the administrative areas of the Hampshire Authorities and sets out the long term spatial vision and strategy for sustainable minerals and waste development in Hampshire up to 2030. The plan was adopted in October 2013 and forms part of the Borough's Development Plan, alongside the adopted Local Plan.

AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

- 2.9 Authority Monitoring Reports (formerly Annual Monitoring Reports) have been produced by Fareham since 2005. Following the publication of the Localism Act 2011, there was no longer a requirement to send the monitoring report to the Secretary of State. The purpose of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is to provide annual updates on the following:
 - Implementation of the LDS timetable;
 - Housing completions and projected supply;
 - Employment and retail floorspace completions:
 - Analysis/ changes to Local Plan policy;
 - Duty to cooperate.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

- 2.10 Fareham has an adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule which came into force on 1st May 2013, following independent examination.
- 2.11 The Council will take into account relevant legislation and guidance in considering whether it is necessary to review the CIL charging schedule in order to ensure it remains appropriate in the context of the local housing market and the wider economy. As appropriate this may also consider, either independent to or alongside any review of the CIL charging schedule, any necessary amendments to the CIL Regulation 123 list. The Council's website will be kept up-to-date on any consultations on proposed changes relating to CIL which will be undertaken in accordance with regulatory requirements.

3 Fareham Local Plan 2036: Process and Preparation

PROCESS OF PREPARING A LOCAL PLAN

The process of preparing a Local Plan is largely determined by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012, UK Planning Law as well as the EU, Strategic Environment Directive. This process is set out diagrammatically in Appendix 3.

FAREHAM LOCAL PLAN 2036

- 3.2 During the examinations of Local Plan Part 2 & Local Plan Part 3, the Council made a commitment to commence an early review of the Local Plan.
- 3.3 The timetable that was set out for the Local Plan 2036 at the time of the examination (as above) was predicated on the published PUSH timeline for the review of the South Hampshire Strategy (now known as the PUSH Spatial Position Statement). However, due to the complexity of the cross-boundary issues covered by that review, the timeframe that was needed by PUSH to complete the Spatial Position Statement was subsequently extended by approximately three months from March 2016 until June 2016³.
- 3.4 Further to the work published by PUSH, the Council chose to await greater clarity on the national approach to matters such as Starter Homes as part of the Government's White Paper due to the implications this would have to policy formation and Local Plan evidence. These matters have led to the necessity to implement a slight amendment to the timetable for the development of the Fareham Local Plan 2036 through this Local Development Scheme. The new programme for the preparation and delivery of the Fareham Local Plan 2036 is set out in Table 1 below and in further detail in Appendices 1 and 2.
- 3.5 The Fareham Local Plan 2036 is intended to cover the period 2011-2036. It is intended to supersede the Core Strategy (Part 1) and the Development Sites and Policies Plan (Part 2). The Welborne Plan already runs until 2036 and as such it is not proposed to review this plan at this time. This will allow resources to focus on addressing the overall borough requirements.

Table 1: Fareham Local Plan 2036 Timetable

Autumn 2017	Consultation on Draft Plan					
Summer 2018	Consultation on Publication Plan					
Autumn 2018	Submission of Plan to Secretary of State					
Winter 2018/19	Examination					
Summer 2019	Adoption					

3.6 The development of a new Local Plan to replace existing Parts 1 and 2 provides the Council with the opportunity to prepare a new Plan that is clearer, more concise and

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³ The final PUSH Spatial Position Statement was approved for publication by the PUSH Joint Committee on 7 June 2016.

more engaging for local communities, which is based on up to date social, economic and environmental evidence, and is conformity with all recent new planning guidance and legislation. It will also address a new time horizon to 2036 which reflects current evidence on housing need and is consistent with the end date of the Welborne Plan.

3.7 The emerging Local Plan 2036 will simplify the current regime and cover the whole Borough, with location specific policies included where appropriate, to reflect allocated sites or to address specific local issues.

DUTY TO CO-OPERATE

- 3.8 The Council is legally obliged by section 33A(1) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, [introduced through the Localism Act 2011] to demonstrate how it has co-operated with other authorities and statutory agencies in relation to cross boundary strategic matters and priorities. The 'Duty' is not a duty to agree, but every effort should be made to secure the necessary co-operation. Local Authorities produce a statement of compliance together with evidence of 'effective working' to present at Local Plan 'Examination', in order to demonstrate how they have complied with the Duty.
- 3.9 With the abolition of the South East Plan, future regional and sub-regional planning is dealt with through the voluntary co-operation of Local Authorities on strategic priorities. The main forum for joint working on strategic planning issues in South Hampshire is the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), of which Fareham Borough Council is a member. The PUSH Spatial Position Statement published in June 2016 is the culmination of this co-operative working and provides a framework from which Local Plans can be based.

EVIDENCE BASE

3.10 In preparing the Local Plan, a range of 'evidence gathering' is undertaken to ensure a robust and credible evidence base for planning policies and proposals. Generally this 'evidence' takes the form of research, surveys and technical studies on particular topics that are produced for the principal purpose of informing the Local Plan, in particular policies. A range of evidence has been underway to inform the emerging Fareham Local Plan 2036 and will be published in support of consultation on the Draft Plan.

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

3.11 All Local Plan documents are subject to on-going Sustainability Appraisal which informs the assessment and selection of options and outcomes. The Sustainability Appraisal must meet the requirements of the European Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) Directive (2201/42/EC). As such, the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) are an integral part of the Local Plan preparation process. A Scoping Report has been published and an iterative Sustainability Appraisal process has/is underway alongside local plan preparation. A Sustainability Appraisal will be published alongside the Draft Plan.

HABITAT REGULATIONS ASSESSMENT

- 3.12 Habitat Regulations Assessments (HRA) is a requirement of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended 2011). The regulations will be addressed through the production of a Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report for the Draft Plan and a Habitats Regulations Assessment Appropriate Assessment for the Publication Plan.
- 3.13 The HRA reports will assess the impacts of the Local Plan policies on sites and species designated under the European Directive (92/43/EEC The Habitats Directive). For the development of the Local Plan, the assessment is carried out in an iterative process as the HRA is, in turn used to inform the development of planning policies.
- 3.14 The sites and species designated under The Habitats Directive are also known as the 'Natura 2000' sites and include:
 - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)
 - Special Protection Areas (SPA)
 - Ramsar sites (which support internationally important wetland habitats listed under Ramsar Convention) are also included in the sites protected through these regulations.

STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT (SHLAA)

- 3.15 The NPPF requires Local Planning Authorities to prepare a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) in support of a Local Plan. The purpose of the SHLAA is to identify developable land to meet the identified need for housing over the Local Plan period.
- 3.16 Fareham's most recent SHLAA was published in January 2014 in support of Local Plan Part 2. A new SHLAA will be published alongside the Draft Local Plan. This will take into account the Call for Sites process that commenced in November 2015.

FURTHER EVIDENCE

3.17 There are many other evidence base documents considering matters such as transport, retail and employment (to name a few). These have and will be used when formulating the Fareham Local Plan 2036 and will be published alongside the Draft Local Plan.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER STRATEGIES

3.18 A summary of all relevant strategies, programmes and plans which should be taken account of when producing a Local Plan can be found in Appendix 3 of the Fareham Local Plan Review: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (February 2016)⁴.

⁴ Fareham Local Plan Review: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (February 2016) is published on the Council's website at: http://www.fareham.gov.uk/PDF/planning/local_plan/SEAFarehamLPRScoping.pdf

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 3.19 The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) explains the different ways in which the Council will involve the local community in planning. It is intended to "signpost" the opportunities for anyone wishing to make a contribution to planning for shaping Fareham's future. The SCI sets the standards and approach Fareham Borough Council takes to involve stakeholders and the community in the production of Local Development Documents as well as the handling of planning applications.
- 3.20 The progress of all documents within the Local Plan will be aided and informed by statutory periods of formal community involvement. As such, any consultation on a Local Plan, Supplementary Planning Document or a Planning Application will be carried out in accordance with an approved SCI.
- 3.21 The Council adopted a revised SCI in March 2017. This is available on the Council's website.

AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

3.22 The Council will continue to prepare an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) on an annual basis, in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012. The AMR will report on the progress of the Fareham Local Plan 2036 against the timetable set out in this Local Development Scheme. AMRs are prepared and published annually with publication typically occurring in the late autumn/winter of each year for the previous reporting year period (1st April – 31st March).

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

- 3.23 The Localism Act 2011 creates a legal framework for the preparation of a new type of policy document, the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Subject to satisfying the necessary regulation and process a NP will, upon adoption, form part of the Development Plan.
- 3.24 Currently there is one NP being developed in Fareham Borough at Titchfield. The designation of the Titchfield Neighbourhood Forum (the 'qualifying body' responsible for leading on the production of the Neighbourhood Plan) and the Titchfield Neighbourhood Area were subject to consultation and formally approved by the Council's Executive in March 2017.

4 Fareham Local Plan 2036: Delivery and Review

DELIVERY OF THE LOCAL PLAN 2036

Member Responsibilities

4.1 Fareham Borough Council's Executive is responsible for key decisions relating to the preparation of the Local Plan 2036. The Executive has been assisted by detailed consideration of the issues by a Local Plan Member Working Group (a group of non-Executive members, chaired by the relevant Executive Member).

Programme Management Responsibilities and Staff Resources

- 4.2 The Local Plan is recognised as being the key to delivering or enabling many of the Council's priorities and improvement actions associated with the Corporate Strategy. Close liaison between the planning service and other Council services, as well as external services and partner organisations, is essential to ensure that work is coordinated. An effective programme management approach to the preparation of the Local Plan 2036 will be implemented to ensure the delivery of the Plan in accordance with the timescales set out in this LDS.
- 4.3 Dedicated Officers are taking forward the preparation of Fareham's Local Plan 2036 and other planning documents.

Financial Resources

- 4.4 The Local Plan is a key Council Strategy which will facilitate the delivery or enable many of the Council's priorities and improvement actions.
- 4.5 Costs likely to be incurred in preparing the Local Plan have been estimated to inform the budget reports considered by the Executive on an annual basis.

Risk Assessment

- 4.6 The program management approach to be employed in the preparation of the Local Plan will enable continual review of the risks associated with the delivery of the Local Plan 2036.
- 4.7 Particular risks facing the preparation of the Local Plan include staff retention and skills, political decision making, the capacity of outside agencies, major opposition from interested parties, legal challenge, further changes to the planning regulations or guidance, adequacy of budget provision and programme slippage. These risks are considered throughout the process of project management and are reviewed regularly.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

4.8 The Fareham Local Plan 2036 will be monitored through the Authority's Monitoring Report, which will be prepared and published following the collection of annual

development completions data.

4.9 If the monitoring report identifies the need for alterations, a revised LDS will be prepared to reflect this.

Appendices

Appendix 1	Timeline for preparing the Fareham Local Plan 2036 and the Authority

Monitoring Reports

Appendix 2 Fareham Local Plan 2036: Timetable of Key Milestones

Appendix 3 Process of Preparing a Local Plan

Appendix 1

Timeline for preparing the Fareham Local Plan 2036 and the Authority Monitoring Reports

		2017 2018				2019					
	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Fareham Local Plan 2036	Preparation of Draft Plan (Reg 18)	Draft Plan Consultation (Reg 18)	PI	of Publication an g 19)	Publication Plan Consultation (Reg 19)	Submission of Plan (Reg 22)	Exami (Reg 23	ination , 24, 25)	Adoption (Reg 26)		
Authority Monitoring Report		Preparation	Publish			Preparation	Publish			Preparation	Publish

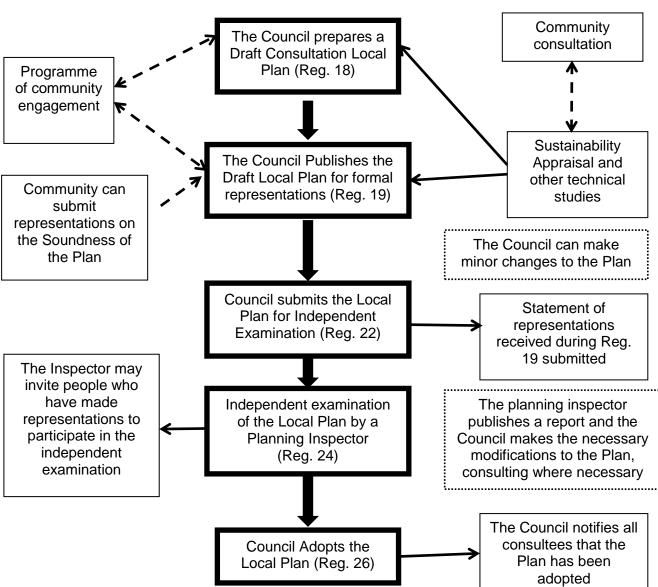
Appendix 2

FAREHAM LOCAL PLAN 2036 Timetable of Key Milestones					
	Scoping contents of Local Plan 2036 and Sustainability Appraisal (SA). Commissioning and preparing new evidence.	July 2015 – July 2016			
	Call for Sites to inform preparation of new SHLAA	November 2015 onwards			
Draft Plan: Regulation 18	Publication of Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for Consultation	February – March 2016			
	Prepare Draft Local Plan (including evidence) and SA Report	Summer 2016 – Summer 2017			
	Consultation on Draft Plan and SA Report (6 weeks)	Autumn 2017			
Publication Plan:	Collate consultation comments and prepare Publication Local Plan and Sustainability Appraisal	Winter 2017/18 – Spring 2018			
Regulation 19	Public Consultation on Publication Plan and Sustainability Appraisal (6 weeks)	Summer 2018			
Submission Plan: Regulation 22	Collate consultation comments and submit Local Plan 2036 and evidence base to Secretary of State (for Examination)	Autumn 2018			
Independent examination:	Examination	Winter 2018/19			
Regulations 23, 24 and 25	Anticipated receipt of Inspectors Final Report	Spring 2019			
Adoption: Regulation 26	Consideration of Fareham Local Plan 2036 for Adoption by FBC	Summer 2019			
Monitoring and review mechanisms					

Note: Once submitted to the Secretary of State the timetable of the examination is at the discretion of the Planning Inspectorate and these dates are only estimates.

Appendix 3

Process of Preparing a Local Plan



Glossary

Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) – a report on how the authority is performing with regard to meeting the timetables for the preparation of Local Plan documents and the performance of planning policies, with the identification of any remedial action to be taken if required.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - a planning charge that local planning authorities can impose on new developments in their area through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 that came into force on 6 April 2010. The money can be used to support development by funding infrastructure that has been identified by the Council and the local community.

Development Plan – the development plan sets out the parameters for all development in the Borough. It currently comprises the Local Plan (Parts 1, 2 and 3), and the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan. Following the production and programmed adoption of the new Fareham Local Plan 2036 it will comprise of the Fareham Local Plan 2036, the Welborne Plan (existing Part 3) and the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan.

Development Plan Document (DPD) - Development Plan Documents (DPDs) are planning policy documents which make up the Local Plan. They help to guide development within a local planning authority area by setting out the detailed planning policies, which planning officers use to make their decisions on planning applications. DPDs were introduced as part of the reforms made to the planning system through the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Core Strategy (2011), Development Sites and Policies Plan (2015) and Welborne Plan (2015) are all defined as DPDs.

Evidence Base - studies that are informed by the local community, national policies and background information. An evidence base is the evidence that supports planning documents.

Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) - is a requirement of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. It is an assessment of the likely significant effects of the plan on the nature conservation interests of European-protected areas. It seeks to establish whether or not there will be any adverse effects on the ecological integrity of these protected areas as a direct result of the proposals in a plan.

Local Development Document (LDD) – Local Development Documents are defined by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and include Local Plans, Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).

Local Development Scheme (LDS) (*this document*) - A public statement / timetable of the Borough Council's programme for the production of Local Development Documents such as the Local Plan 2036 and Authority Monitoring Report.

Local Plan – spatial planning documents that have development plan status. They cover a range of policy areas that will undergo a process of consultation and are subject to Sustainability Appraisal and independent examination.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)⁵ - sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. It sets out the Government's requirements for the planning system and provides a framework, within which local people and their councils can produce their own distinctive local and neighbourhood plans.

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire - PUSH is a voluntary partnership of the unitary authorities of Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight; Hampshire County Council and district authorities of Eastleigh, East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, New Forest, Test Valley and Winchester. It has been established to deliver sustainable, economic-led growth and regeneration in south Hampshire.

Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)⁶ - produced by the government in March 2014, this replaces technical guidance that accompanied PPGs and PPSs.

Regulations - The regulations set out detailed requirements for the local planning authority to follow in carrying out their duties under the relevant Acts.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – describes how the Council intends to involve the community in the preparation and review of planning documents. It also provides details of how the Council and developers should consult during the preparation and consideration of planning applications.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – an internationally used term to describe the environmental assessment to be applied to plans, policies and programs to ensure a high level of protection of the environment. This is derived from European Directive 2001/42/EC.

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Provides additional guidance and detail to development plan policies for a specific area or a specific topic but is not part of the development plan.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) – An appraisal of the economic, social and environmental impacts of policies and proposals. It incorporates Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – see below. The SA Scoping Report identifies the information needed for the appraisal, and describes the methodology for undertaking sustainability appraisal.

Sustainable Development – development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 - Regulations which set out the statutory requirements for preparing local plans.

⁵ The NPPF is accessed at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf

⁶ Planning Practice Guidance is accessed at: http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/