

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2022/23
Decision No.
2435

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 April 2023

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Adoption of the Fareham Local Plan 2037
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and extend prosperity; Protect and enhance the environment; Providing housing choices; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To seek endorsement and a recommendation to Council to resolve to adopt the Fareham Local Plan 2037, with the Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector and Additional Modifications.

The Fareham Borough Local Plan 2037 ('the plan') seeks to meet housing and employment needs for the borough on a range of sites whilst adopting a sound development strategy which protects important landscapes and settlement gaps. Policies within the plan aim to enhance biodiversity through development, ensure high quality design and provide housing choices through promoting the opportunity for residents to build their own homes. The plan, once adopted, would replace two parts of the extant development plan for the borough, namely Local Plan Part 1 Core Strategy and Local Plan Part 2 Development Sites and Policies. Local Plan Part 3 the Welborne Plan would not be replaced and would still form part of the development plan for the borough.

The Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State in September 2021 with a Planning Inspector appointed shortly after to conduct the examination. There are three possible findings that an Inspector can make as a result of an examination; an unsound plan, a sound plan, or recommendations to make main modifications such that the plan could be found sound. Main modifications are changes that materially affect one or more of the plan's policies.

During the examination, the Inspector requested a number of main modifications to the plan where she felt they were needed to make the plan sound. These main modifications were the subject to public consultation from 31st October until 12th December 2022 as part of the Examination process. The responses to the consultation have been shared with the Inspector as part of the examination process.

The Council received the Planning Inspector's report on 23rd March 2023 on the Local Plan which concludes the examination process (see Appendix 1). In the report, the Inspector has concluded that the Fareham Local Plan 2037 provides an appropriate basis for planning of the Borough, subject to the inclusion of the main modifications identified and consulted upon, the plan in her view is sound and capable of adoption.

Now that the examination into the plan has concluded, the Council is able to consider adopting the Fareham Local Plan 2037 in accordance with the Inspector's recommendations.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Planning & Development Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

It is recommended that the Executive notes the Planning Inspector's report on the examination of the Local Plan and recommends to Council that:

- (a) Council resolves to adopt the adoption version of the Fareham Local Plan 2037 (see Appendix 2) which incorporates:
 - the Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector (as set out in Appendix 1), and
 - the Additional Modifications (see Appendix 3 Part 1), and a list of further minor changes since October 2022 (see Appendix 3 Part 2);
- (b) Council adopts the Policies Map as set out in Appendix 4;
- (c) the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, be authorised to publish and circulate in accordance with the statutory requirements, an Adoption Notice, a Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement (see Appendix 5) and the adopted version of the Fareham Local Plan 2037, as soon as reasonably practicable after adoption.

Reason:

To conclude the examination and adopt the Fareham Local Plan 2037.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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