

DATE OF UPDATE: 16.02.22
LOCAL PLAN WORKSTREAM STATUS PERIOD:
QUARTER 4
01.01.22 - 31.03.22

RAG Status		AMBER
Reasons	Actions	Date
The senior planning (aviation post) needs to be filled following the retirement of the current officer after the retirement of the current officer in March.	Follow through recruitment processes.	16.02.22 - 30.04.22
There is a risk consultants do not deliver evidence base on time and/or within specification.	Project Officer has established a monthly coordination meeting with consultants. Lead officers in close contact with consultants.	16.02.22 - 30.04.22
Transport Modelling adjusted to include VISUM work for the regulation 19 version of the Local Plan. Tight timescale for transport study input into Reg 18 plan	Ensuring work completed on the agreed timetable.	13.10.21 - 30.08.22
Preparation of preferred option.	Work underway by officers.	16.02.22 - 11.04.22
Required Decisions		
Description	Expected by	Due Date
Support for Reg 18 Plan	LPLG	19.04.22
Support and approval of Reg 18 plan for consultation	Cabinet/Council	28.04.22 - 10.05.22

Executive Summary

All 17 Consultants are engaged and LP Officers are actively working on the Evidence Base. A paper on methodology and programme was agreed by LPLG in April and the Group and Cabinet agreed the Local Plan objectives during May. LPLG and Cabinet considered housing numbers in June. The Preliminary Outline Strategy for the Local Plan was supported by Cabinet on 02.09.21.

299 sites identified through the call for sites process have now been assessed by officers. The assessments were published for comment by the Parish and Town Councils, Ward members and Promoters with a deadline of 29.11.21 and this information is currently being reviewed. This information is in the final stages of review.

Officers have met the Landowners and meetings taking place with Promoters of larger development sites.

The major stage in the Reg 18 work is the identification of the preferred development option. 2 Officer workshops will take place with the SA consultants (AECOM) during the next 3 weeks. This will then allow the consultants to carry out the testing of the preferred option before finalising the draft Reg 18 Plan.

Staff changes continue to be a significant factor. A Senior Planner (Aviation role) is currently subject to recruitment and a replacement policy planner is commencing duties on March 7th. It is vital that all staff changes are related to the LP preparation are managed promptly and effectively given the demanding timescales and the current crucial stages of the process. In due course the appointment of a permanent director of planning will require full briefings.

The next three months are crucial to the identification of the preferred strategy and the drafting of the Regulation 18 Local Plan. Work is underway on drafting the policies and explanation in the plan as well as evaluating the alternative sites. The achievement of the timetable is dependant on the prompt completion of all this work.