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Date: 6th May 2025

Our Ref: MM

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **BOROUGH PLAN COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton, on **Monday 19th May 2025** at 6.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

TOM SHARDLOW

Chief Executive

To: All Members of the Borough
Plan Committee

AGENDA

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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This meeting will be live streamed to YouTube and will be available to view via the NBBC website.

2. APOLOGIES - to receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

3. MINUTES - To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December, 2024 (Page 4**).**

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

Declaring interests at meetings

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made so that interests that are declared regularly by members can be viewed in a schedule on the Council website ([Councillor Declarations of Interests](#)). Any interest noted in the schedule on the website will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Democratic Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule.

There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:

1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.

2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - Members of the Public will be given the opportunity to speak on specific agenda items, if notice has been received.

Members of the public will be given three minutes to speak on a particular item and this is strictly timed. The chair will inform all public speakers that: their comments must be limited to addressing issues raised in the agenda item under consideration: and that any departure from the item will not be tolerated.

The chair may interrupt the speaker if they start discussing other matters which are not related to the item, or the speaker uses threatening or inappropriate language towards Councillors or officers and if after a warning issued by the chair, the speaker persists, they will be asked to stop speaking by the chair. The chair will advise the speaker that, having ignored the warning, the speaker's opportunity to speak to the current or other items on the agenda may not be allowed. In this eventuality, the chair has discretion to exclude the speaker from speaking further on the item under consideration or other items of the agenda.

6. TO UPDATE MEMBERS ON THE STATUS OF THE BOROUGH PLAN REVIEW AND THE NEW LOCAL PLAN – a report of the Assistant Director for Planning, attached (**Page 8**).
7. ANY OTHER ITEMS - which in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances (which must be specified).

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

BOROUGH PLAN COMMITTEE

10th December 2024

A meeting of the Borough Plan Committee was held on Tuesday, 10 December 2024. This meeting was held in the Council Chamber.

Present

Councillor T. Jenkins (Chair)

Councillors: M. Bird, L. Cvetkovic, C. Smith, R. Smith, M. Walsh, C. Watkins, T. Venson, (substitute for A. Bull) and K. Price (substitute for R. Roze)

Apologies: Councillors R. Roze and A. Bull.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

Councillor T. Venson proposed that T. Jenkins be elected Chair for this meeting. This was seconded by Councillor C. Watkins and the motion was passed.

BPC1 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair.

BPC2 **Declarations of Interest**

As Councillors T. Venson and K. Price were substitute Councillors for this meeting, their declarations were not detailed in the Schedule attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED that the declarations of interests are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes, with the addition of the Declarations of Interests for Councillors T. Venson and K. Price who were substitute Councillors for this meeting.

BPC3 **Borough Plan Review Update**

The Strategic Director for Place and Economy provided a report to update Members on the status of the Borough Plan Review since its submission to the Secretary of State for Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (formally Levelling Up, Housing and Communities).

Public Speaker: Mr P. Smith.

RESOLVED that the updated status and information provided in relation to the Borough Plan Review be noted.

Chair

Borough Plan Committee – Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			<p>Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	M. Bird		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Life Member of National Association of British Market Authorities. - Member of the Stockingford Allotment association and Pavillion Club. 	
	A. Bull	Employed by FedEx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Labour Party (sponsorship) - CWU Trade Union Member <p>Representative of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Age UK (Warwickshire Branch) 	
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	<p>Trustee of Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee)</p> <p>Member on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building Control Partnership Steering Group 	
	T. Jenkins	Managing Partner – Gribblybugs LLP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Labour Party (sponsorship) - Committee Member of Warwickshire Amphibian & Reptile Team - Member of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust - Member of Equity – Trade Union - Member of National Trust and English Heritage <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p>	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum, • Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board, • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board, • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel, • Biodiversity Champion • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • Exhall Education Foundation • Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity 	
	R. Roze	Director – InfiniTEN Ltd	<p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd • PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside of London) Joint Committee Services. • Building Control Partnership Steering Group • Bedworth Town Deal Board 	
	C. Smith	Software Engineer – Prophet PLC	<p>- Member of Labour Party and Unite</p> <p>- Safeguarding – Manor Park RFC</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <p>- Astley Charity</p>	
	R. Smith		<p>- Conservative Party Member</p> <p>- Chair of Trustees - Volunteer Friends, Bulkington;</p> <p>- Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club.</p> <p>- Trustee of Bulkington Volunteers</p>	
	M. Walsh	Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager	<p>Trustee of the Nuneaton Scouts Association.</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <p>- Hammersley Smith and Orton Charity</p>	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	<p>Representative on the following outside bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee • Local Government Association • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency • Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd • Warwickshire Housing Support Partnership • West Midlands Combined Authority Board (WMCA) • West Midland Combined Housing and Land delivery Board 	

Agenda item: 6

Borough Plan Committee

Report Summary Sheet

Date: 19th May 2025

Subject: To update Members on the status of the Borough Plan Review and the new Local Plan

Portfolio: Planning and Enforcement

From: Assistant Director for Planning

Summary:

To update Members on the progress of the Borough Plan Review and the new Local Plan, since the last report in December 2024.

Recommendations:

- That the Committee note the contents of the report; and
- That the Committee note the timescales for the commencement of work to prepare a new Local Plan in accordance with the Local Development Scheme (February 2025).

Options:

- To endorse the contents of this report, in relation to the Borough Plan Review and the new Local Plan.
- Not to endorse the information provided but to recommend an alternative.

Reasons:

The Council is required to review the Local Plan at least every five years and submit the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination, to comply with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

- Consultation with Portfolio Holder – Planning and Enforcement.
- Consultations with key stakeholders and public consultations for Issues and Options, Preferred Options, the Publication version of the Borough Plan Review and Main Modifications to the Borough Plan Review (held in 2021, 2022, 2023 and due to commence shortly).

Subject to call-in:

No.

Ward relevance:

All.

Forward plan:

Yes.

Building a Better Borough Aim:

All.

Building a Better Borough Priority:

All.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Building Communities 2025 – 2029
All.

Relevant statutes or policy:

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the associated Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) / Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

Equalities Implications:

Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed throughout the Borough Plan Review process.

Human resources implications:

The Local Development Scheme (2025) timetable accounts for existing known staffing and resource levels.

Financial implications:

The costs associated with progressing the Borough Plan Review through to adoption and updating evidence base documents to inform a new Local Plan would be met within existing budgets.

Health Inequalities Implications:

Will be addressed through the policies of the Borough Plan Review.

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

N/A.

Risk management implications:

Risks primarily relate to whether the Planning Inspectors consider the Borough Plan Review sound and legally compliant in accordance with national policy. The new Local Plan takes into account changes to national policy (12th December 2024) and any further changes and potential staff shortages.

Environmental implications:

The submission version of the Borough Plan Review, and associated documents, are aligned with the latest Government guidance, available at the time of submission, on preserving and enhancing the natural

environment. Sustainability Appraisals and Habitats Regulations Assessments have been carried out throughout the process.

Legal implications:

The Borough Plan Review was submitted to the Secretary of State, under Regulation 22 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the associated Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), on 12th February 2024.

The Borough Plan Review is currently under Examination by two Planning Inspectors in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Borough Plan Committee

From: Assistant Director for Planning

Subject: To update Members on the status of the Borough Plan Review and the new Local Plan, since the last report in December 2024.

Portfolio: Planning and Enforcement

Building a Better Borough Aim: All

Building a Better Borough Priority: All

Nuneaton and Bedworth Building Communities 2025 – 2029:
All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of the Borough Plan Review and the new Local Plan, since the last Borough Plan Committee meeting in December 2024.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The recommendations are as follows:

- That the Committee note the contents of the report; and
- That the Committee note the timescales for the commencement of work to prepare a new Local Plan in accordance with the Local Development Scheme (February 2025).

3. Background

- 3.1 At the December 2024 Borough Plan Committee, Members noted that following the closure of the Borough Plan Review Examination in Public hearing sessions, held between July – October 2024, the Council had received a positively written post-hearing note that indicated the Inspectors consider the Plan sound, subject to final approval of agreed Main Modifications.
- 3.2 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was updated on 12th December 2024, the week after the last Borough Plan Committee meeting, proposing multiple changes to national planning policy. Paragraphs 234 – 237 of the NPPF set out the relevant transitional arrangements for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough, which in summary state that given the plan making stage the Council are at, the requirement is that the present Borough Plan Review continues in its current Examination and is adopted (if considered sound by the Planning Inspectors). Then, in accordance with the updated NPPF, the Council will be required to commence an immediate further review. This new Local Plan will have to address the shortfall between the Borough Plan Review housing requirement of 545 dwellings per annum and the governments new standard method requirement for 743 dwellings per annum.
- 3.3 On the same day the updated NPPF was published, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government issued a letter relating to the NPPF's planning reforms. The letter required Councils to review and update their timetables for getting an up-to-date plan in place. Therefore, in accordance with the timeframes set out in the letter, the Council adopted an updated version of its Local Development Scheme in February 2025 which sets out the timescales to produce a new Local Plan.

4. Local Plan Update

Borough Plan Review

- 4.1 Since the last Borough Plan Committee, a 'Schedule of Main Modifications' has been prepared and agreed with the Inspectors to address the points raised in the Inspectors post-hearing note, and the earlier suggested modifications arising from the Examination in Public hearing sessions. The Council

are due to consult on the Main Modifications shortly, alongside updates to the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment, which take the proposed Main Modifications into consideration. The consultation will run for six weeks.

- 4.2 The proposed Main Modifications include:
- Amendments to the housing supply to reflect the base date of 1st April 2025 and align with live planning applications and the latest information available.
 - Amending or justifying contributions such as for Warwickshire Policing within Policies to ensure they meet the necessary planning obligations tests.
 - Strategic Housing Allocation Site and Policy SHA7 (East of Bulkington) has been added. The site has outline planning permission with reserved matters pending.
 - Reviewing wording of Policy HS2 - Affordable Housing to remove the requirement for First Homes.
 - Reviewing wording of Policy DS7 – Monitoring of Housing Delivery and Policy DS8 – Review.
- 4.3 The Council has also prepared a 'Schedule of Additional Modifications', proposed to the Borough Plan Review, to correct typographical or grammatical errors or for clarity (not for soundness or legal compliance reasons) and Proposed Changes to the Policies Map.
- 4.4 By way of next steps through to adoption, the Policy Team will collate and summarise the responses received to the consultation, and these will be forwarded onto the Inspectors to review, together with any suggested changes to the Main Modification schedule.
- 4.5 The Council will await receipt of the Inspectors Report prior to seeking Cabinet approval to adopt the Borough Plan Review. The timescales for this are unknown. However, it is anticipated that this will be autumn.
- 4.6 Following adoption, the Council will seek to update the adopted Supplementary Planning Document (SPDs) where necessary.

New Local Plan

- 4.6 The Council is committed to commencing a new Local Plan to consider the updated NPPF, particularly in respect of the addressing the housing shortfall using the new standard

method requirement of 743 dwellings per annum for the Borough.

- 4.7 Government guidance states that local plans must follow the plan making procedure; i.e preparation, publication and examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The Local Development Scheme was approved at Cabinet on 19th February 2025 and sets out the anticipated timescales for the stages of the new Local Plan.

Stage	Timescale	Opportunity for Public Involvement
Immediate subsequent Review after March 2025 due to the new National Planning Policy Framework		
Commencement/ evidence base scoping and call for sites	March 2025 to April 2026	No
Issues and Options Consultation	May 2026	Yes
Consultation on Preferred Options	May 2027	Yes
Publication (Regulation 19) consultation	May 2028	Yes
Submission to Secretary of State	October 2028	No
Examination in Public (dependent on Planning Inspectorate's work programme) and likely consultation on Main Modifications.	March 2029	Yes
Receipt of Inspector's Report (dependent on Planning Inspectorate's work programme)	March 2030	No
Adoption (prediction only – dependent on Planning Inspectorate's work programme)	April 2030	No

Table 1: New Local Plan Timetable

- 4.8 A new Local Plan will need to be underpinned by relevant and up-to-date evidence. As shown in the table above, the first stage is for Officers to commence scoping and reviewing of the evidence base. The majority of the Borough Plan Review

evidence was produced before the updated NPPF was published and to inform the site allocations in the Borough Plan Review, and therefore, is in need of bringing up-to-date over the coming months. Members may be aware that the authority has obtained Government funding (£70k) to assist with the preparation of a new Green Belt Review and the Council are in the process of procuring consultants to complete this work. Only once the key evidence is reviewed or updated can the authority hold a public consultation on the Issues and Options, which is scheduled for May 2026.

- 4.9 To assist with this process, Appendix A of this report provides the full list of policies in the Borough Plan Review, and identifies those that need updating, together with supporting justification. In most cases, the policies require updating to reflect the latest legislation or Government policy guidance. There may be new policies which are not listed, that could be included within a new Local Plan, and these will be identified as the plan progresses through to the Issues and Options and onto the Publication stage.
- 4.10 Linked to the policies which need to be updated, Appendix B provides a list of supporting evidence to the Borough Plan. This list is not exhaustive and whilst it is likely, to some degree, all evidence base documents will need to be updated, some documents, due to their nature, will be completed later on in the plan process, prior to Publication.
- 4.11 In accordance with Section 2, it is recommended that Members note the commencement of work to prepare a new Local Plan in accordance with the timescales in the Local Development Scheme (February 2025).

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The Borough Plan Review is progressing towards adoption, with consultation on the 'Schedule of Main Modifications' running until 17th June 2025. The Council is required to undertake an immediate review of the Borough Plan Review, upon adoption. It is required that the updated status of the Borough Plan Review and commencement of a new Local Plan is noted.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix A – Review of existing policies
Appendix B – Evidence Base Documents

7. Background Papers

The core, evidence base and post-submission documents for the Borough Plan Review can be viewed at: [Submission of the Borough Plan Review \(2021-2039\) | Borough Plan | Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council](#)

Helen Wilson Consultancy Limited, the Council's Programme Officer's website, contains Examination in Public information and updates. The website can be viewed at: [Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Local Plan Review | Helen Wilson Consultancy Limited](#)

The Local Development Scheme (2025) can be viewed at: [Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council](#)

Policies for review as part of the New Local Plan

Yes (Red) – Policy required to be amended or replaced

No (Green) – Policy not required to be amended

Borough Plan Review Policy	Category	Comments
Policy DS1 – Sustainable Development	Y	Policy will need to be amended in light of changes to NPPF and updated evidence base
Policy DS2 – Settlement hierarchy and roles	Y	Policy to be reviewed and updated if necessary
Policy DS3 – Overall development needs	Y	Housing and employment needs assessment needs to reflect latest national policy
Policy DS4 – Residential allocations	Y	Sites will need to be reviewed and further allocations based on updated evidence
Policy DS5 – Employment allocations	Y	Sites will need to be reviewed and further allocations based on updated evidence
Policy DS6 - Green Belt	Y	Policy will need to reflect changes to NPPF, notably in light of the introduction of grey belt and guidance
Policy DS7 – Monitoring of housing delivery	Y	Policy will need to reviewed based on latest evidence
Policy DS8 – Review	Y	Policy specifies criteria for a review, this needs to be considered in light of changes to NPPF.
Policy SA1 – Development principles on strategic sites	Y	Policy will need to reviewed based on latest evidence
Policy SHA1 – North of Nuneaton	N	Development of allocation under construction. The allocation should be carried forward until all phases are under construction or completed.

Policy SHA2 – Arbury	N	Planning permission pending. The allocation should be carried forward until all phases are under construction or completed.
Policy SHA3 – Tuttle Hill	N	Planning permission pending. The allocation should be carried forward until all phases are under construction or completed.
Policy SHA4 – Hospital Lane	N	Development of allocation under construction. The allocation should be carried forward until all phases are under construction or completed.
Policy SHA5 – West of Bulkington	N	Development of allocation under construction. The allocation should be carried forward until all phases are under construction or completed.
Policy SHA6 – Land at former Hawkesbury	N	Development of allocation under construction. The allocation should be carried forward until all phases are under construction or completed.
Policy SEA2 – Wilsons Lane	N	Planning permission granted The allocation should be carried forward until all phases are under construction or completed.
Policy SEA3 – Prologis Extension	N	Development of allocation under construction. The allocation should be carried forward until all phases are under construction or completed.
Policy EMP4 – Coventry Road	N	Development of allocation under construction. The allocation should be carried forward until all phases are under construction or completed.
Policy EMP7 – Bowling Green Lane	N	Planning permission granted. The allocation should be carried forward until all phases are under construction or completed.
Policy CEM1 – Land north of Marston Lane, Bedworth	N	Site allocation should be reviewed if planning permission has not been granted.
Policy H1 – Range and mix of housing	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance
Policy H2 – Affordable housing	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance

Policy H3 – Gypsies and Travellers	Y	Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment to be updated
Policy H4 – Nationally Described Space Standards	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base
Policy H5 – Accessible and adaptable homes	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base
Policy E1 – Nature of employment growth	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and will be linked to / influence housing growth
Policy E2 – Existing employment estates	Y	Sites need to be reassessed
Policy TC1 – Town centre requirements	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base
Policy TC2 – Nature of town centre growth	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and will be linked to Transforming Nuneaton / Transforming Bedworth
Policy TC3 – Hierarchy of centres	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base
Policy HS1 – Ensuring the delivery of infrastructure	Y	Policy to be reviewed in light of updated Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Infrastructure Funding Statement.
Policy HS2 – Strategic accessibility and sustainable transport	Y	Policy needs to be reviewed and amended to reflect updated transport evidence and national policy
Policy HS3 – Telecommunications and broadband connectivity	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance
Policy HS4 – Retaining community facilities	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance
Policy HS5 – Health	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance

Policy HS6 – Sport and exercise	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance
Policy HS7 – Creating a healthier food environment	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance
Policy NE1 – Green and blue infrastructure	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance
Policy NE2 – Open space and playing fields	Y	Policy will need to updated to reflect updated evidence base
Policy NE3 – Biodiversity and geodiversity	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base, NPPF and biodiversity net gain legislation
Policy NE4 – Managing flood risk and water quality	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance
Policy NE5 – Landscape character	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance
Policy BE1 – Contamination and land instability	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance
Policy BE2 – Renewable and low carbon energy	Y	Policy will need to take account of changes to NPPF and net zero targets both locally and nationally
Policy BE3 – Sustainable design and construction	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF guidance
Policy BE4 – Valuing and conserving our historic environment	Y	Policy will need to reflect updated evidence base and changes to NPPF and guidance, including NBBC Heritage SPD

Appendix B

The table provides a review of our existing evidence base and sets out where we consider further work is required to support the preparation of the new Local Plan

Theme	Evidence	Status	Why we need it	Further work required	Produce In House
Biodiversity / Geodiversity	Habitat Regulation Assessment	Published 2023	To assess the potential effects of the Local Plan on European sites of conservation / biological importance. Required by UK Legislation	Habitat Regulations Assessment to be carried out throughout the plan's preparation	N
	Ecology and Biodiversity Assessment	Published 2022	To assess the ecology and geodiversity of development sites and to prepare policies	Assessment to be updated	N
Climate Change	Air Quality Assessment	Published 2023	To comply with legislation and identify actions to improve air quality across the district	To be updated as air quality management areas are monitored by environmental health	N
	Renewable Energy Study	Published 2011	To inform climate, energy and sustainability policies	To be updated	N
CIL / Viability	CIL Viability Scoping	Undertaken 2020	To assess whether it is viable to implement CIL	To be updated	N
	Whole Plan Viability Study	Published 2023	To understand if the Borough Plan Review is financially viable and to support the delivery of planning obligations	To be prepared to inform a new Local Plan	N
Conservation	Heritage Site Assessments	Published 2022	Considers the heritage impacts of future allocated sites	To be prepared to inform a new Local Plan	N
Contaminated Land	Contaminated Land Strategy Phase 2	Published 2010	To ensure sites are suitable and safe for redevelopment	To be updated	N
Development Strategy	Accessibility and Settlement Hierarchy Study	Published 2023	Assesses settlements and infrastructure capacity and constraints	Assessment to be updated and published where appropriate	Y
	Settlement Boundary Paper	Published 2023	Establishes settlement boundaries	Paper to be updated and published where appropriate	Y
Employment	Employment Land Review	Published 2023	Reviews the employment land portfolio in the Borough	To be updated	N

	Employment Land Availability Assessment ¹	Published 2022	To understand the availability of potential land for employment development	To be updated	Y
	Economic Development Needs Assessment ²	Published 2022	To understand housing and employment needs	To be updated and published following consideration of issues in relation to national changes	Y
Flooding and Water Cycle	SFRA Level 1	Published 2023	To provide evidence in relation to flooding and identify capacity issues and infrastructure required in relation to waste and waste water	To be updated	N
	SFRA Level 2	Published 2023		Level 2 to inform future proposed allocations	N
	Water Cycle Study	Published 2024		To be updated	N
Green Belt	Green Belt Review	Published 2015. Update in the process of being commissioned.	To understand the role of the green belt within the Borough and if changes to the green belt boundary are required.	To be updated to account for changes in national policy	N
Gypsies and Travellers	GTAA	Published 2021 GTAA Site Allocations adopted 2023.	To understand the gypsy and traveller accommodation needs	To be reviewed every 5 years	N
Housing	Strategic Housing and Land Availability Assessment	Published 2022	To understand the availability of potential land for employment development	To be updated	Y
	Housing Needs Assessment	Published 2022	To understand housing needs	To be updated and published following consideration of issues in relation to changes to national policy	Y

¹ To be prepared jointly with Housing Land Availability Assessment

² To be prepared jointly with Housing Development Needs Assessment

		Local Housing Need updated in National Policy			
	Brownfield Land Register	Published 2024	To comply with legislation and to understand our supply of brownfield land which is suitable for residential development	Required to be updated and published annually	Y
	Five Year Land Supply Position	Updated position published January 2024	To provide the current position in terms of the five year supply of both housing sites	Required to be updated and published annually	Y
	Housing Site Selection / Spatial Growth Strategy Paper	-	To inform the selection of sites for proposed allocations	Site selection evidence to be prepared and published as plan progresses	Y
	Housing of Multiple Occupation	-	To establish whether there is a policy requirement for HMOs in the Borough	HMO evidence to be prepared	Y
	Small Sites Study	Published 2022	To establish windfall rate	To be updated	Y
Infrastructure	Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Published 2023	Identifies the infrastructure required to support the delivery of the Borough Plan Review	To be updated	Y
	Infrastructure Funding Statement	Published 2024	To inform infrastructure funding decisions	Required to be updated and published annually by December	Y
Landscape	Landscape Character Assessment and Sensitivity Study	Published 2023	To identify key features and values of landscapes in the Borough	Assessment to be updated and published when appropriate	N
Open Space and Green Infrastructure	Allotment Strategy	Published 2013	To set out the strategy for allotment provision across the Borough	To be updated	Y
	Green Infrastructure Strategy	Sub-regional published 2013	To identify strategy for green infrastructure	To be updated	N
	Open Space Strategy	Published 2011	To inform open space standards	To be updated	Y
Retail, Leisure and Office	Retail, Leisure and Office Study Update	Published 2022	To understand retail and office requirements of the Borough.	To be updated	N

Sports	Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy	Published 2023	To set out the framework for playing pitches and outdoor sports provision across the Borough	Assessment to be updated and published when appropriate	N
Transport	Strategic Transport Assessment	Published 2023	To assess the key transport corridors and locations for modes of transport	To be prepared to inform a new Local Plan	N
Sustainability	Strategic Environment Assessment /Sustainability Appraisal (Screening and Scoping)	Published 2023	To comply with legislation and inform the local plan.	Sustainability Appraisal is an iterative process carried out throughout the plan's preparation	N