



Binfield Village Protection Society – Newsletter

Monday 4 Feb 2013

Bracknell Forest: Site Allocations Development Plan Document

The Inspector at the Examination in Public (Mr Hetherington) has reported back to BFBC, requesting modifications to the SADPD. The BFBC Executive has recommended that these be accepted and the Inspector has asked that they be put to full public consultation. That public consultation started on Monday 4 February and will run for six weeks, closing on Tuesday 19 March 2013. The Inspector also indicated that further public hearings might be needed.

The four modifications are:

- The inclusion of a policy on the presumption in favour of sustainable development to reflect the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- The addition of settlement boundaries for the major urban extensions to give greater certainty on the location of development and better demonstrate compliance with Core Strategy Policy CS9. Also to include the insertion of illustrative concept plans for Amen Corner South and Warfield based on those in their respective adopted Supplementary Planning documents.
- Changes to the wording of the plan to achieve general conformity with the South East Plan (SEP), particularly in its housing requirement.
- The inclusion of a number of additional sites to provide a more robust housing land supply.

This Inspector is assisting BFBC to produce a sound document because central government says more houses must be built in the South East Region.

How do we challenge these modifications?

Firstly we should note that the weight of responses might count. BVPS will prepare a response but it is just as important that **all concerned Binfield residents reply** to this consultation. **Everyone** is responsible for protecting Binfield from inappropriate development. We must retain some belief in the democratic process, not simply rollover and say nothing.

Please take a look at the **NPPF**. It reads as a **developer's charter**. Can you think of **reasons why sustainable development in Binfield is inappropriate** or at least less appropriate than other parts of the Borough?

It is important to agree with the principle of settlement boundaries determining where development should take place. But as residents watching the eating away of green space and countryside in Binfield, we need to continue arguing against unnecessary expansion of the settlement into the countryside.

Everyone must be able to say something about the proposal to accept the housing numbers from the S.E. Plan, which requires Bracknell to plan for **an extra 2000 houses on top of the numbers in the SADPD**. Given current demand levels the developers are being given a supply, which will take several decades to exhaust

How about giving your view as to where in the Borough any additional sites might be found. Please **name at least 3 alternatives**.

I feel we must all take this opportunity to express our concern about developing Bracknell at an inappropriate time under dreary economic conditions, to the detriment of the quality of life in the whole of the Borough, with the loss of greenspaces that were part of the original New Town concept and our evidence, opinions and ideas being swept aside for ever.

Please make your arguments heard by writing or emailing giving your full name, address, postcode, telephone number and e-mail address (if relevant). Ask for an acknowledgement of your response and request that it is forwarded directly to the Inspector. Please be succinct and to the point. Address your response to:

- Spatial Policy, Environment, Culture & Communities, Bracknell Forest Council, Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell RG12 1JD
- email: development.plan@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

The following BFBC webpage describes the process and provides further links to all the relevant documents

- <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/siteallocationsdpdexamination>

If you still care about **NO development in Binfield's gaps and green spaces**, your letter as part of the latest consultation process will be welcomed. Copies to the following would be appropriate:

- Our MP, Adam Afriye adam.afriye.mp@parliament.uk
- Our Borough Councillors,
 - Ian Leake ian.leake@bracknell-forest.gov.uk and
 - John Harrison john.harrison@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
- Our Parish Councillors via the Clerk, clerk@binfieldparishcouncil.org.uk
- BVPS Chair designate, Simon Butcher, simon.butcher@bvps.org.uk

Regards, *Margaret Foster, Acting Chair, bvps*