

KINGSCLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PRE-SUBMISSION PLAN Q & A

1. What is the Pre-Submission Plan?

This is the draft Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan. Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning 2012 Regulations state that" a qualifying body must publicise the draft neighbourhood plan for at least six weeks and consult any of the consultation bodies...."

2. Who is "the qualifying body"?

Kingsclere Parish Council

3. What is the purpose of this consultation?

This is your opportunity as residents of the parish of Kingsclere to read and comment on the draft Neighbourhood Plan before it is formally submitted to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (B&DBC).

4. How long is the consultation period?

The consultation period runs from 9th January to 20th February 2017.

5. Where can I find the pre-submission Plan?

It will be available from 9th January on the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan web site: <u>www.kingsclere-np.org.uk</u> Alternatively copies will be available to view in the drop-in centre opposite the Parish Council office in the Village Club, the library and the Fieldgate Centre.

6. What happens at the end of the consultation period?

The Neighbourhood Planning Group will consider all comments and if necessary, will make amendments. It would be helpful to the NP Group that if you disagree with any of the policies in the plan that you provide evidence in support of your views. Following this, the Plan will be formally submitted to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (Regulation 15).

7. What do B&DBC do?

The Planning Department at B&DBC will assess the draft Plan to ensure it conforms with the strategic policies contained in the Local Plan 2011 - 2029. Any concerns will be sent to the NP Group who will revise the Plan accordingly.

8. Will residents have an opportunity to comment again?

No, this is why it is important we receive your comments on the Pre-Submission Plan.

9. What happens next?

Once approved, B&DBC will appoint an independent external examiner who checks that the Plan conforms with all relevant national and EU legislation. Once approved by the Inspector, B&DBC will arrange for the referendum.

10. Who will be eligible to vote?

All residents of the Parish of Kingsclere who are registered to vote.

11. How many votes does the Plan require?

The Plan will be adopted if it receives 50%+ of all votes cast.

12. Will the plan then be made?

If the plan passes the referendum it will form part of B&DBC's Development Plan. The Development Plan consists of the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan, the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan and any "made" Neighbourhood Plans. All subsequent decisions on planning applications must be made in accordance with the policies in the Development Plan, including the Neighbourhood Plan, unless other material considerations indicate otherwise.

13. What happens if the plan is rejected at the referendum?

There would be no controls on development in Kingsclere. Planning applications could be approved for any of the rejected sites in and around the village so we could end up with far more than 50 houses. We would also have no say over the type and style of new developments.

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