

Notice of:	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Economic Development
Decision Number:	PH1/2018
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration
Relevant Cabinet Member :	Councillor Mark Smith - Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Economic Development
Date of Decision:	7 January 2019

BLACKPOOL LOCAL PLAN PART 2: PROPOSED SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES – INFORMAL CONSULTATION PAPER

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 The new Blackpool Local Plan comprises Part 1: Core Strategy, which was adopted in January 2016 and Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document.
- 1.2 This report presents the **Proposed Site Allocations and Development Management Policies – Informal Consultation Paper** for public consultation along with the supporting draft evidence base documents on housing, local centres, green belt and hot food takeaways.

2.0 Recommendations:

- 2.1 To approve the Informal Consultation Paper for public consultation for a period of 6 weeks (refer Appendix A).
- 2.2 To agree to the publication on the Council’s Website, the supporting draft evidence base documents (refer Appendices B-E).
- 2.3 To defer any minor drafting and textual changes to the informal Consultation paper at Appendix A and the evidence base at Appendices B to E which do not alter the substance of the documents to the Head of Planning Strategy.

3.0 Reason for recommendations:

3.1 To progress the preparation of the statutory planning framework to support Blackpool's future regeneration and growth.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None to be considered.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priorities are:

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

6.0 Background information

6.1 The Council is preparing the Blackpool Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (from now on referred to as 'Local Plan Part 2') which will:

- Allocate sites for new development including housing, employment and retail and identify areas for safeguarding and protection e.g. public open space, greenbelt;
- Designate areas where particular policies will apply e.g. local centres;
- Include policies to be applied when considering applications for development e.g. design, amenity and transport.

The policies contained within the Local Plan Part 2 provide further detail to the strategic policies set out in the Council's Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy.

There are a number of stages we must follow in preparing the Local Plan Part 2. Each

stage presents an opportunity for the community and other stakeholders to be involved in choosing the right planning policies for Blackpool and identifying sites for development or protection.

The Planning Strategy Team consulted on the Regulation 18 Scoping Document during Summer 2017 setting out the policies that the team suggested should be included in Part 2. We have considered all the representations received and these can be found in the Regulation 18 Consultation Report (refer Appendix F).

6.2 **Proposed Site Allocations and Development Management Policies**

The **Proposed Site Allocations and Development Management Policies – Informal Consultation Paper** is the second consultation stage of the Local Plan Part 2 preparation process.

The paper at Appendix A sets out in detail those site allocations that are considered to be the most appropriate to deliver the Council’s housing and traveller and travelling showpeople requirements. It also identifies a potential new allotment site and the following designations:

Green Belt – Proposed local boundary amendments

Town Centre – Primary and secondary frontages

Local Centres – New designations and amendments

Countryside Area – Amended boundary

Open Land Meeting Community and Recreational Needs – Amended boundary

Section 3 details the proposed development management policies which are considered necessary to guide development proposals in Blackpool.

The document will be subject to public consultation for a period of 6 weeks where comments will be invited from the community and other stakeholder to gain feedback on all of the proposed site allocations and development management policies, which will then inform the next stage of the plan.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 **List of Appendices:**

7.1 Appendix A: Blackpool Local Plan Part 2: Proposed Site Allocations and Development

Management Policies - Informal Consultation Paper

Appendix A1: Consultation Paper Appendices

Appendix B: Housing Supply Update and Site Allocations Assessment (December 2018)

Appendix C: Local Centres Assessment Review (October 2018)

Appendix D: Green Belt Review Assessment (October 2018)

Appendix E: The use of the planning system to control hot food takeaways (October 2018)

Appendix F: Regulation 18 Consultation Report (November 2017)

8.0 Legal considerations:

8.1 The Local Plan Part 2, when adopted by the Council will be a key spatial document forming part of the Council's statutory Local Plan.

9.0 Human resources considerations:

9.1 The Local Plan Part 2 is being resourced by existing staff within the Planning Strategy Team.

10.0 Equalities considerations:

10.1 As part of plan preparation an Equality Assessment will be undertaken to be made available at the Publication Stage taking into account all relevant and appropriate equality considerations.

11.0 Financial considerations:

11.1 The work is being undertaken within existing budgetary provisions.

12.0 Risk management considerations:

12.1 The Local Plan Part 2 is a key document which along with Part 1: Core Strategy (Adopted January 2016) will provide the statutory planning framework to enable and assist the delivery of Blackpool's future development requirements. Without its progress, acquisition, land assembly and planning approval for key regeneration and development projects will be undermined and delayed. The Council needs to ensure that it has a planning framework that is directing development within the Borough

which reflects the community and elected members priorities and needs and to avoid national policy being the principle basis for making decisions. The latter could lead to an increase in appeals if applications are received proposing development which is not in line with the priorities and needs of Blackpool.

13.0 Ethical considerations:

13.1 No adverse ethical considerations. The Local Plan Part 2 will contribute to the Council priorities set out in the Council Plan and will be subject to an equality assessment.

14.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

14.1 Consultation will be undertaken in line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and in accordance with the statutory requirements and regulations for Local Plan preparation.

15.0 Background papers:

15.1 Blackpool Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (adopted 2016)

Blackpool Local Plan (2006) 'Saved Policies'

Blackpool Local Plan Part 2 – Regulation 18 Scoping Report

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16.0 Key decision information:

16.1 Is this a key decision? No

16.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

16.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

16.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

17.0 Call-in information:

17.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

17.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

18.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

19.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

19.1 None.

20.0 Executive decision:

20.1 The Cabinet Member agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:

21.0 Date of Decision:

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22.0 Reason(s) for decision:

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23.0 Date Decision published:

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24.0 Executive Members in attendance:

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25.0 Call-in:

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26.0 Notes:

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