

Annex 4 – Local plan evidence base commissioned to date and future evidence base commissioning requirements – early consideration based on a proposed revised NPPF

NB: The below table covers the work programme to support a future Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation. It does not include the work programme or any evidence base requirements that may be required to support a Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation over and above that identified below.

Evidence base	Current status of work	Current programme of work (without a revised NPPF)	Update or addendum required due to a revised NPPF	Work required to inform a future Regulation 18 consultation
Published to support the Regulation 18 consultation (2022)				
Green Belt Assessment – Stage 1 (2016)	This study supported the withdrawn plan.	N/A	Yes, consider how this study can be utilised to support Green Belt work and whether updates are required.	Yes
Green Belt Assessment – Stage 2 (2018)	This study supported the withdrawn plan.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Green Belt Study: Exceptional circumstances (strategic) note (July 2022)	Published	To update to reflect any changes to the HMAs, HDT, standard method calculations.	Yes, to account for the new definition of exceptional circumstances. Any changes to the housing market areas, standard method calculation, any updates to the HDT and potential updates to the settlement hierarchy	N/A
Housing needs study (July 2022)	Published	To provide an addendum to inform a Regulation 19 consultation.	Yes to account for change in plan-period, increase in housing need, affordable	Yes

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			housing requirements and types and to consider needs for specific groups.	
TMBC Strategic Housing Market Assessment (March 2014)	Published	To update study to inform the Regulation 19 local plan.	Yes, however work already required. This can account for NPPF revisions also.	Yes
Urban capacity study report (July 2022)	Published	To update study to align with the consideration of sustainable settlements to inform the Regulation 19 local plan.	Yes, however work already required. This can account for NPPF revisions also.	Yes
Housing market delivery study (July 2022)	Published	To update study in accordance with outputs from the above required Strategic Housing Market Assessment update.	Yes, however work already required. This can account for NPPF revisions also.	No
Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation assessment report (July 2022)	Published	Need assessment and site assessments reports being updated and prepared to be published Regulation 19.	Yes, update to need assessment required to account for a change in local plan period and potential additional need.	Yes
Transport initial baseline assessment (July 2022)	Published	This work is being updated to inform Regulation 19.	Yes, this will need updating to reflect	Yes

Evidence base	Current status of work	Current programme of work (without a revised NPPF)	Update or addendum required due to a revised NPPF	Work required to inform a future Regulation 18 consultation
			revised development needs.	
Economic development needs study – Part one) (August 2022)	Published	Addendum to ensure employment evidence is up-to-date to support the Regulation 19 Plan.	Yes, however work already required. This can account for NPPF revisions also.	Yes
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Level 1): Site Screening	Published	Addendum required to support Regulation 19 Local plan.	Yes, however work already required. This can account for NPPF revisions also.	Yes
Windfall allowance methodology paper (July 2022)	Published	To update study to inform Regulation 19 Plan.	Yes, however work already required. This can account for NPPF revisions also.	Yes
Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (August 2022)	Published	N/A	Yes – report should be updated to account for recent legislative changes (LURA and Environment Act) and a revised NPPF to inform the SA.	Yes
Interim Sustainability Appraisal Report (31 st January 2022)	Published	Iterative process with reports to be published at Regulation 18 and 19.	N/A	N/A
Emerging evidence base progressed to help inform the Regulation 18b consultation now paused				
TMBC Active Travel Strategy (July 2024)	Evidence in progress.	Yes, update required to account for any changes to spatial	Yes, this will need updating to reflect revised development	Yes

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		strategy between Regulation 18 and 19.	needs and to support site allocations.	
TMBC Climate Change Policy Support Review (March 2024)	Evidence in progress.	N/A	To be considered further. Potential to update to align with new NPPF.	Yes
TMBC Economy Study (March 2024)	Evidence in progress.	Addendum to ensure employment evidence is up-to-date to support the Regulation 19 Plan.	Yes this will need updating to align with provisions in a revised NPPF and to reflect new plan period and revised development need.	Yes
TMBC Retail and Town Centre Needs Study (March 2024)	Evidence in progress.	Addendum to ensure town centre evidence is up-to-date to support the Regulation 19 Plan.	Yes this will need updating to align with provisions in a revised NPPF and to reflect new plan period and revised development need.	Yes
TMBC Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – Level 1 (May 2024)	Evidence in progress.	Yes update required to account for any changes to spatial strategy between Regulation 18 and 19.	Yes, however work already required. This can account for NPPF revisions also.	Yes
TMBC Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – Methodology in	Evidence in progress.	N/A	N/A	Yes

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support of performing the sequential test				
TMBC Strategic Gap Study (May 2024)	Evidence in progress.	N/A	N/A	Yes
TMBC Stage 2 Green Belt Assessment (May 2024)	Evidence in progress.	To be updated should additional sites or areas require assessment.	Yes – to account for NPPF proposed revised changes in relation to Green Belt national policy.	Yes to support spatial strategy and site allocations.
TMBC Heritage Strategy (May 2024)	Evidence in progress.	N/A	N/A	Yes
HRA Scoping Report (July 2023)	Evidence in progress.	To inform a full Habitats Regulations Assessment at Regulation 19 stage	N/A	Yes – bring this work forward to support a Reg 18 consultation.
Sustainability Appraisal (July 2024)	Evidence in progress.	Iterative process with reports to be published at Regulation 18 and 19.	Yes – should policies or the spatial strategy change from work already undertaken an SA will be required.	Yes – an SA will be required to support a Local plan at Regulation 18 stage taking into account policies, spatial strategy and site allocations.
Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy (March 2024)	Evidence in progress.	N/A	N/A	Yes
TMBC Transport - Local Plan Tests 1 and 2 (May 2024)	Evidence in progress.	To undertake scenario test 3 to support the Regulation 19 Plan.	Yes – to test sites / the spatial strategy. See scenario test 3 below.	Yes

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TMBC Transport – Forecast Baseline Report (June 2024)	Evidence in progress.	To update as necessary to inform scenario testing.	Yes, to account for a revised local plan period.	Yes
Local plan Viability Assessment Regulation 18 (July 2024)	Evidence in progress.	To update assessment to inform the Regulation 19 Plan.	Yes, it will be necessary to update to test draft policies taking into account NPPF revisions.	Yes
Evidence base originally planned to be progressed to support the Regulation 19 plan				
Local Plan Viability Assessment Regulation 19	Consultants in place to progress work	As above - To update assessment to inform the Regulation 19 Plan.	As above - Yes will need to revisit the assessment to inform a future Regulation 18 Plan	Yes
Habitats Regulation Assessment	Consultants in place to progress work	To be progressed to support Regulation 19	N/A	Yes
Health Impact Assessment	Consultants in place to progress a combined HIA, CSA and EQiA.	N/A	Yes – to support emerging policy in this area.	Yes
TMBC cumulative local plan assessment – junction capacity analysis	Evidence in progress.	To be progressed to support Regulation 19	Yes – to account for revised development needs and proposed site allocations.	Yes
Transport Assessment – outline of mitigation required to address highways impacts	On hold	To be progressed to support Regulation 19	Yes – to account for revised development needs and proposed site allocations.	Yes
Transport – Scenario 3, Lower Thames	On hold	To be progressed to support Regulation 19	Yes – to account for revised development	Yes, and further refined to inform Reg 19

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Crossing and M20 Junction – 3 sensitivity tests			needs and proposed site allocations.	
Landscape Sensitivity Assessment screening	Evidence in progress.	To be progressed to support Regulation 19	Yes – to account for revised development needs and proposed site allocations.	Yes
Landscape Character Study	Not currently programmed	N/A	Yes – to support emerging policy in this area.	Yes
Borough wide (minus the National Landscape and strategic sites – see below) landscape Sensitivity Assessments for housing and employment growth	Not currently programmed	N/A	Yes – to support emerging policy in this area.	Yes
Landscape sensitivity Assessment for sites for housing and employment growth within the National Landscape (AONB) and its setting.	Not currently programmed	N/A	Yes – to support emerging policy in this area.	Yes
Landscape sensitivity Assessments for strategic sites for housing and employment growth.	Not currently programmed	N/A	Yes – to support emerging policy in this area.	Yes

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Density study	Not currently programmed	N/A	Yes – to support emerging policy in this area, including optimising density.	Yes
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – Level 2	Evidence in progress.	To be published to support Regulation 19		Yes, to support spatial strategy and site allocations.
Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople need assessment and site assessments	Evidence in progress.	To be published to inform Regulation 19	Yes – to account for revised plan period.	Yes, for updated needs assessment and any additional site assessment work if required.
Open Space Study	Evidence in progress.	To be published to support Regulation 19	Yes – to account for revised plan period and housing need.	Yes
Playing Pitch study	Evidence in progress.	To be published to support Regulation 19	Yes – to account for revised plan period and housing need.	Yes
Indoor Sports facilities Study	Evidence in progress.	To be published to support Regulation 19	Yes – to account for revised plan period and housing need.	Yes
Green Belt extension	On hold	To be published to support Regulation 19	Yes – to account for NPPF proposed revised changes in relation to Green Belt national policy.	Yes
Green Belt Site Assessments – additional sites	Evidence in progress.	To be published to support Regulation 19	Yes – to account for NPPF proposed revised changes in relation to	Yes, to support spatial strategy and site allocations.

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			Green Belt national policy.	
Green Gap Study	On hold	To be published to support Regulation 19	Yes, to account for any Green Belt revisions.	No
Strategic Housing Market Assessment	On hold	To be published to support Regulation 19	Yes, however work already required. This can account for NPPF revisions also.	Yes