

Annexe 3: Local Plan Evidence Base

(A) List of Evidence base to be published for consultation prepared by external consultants

The following evidence has been progressed to inform plan-making and will be provided alongside the Draft Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation:

- Sustainability Assessment Scoping Report (2025)
- Interim Sustainability Appraisal (2025)
- Habitats Regulation Assessment (2025)
- Interim Viability Assessment (2025)
- Health and Equalities Impact Assessment (2025)
- Interim Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2025)
- Forecast Baseline Report and Appendices (2025)
- Local Plan Tests Report and Appendices (2025)
- Local Plan Junction Modelling Report and Appendices (2025)
- Mode Share Strategy (2025)
- Green Belt Methodology (2025)
- Green Belt Stage 1 Assessment (2025)
- Green Belt Stage 2 Assessment (2025)
- Landscape Character Assessment (2025)
- Landscape Sensitivity Assessment (2025)
- Landscape Visual Appraisal of sites (2025)
- Green Gap Study (2025)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 (2025)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 2 Scoping Report (2025)
- Air Quality Assessment (2025)
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) (2025)
- Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment
- Interim Land Availability Assessment (LAA) (2025)
- Housing Market Delivery Study (2025)
- Housing Constraints Assessment (2025)
- Economy Study update (2025)
- Retail Study (2025)
- Draft Active Travel Strategy (2025) – separate consultation
- Local Plan Climate Change Policy Support Review (2024)
- Economy Study (2024)
- Retail and Town Centre Needs Study (2024)

Already publicly available

The following evidence has been available on our website. This will form part of our Local Plan evidence base.

- Open space Study (2025)
- Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (2025)
- Indoor Sports Facilities Strategy (2025)
- Heritage Strategy (2024)
- Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy (2024)

From Reg 18 in 2022 – already publicly available

A number of studies were progressed to inform the Regulation 18 consultation in 2022. Many of these have been updated and superseded. However, the below are still relevant.

- Economic Development Needs Study (2022)
- Urban Capacity Study plus Appendices A-E (2022)

(B) Evidence base progressed by officers and Topic Papers – These will be available for consultation but not for HPSSC

- Interim Land Availability Assessment (2025)
- Windfall Allowance Topic Paper (2025)
- Site selection Topic Paper (2025)
- Spatial Strategy Topic Paper (2025)
- Sustainable Settlement Study (2025)
- Settlement Confines Boundary Topic Paper (2025)
- Local Green Spaces Topic Paper (2025)
- Duty to Cooperate Topic Paper (2025)

(C) Evidence to be progressed

The following evidence is either currently being progressed or will be progressed shortly to inform the emerging Local Plan at Regulation 19 stage.

- Preferred development option VISUM modelling and additional junction validation
- Transport Assessment
- Bus study
- Green Belt Extension Study
- Green Belt Exceptional Circumstances note
- Urban Capacity Study - update as required
- Density and character study
- SFRA Level 2
- Renewables Landscape Sensitivity Assessment
- Climate change evidence - update as required
- Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople site assessments
- Housing Trajectory Position Paper
- Conservation Area Statements / Conservation Area Appraisals

(D) Further updates to the evidence base to inform Regulation 19

The following evidence will be updated as a minimum at the Regulation 19 stage.

- Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitats Regulation Assessment
- Viability Assessment Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Duty to cooperate including Statements of Common Ground
- Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy Stage E review
- Indoor Sports Facilities Strategy Stage E review
- Active Travel Strategy
- Transport modelling of the Regulation 19 Local Plan
- Junction capacity modelling and design
- Transport Assessment
- Health and Equalities Impact Assessment
- Plus any site-specific work that may need to be undertaken should additional sites be submitted in the 'call for sites'