



Havant Borough Council Local Plan 2016-2036

Havant MP's infrastructure & funding position

1. Once Havant Borough Council (HBC) adopt their new post-NPPF Local Plan, and the specific infrastructure needs to support housing developments are better understood, Alan Mak MP will support them to lobby for the funding needed where appropriate, including where local and regional funding is insufficient.
2. "Infrastructure" is defined as the basic, underlying framework or features of a system serving an area, such as transportation, communication systems, utilities, schools and health services. "Infrastructure" is a general, collective term that describes a *wide range* of services and utilities essential to support sustainable development. Infrastructure is not provided by HBC. Rather, each type of infrastructure needed to support development is the responsibility of (and often funded by) one or more separate organisations, ranging from the NHS's local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (for GP services) to Hampshire County Council (for most roads, and schools), and developers' contributions through CIL (the Community Infrastructure Levy) and Section 106 agreements (legal agreements where the developer contributes towards the provision of infrastructure), not just central government funding. General, abstract calls from residents or community groups for "more infrastructure" to support development, need to be translated into specific, costed proposals (such as road upgrades, or new school places).
3. As planning applications come forward for the development of specific sites allocated for housing under the Local Plan 2036, they will only be considered for approval if the applicant (such as a developer) can establish to HBC's satisfaction that specific supporting infrastructure needs are understood and provided for *in the application* in accordance with the Local Plan 2036. HBC is the planning authority for the Borough of Havant, and they will only grant planning permission if they are satisfied that sufficient infrastructure can be provided to make each housing site sustainable in accordance with the Local Plan 2036 and the NPPF (the National Planning Policy Framework, a set of national guidelines).
4. *On-site* infrastructure will remain the responsibility of a **developer**, including flood prevention and surface water control solutions, foul drainage, and networks for statutory utilities (such as water and gas). All development proposals must demonstrate sustainability before planning consent will be considered.
5. Securing *funding* for *off-site* infrastructure is a **shared responsibility**, between developers, HBC, Hampshire County Council (HCC), Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), the NHS, other funding bodies and, where central government funding is needed, the relevant local MP(s). Alan Mak MP will support all bids for funding to provide infrastructure where they have the support of HBC, whether the bid is submitted to a local, regional or national funding source. The bids will be drafted by HBC, HCC or the appropriate infrastructure provider.
6. Dealing with *infrastructure issues* – and responding to resident queries – is a *shared responsibility* involving both Havant and Hampshire County councils, infrastructure providers and funders like the NHS and HCC, Solent LEP, elected councillors, and MPs. Alan will play his part, and is committed to working with colleagues at all levels, including HBC and HCC, to support our constituency.
7. Funding for infrastructure comes from a range of sources: local, regional and national. Local and regional funding sources available for infrastructure projects in the Havant constituency include:
 - a. the housing developers themselves (from s.106 contributions and the Community Infrastructure Levy);
 - b. the Home Building Fund (developers can apply for loan funding from the government to fund infrastructure and s.106 obligations, where they cannot be met from a developer's own resources);
 - c. Hampshire County Council (which raises its own funds through council tax, and receives grants from central government to spend locally, for example on roads and schools. HCC is the highways authority and education authority for Hampshire);
 - d. Solent LEP (a partnership in South Hampshire between, primarily, businesses and local councils, which receives substantial funding from central government to spend locally on economic development e.g. on roads.) Solent LEP must itself bid for funding for specific proposals from central government, to spend on the provision of local infrastructure. HCC should submit proposals for infrastructure funding bids to the Solent LEP where necessary;



- e. The NHS South Eastern Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (SEH CCG) (the NHS organisation in South Hampshire, headquartered in Fareham, which commissions primary care services for local residents in the Havant constituency, including GPs); the SEH CCG receives funding from central government to spend locally on healthcare.
8. Funding is available from central government to *supplement* local and regional funding to meet identified infrastructure needs. County councils and LEPs have to bid for funding by presenting a detailed business case. Funds announced in the 2016 Autumn Statement which local councils, including HBC, can bid for include:
 1. A £2bn fund to support new housing infrastructure.
 2. £23bn for a new National Productivity Infrastructure Fund – funds are allocated to accelerate housing supply/building and tackling road congestion, especially to promote economic growth.
 3. £1.1 billion from the NPIF to relieve congestion and deliver much-needed upgrades on local roads and public transport networks. On strategic roads, an extra £220 million will be available to tackle key pinch-points.
8. Funds from central government departmental budgets may also be available on a bid-by-bid basis, from time-to-time. Again, local councils and LEPs must present a business case for each proposal. Where appropriate, Alan Mak MP will support bids for funding to central government where local and regional funding sources are not sufficient. Where local or regional funding sources (such as those set out in point 7 above) are sufficient, central government may insist on those funds being deployed and used, rather than providing funds themselves.
9. HBC are conducting an infrastructure review – which will result in the production of their Infrastructure Delivery Statement (IDS) – as part of their Draft Local Plan 2036, assessing infrastructure needs for each housing development site included within the Local Plan 2036. The Council have also committed to a full and open public consultation on the Draft Havant Borough Local Plan 2036. As a result, the IDS will be produced following public consultation and commentary in time for the Examination in Public before the appointed government inspector. The IDS aims to comprehensively address residents' views to create a complete statement of infrastructure needs to be adopted as part of the Local Plan 2036. **Residents and community groups are strongly encouraged to contribute input into the IDS.**
10. At the Examination of the Draft Local Plan 2036 in Public to be held by a government-appointed inspector from the Planning Inspectorate, residents and community groups will have an opportunity to submit written representations and give depositions to the Inspector who will pass judgement on any necessary adjustments to determine whether the Draft Local Plan 2036 is sound, prior to its adoption by HBC.
11. Anyone who wants to stay informed and updated on the Local Plan should make sure that they get in touch with HBC and provide their details so that they can be part of future mail-outs, and be notified when consultations are happening. Please email policy.design@havant.gov.uk and include your name, address, email address and phone number.
12. Alan Mak MP has met the Housing & Planning Minister (Gavin Barwell MP) and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (Sajid Javid MP) to discuss Havant's proposed Local Plan 2036, and its contingent infrastructure needs, to enable housing delivery in a sustainable way. Both Ministers endorse the approach that Alan Mak MP is taking, set out above, and welcome bids for central government funding where necessary.
13. This approach is also endorsed by Cllr David Guest, Cabinet Lead for Economy, Planning, Development and Prosperity Havant, on behalf of Havant Borough Council.