

Dear Sir / Madam,

The County Council wishes to suggest a further minor modification to the plan to reflect current Government policy on flood risk management.

Since Hampshire County Council made representations in September 2014 on the pre-submission Gosport Borough Local Plan (2011 – 2024), the Government (DCLG) published a consultation on 'Further changes to statutory consultee arrangements for the planning application process'. The consultation paper proposed a number of measures including a proposal to make Lead Local Flood Authorities a statutory consultee on for major planning applications with surface water drainage implications.

In its response to the consultation Government later confirmed that it would take this proposal forward. Accordingly, on 24th March it laid a statutory instrument making the Lead Local Flood Authority a statutory consultee by adding the consultation requirement to Schedule 5 of the Development Management Procedure Order. This came into effect from 15th April this year.

The Borough Council may, therefore, wish to consider further amending the plan prior to its adoption to ensure that it is up to date and consistent with current Government policy. It is suggested that the following sentence is added to paragraph 12.99 of the pre-submission local plan:

'When considering major developments, (10 or more houses, or sites larger than 1ha), the Borough Council will consult Hampshire County Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority, on the management of surface water drainage.'

With kind regards.

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