

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet member

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Cllr Jonathan Canty, Portfolio Holder for Development & Economic Growth

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

To respond to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' (DLUHC) consultation on Strengthening Planning Policy for Brownfield Development.

The consultation seeks views on the proposed approach to updating national planning policies related to brownfield land in the National Planning Policy Framework. The proposals include a change to national planning policy to make clear that when considering planning applications, local planning authorities should give significant weight to the benefits of delivering as many homes as possible, especially where this involves land which is previously developed.

The consultation also includes a proposal to apply the presumption in favour of sustainable development in major towns and cities, by changing the way the Housing Delivery Test would operate in these areas. This is not directly relevant to Rushmoor, but as part of the consultation the government have asked if this should apply to other local authorities.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

26 March 2024

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

The response to the consultation has been prepared in consultation with the Strategic Housing and Local Plans Group. An overview of the consultation and proposed response was provided by officers at a meeting held on 25th March 2024 and a draft response emailed to members in advance of this meeting on 18th March 2024.

The other option is not to respond to the consultation. However, because of the significance of the consultation proposals to the Council's Planning function, this is not considered an appropriate option.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed Cllr Jonathan Canty
(Decision maker)



Designation: Portfolio Holder for Development and Economic Growth