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| Report of Head of Planning and Regeneration  To  Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Growth  On  15 February 2022 |
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| **Mansfield District Council representations on the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2037: Publication Version Addendum** | |

1. **SUMMARY**
   1. Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) have published their Regulation 19 Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2037: Publication Version Addendum for consultation. Consultation started on Thursday 6 January and ends on Thursday 17 February 2022.
   2. As a neighbouring authority, and in order to address our requirements under the Duty to Cooperate, it is important that the council considers and responds to this consultation.

**Key Decision –** This is not a key decision as it simply relates to a draft consultation document that covers the Bassetlaw district, which has no immediate effect on any ward.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Growth agrees for the attached representation to be submitted as Mansfield District Council’s response to Bassetlaw District Council’s Regulation 19 consultation on the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2037: Publication Version Addendum.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The draft Bassetlaw Local Plan (2020 – 2037) provides the basis for delivering sustainable development within the district of Bassetlaw. Just like the Mansfield Local Plan, it sets out a vision for the future, a framework for meeting identified needs and priorities, and a way in which communities can get involved in shaping the future of the area. The plan considers land use needs for specific types of development and identifies sites and areas of protection. It also provides the basis upon which planning applications will be determined, outlining the main criteria that Bassetlaw District Council will employ in assessing planning proposals within their district.

3.2 It has been prepared according to the requirements of planning legislation and an extensive process of evidence gathering and consultation.

3.3 Bassetlaw District Council consulted upon the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2037: Publication Version, between 2 September 2021 and 21 October 2021. Whilst it was anticipated that the Publication Version of the Local Plan would be the version of the plan that would be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination, a number of changes are now proposed to the plan. The Addendum to the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2037: Publication Version contains only focussed proposed changes and any modifications to boundaries on the Policies Map.

3.4 Strategic policy-making authorities are required to cooperate with each other, and other bodies, when preparing, or supporting the preparation of policies that address strategic matters. This includes those policies contained in local plans. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out that these authorities should produce, maintain, and update one or more statement(s) of common ground, throughout the plan-making process. Local planning authorities are also bound by the statutory duty to cooperate.

3.5 The duty to cooperate was introduced by the Localism Act 2011, and is set out in section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It places a legal duty on local planning authorities and county councils in England, and prescribed public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of local plan and marine plan preparation in the context of strategic cross boundary matters.

3.6 It is therefore important that Mansfield District Council considers and responds to the consultation on the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2037: Publication Version Addendum.

**4. OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

1. Whilst there may be various representations that the council could make, the alternative option is to not make any representations at all.

**5. RISK ASSESSMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPTIONS**

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| **Risk** | **Risk Assessment** | **Risk Level** | **Risk Management** |
| Reputation | If we do not engage with adjoining districts in the development of their local plans, it will reflect poorly on the council. | Low | Considering and commenting on the local plans of other areas increases the opportunity to focus on important cross boundary issues and improve development across the wider area. |
| Legal | We have a duty to cooperate with our neighbouring authorities. | Low | Providing comments ensures we meet our duty to cooperate obligations. |

**6. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

6.1 Production of a local plan and associated planning documents are specific actions that need to be undertaken to meet corporate priorities. Providing this representation ensures we meet our duty to cooperate with Bassetlaw District Council, which in turn will help maintain a good relationship that will support the future achievement and implementation of our Local Plan Review.

**7. IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 It is important to note this report simply agrees to submit representations comment on BDC’s Local Plan 2020-2037: Publication Version Addendum.

(a) Relevant Legislation – The report is linked to the process of creating a local plan and helps meet the general guidance within the 2011 Localism Act and our Duty to Cooperate.

(b) Human Rights - No impact as there are no changes to policy as a result of this report.

(c) Equality and Diversity - No impact as there are no changes to policy as a result of this report.

(d) Climate change and environmental sustainability- No impact as there are no changes to policy as a result of this report.

(e) Crime and Disorder- No impact as there are no changes to policy as a result of this report.

(f) Budget /Resource- No impact as there are no changes to policy as a result of this report.

**8. COMMENTS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS**

(a) Head of Paid Service – N/A

(b) Monitoring Officer – No specific comments

(c) Section 151 Officer – No specific comments

**9. CONSULTATION**

9.1 All elected members were consulted on the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2037: Publication Version Addendum between 19 and 26 January 2022. They were given the opportunity to provide comments that would be included in the proposed representations to be submitted by the district council to Bassetlaw DC.

**10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 See <https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/planning-and-building/the-draft-bassetlaw-local-plan/>

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