KENNET LOCAL PLAN 2011

INTRODUCTION

This document is the second district-wide Local Plan to be adopted by Kennet District Council. This version of the Kennet Local Plan contains the Local Planning Authority's policies and proposals for the development and use of land and will guide development and investment within the District up to the year 2011. The adopted

Kennet Local Plan has full statutory status and supersedes all previous local plans in the District and together with the Wiltshire Structure Plan and the Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Local Plan forms the Development Plan for Kennet.

The Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Planning and Compensation Act 1991 and all current Government advice, including Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPGs). The Plan is also in general conformity with the adopted Wiltshire Structure Plan and Regional Planning Guidance for the South West (RPG 10). The main stages leading to the adoption of the Local Plan are illustrated in Table 1.1.

A statutory local plan carries considerable weight. Section 54A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:-

".. where, in making any determination under the planning Acts, regard is to be had to the development plan, the determination shall be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise."

Essentially this means that an applicant who proposes a development which is clearly in conflict with the development plan will need to demonstrate why the plan should not prevail.



The Plan was produced following an extensive programme of consultation activities undertaken between March 1998 and April 1999 and the publication of a "Cartoon" or Outline version of the Replacement Plan for public comment during August and September 1999. Full details of the consultation process have been published separately (as required by Section 21 of the Development Plan Regulations) under the title Replacement Kennet Local Plan, Statement of Consultation and Publicity.

Changes are anticipated to the planning system as a result of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill, currently before Parliament. In the event of changes being introduced as a result of new legislation, this Local Plan will become a "saved plan" to at least March 2007, under its provisions.

The Local Plan was formally adopted by the Council on 30th April 2004. Copies may be purchased from the Council Offices in either printed format or on CD ROM.

Alternatively, the Plan can be viewed on the Council's web site www.kennet.gov.uk.

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