

Schedule of evidence bases (as of July 2016) for the Local Plan Update

Name of Study	Purpose of study	Bodies/authorities involved	Status
Berkshire (including South Bucks) Strategic Housing Market Area	<p>This technical study identifies the Housing Market Area/s that each of the local authority areas involved in the study are in and works out how many houses will be needed for these Housing Market Areas and each local authority area between 2013-2036.</p>	<p>Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), Wokingham Borough Council, Reading Borough Council, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Slough Borough Council, West Berkshire District Council, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council and South Bucks District Council</p>	<p>Completed February 2016</p>
Berkshire Functional Economic Market Area Study	<p>This technical study considers various functional economic markets that operate across Berkshire such as the Commercial Property Market, the Housing Market and the Labour Market in order to define the Functional Economic Market Area/s of Berkshire.</p>	<p>Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Wokingham Borough Council, Reading Borough Council, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Slough Borough Council, West Berkshire District Council and Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council</p>	<p>Completed February 2016</p>
Green Belt Study	<p>This technical study assesses whether land within the existing Green Belt meets the purposes of the Green Belt as set out in national policy.</p>	<p>Wokingham Borough Council and Bracknell Forest Borough Council</p>	<p>Completed July 2016</p>
Duty to Co-operate Statement	<p>This statement identifies those issues that are likely to have strategic importance and which therefore fall under the duty to co-operate. This document also identifies the specific bodies where co-operation may be necessary. This is an updated version of the Duty to Co-operate Scoping Strategy and incorporates the consultation comments received.</p>	<p>Wokingham Borough Council</p>	<p>Completed July 2016</p>
Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report	<p>This technical scoping report sought views on whether the SA objectives (covering social, economic and environmental considerations) were appropriate to help appraise the plan.</p>	<p>Wokingham Borough Council</p>	<p>Completed July 2016</p>
Habitats Regulation Assessment Scoping Document	<p>This scoping document explains that the EC Habitats Directive 1992 requires local authorities to consider whether a plan or project may have a significant effect on a European site of environmental importance such as the Thames Basin Heath Special protection areas (SPA). At the next stage of the LPU process, there will be a need to undertake a further scoping exercise to understand whether an appropriate assessment is necessary.</p>	<p>Wokingham Borough Council</p>	<p>Completed July 2016</p>

Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) Methodology	This base methodology has been prepared to help achieve a common approach across five of the Berkshire local authorities. Each local authority will follow this base methodology to assess sites, including those promoted through the Calls for Sites exercises. The sites will be assessed in terms of their availability, suitability and achievability.	Wokingham Borough Council, Reading Borough Council, Slough Borough Council, West Berkshire District Council, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council	Underway
Central Berkshire Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA) Economic Development Needs Assessment (EDNA)	This follows on from the Functional Economic Market Area technical study and is a technical assessment that will inform the overall jobs target for the Borough up to 2036.	Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Wokingham Borough Council, Reading Borough Council, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Slough Borough Council, West Berkshire District Council, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council	Underway
Western Berkshire Retail and Commercial Leisure Assessment	The technical study will consider the retail need in the study area up until 2036.	Wokingham Borough Council, Reading Borough Council, Bracknell Forest Borough Council and West Berkshire District Council	Underway
Older Person's Housing Need Assessment	The study will consider the housing needs of older people in the Wokingham Borough from 2013-2036	Wokingham BC	Underway