



Basingstoke
and Deane

Local Plan Update

Cabinet Decision: 27 September

Decision

- To undertake further work so that the draft Plan is right for the borough
 - Council's rejection of housing standard method for calculating housing need
 - widely held local concerns
 - high levels of previous housebuilding
 - local position eg environmental constraints; infrastructure; climate emergency
 - uncertainty at national level
 - publication of up to date census information
- There are risks around national requirements; speed of any changes in planning system; lack of Plan led development



LPU – way forward

- Advocate changes to the national planning system to reflect local circumstances
- Work to identify a suitable figure
 - First: establish whether there is a sound alternative approach to the standard method (commissioned Stantec to consider census etc. Need input from communities)
 - Second: consider constraints within the borough that meet national tests
- Publish new timetable – Regulation 18 in Autumn 2023 and adoption in 2025
- Take a positive approach to suitable and sustainable development proposals to address 5 year land supply – needs help of communities and increased number of applications likely
- Continue to develop Plan, relevant evidence base and policies

