

West Berkshire District Council

West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2023-2041 Adoption Statement

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) (Regulations 17 and 26)

Notice is hereby given that West Berkshire District Council adopted the West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2023-2041 (LPR) on Tuesday 10 June 2025.

The LPR covers the district of West Berkshire and will guide development across the area over the plan period. The LPR sets out the strategy for the location and level of development in the district, and allocates sites for specific uses, including housing and economic development. It also includes policies that will be used to determine planning applications/manage the impacts of development.

The LPR has been subject to examination by an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector's Report was published on 25 April 2025. It concludes that with the recommended Main Modifications set out in the Report, the LPR is sound, legally compliant, meets the Duty to Cooperate and satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) providing an appropriate basis for the planning of the District.

The adopted LPR incorporates the Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector, together with Additional (minor) Modifications made by the Council which do not materially affect the policies in the LPR. Additional Modifications identified by the Council up to 30 May 2025 were included in the consolidated document presented to the Council on 10 June 2025. Any Additional Modifications identified since then will be included in the finalised consolidated document which will be published by the Council in due course.

Any person aggrieved by the LPR may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) on the grounds that:

- a) the document is not within the appropriate power;
- b) or that a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made before the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the date of adoption of the LPR. The six week period commences on Wednesday 11 June 2025 and concludes on Wednesday 23 July 2025.

The LPR, its accompanying Policies Map, this Adoption Statement, the Sustainability Appraisal report, the Sustainability Appraisal Post Adoption Statement, the Inspector's Report and the Council's Schedule of Additional (minor) Modifications are available for public inspection free of charge on West Berkshire District Council's website:

www.westberks.gov.uk/local-plan-review

and at West Berkshire District Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm on Mondays to Thursdays, and 8:30am to 4:30pm on Fridays.

Further information is available by contacting the Planning Policy Team on 01635 519111 or via email at planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk.