



Planning Services in Buckinghamshire Council

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Agenda

- Local Plans and a new Buckinghamshire Local Plan
- Planning Committees
- Development Management
- Planning Enforcement
- Role of Town and Parish Councils
- Next steps

Local Plans and new Buckinghamshire Local Plan

- Minerals & Waste Plan – adopted 2019
- Wycombe Plan – adopted 2019
- VALP - expected to be adopted early 2020
- C&SB – expected to be adopted late 2020
- New Buckinghamshire Local Plan will be adopted in 2025

- Work will start immediately after new Council created

- Strategic Plan, focusing on quantum of development and main areas of growth

- Current local plans will remain basis for area committee boundaries and area based planning teams

Planning Committees

- 5 Area Planning Committees
- 1 Strategic Sites Committee

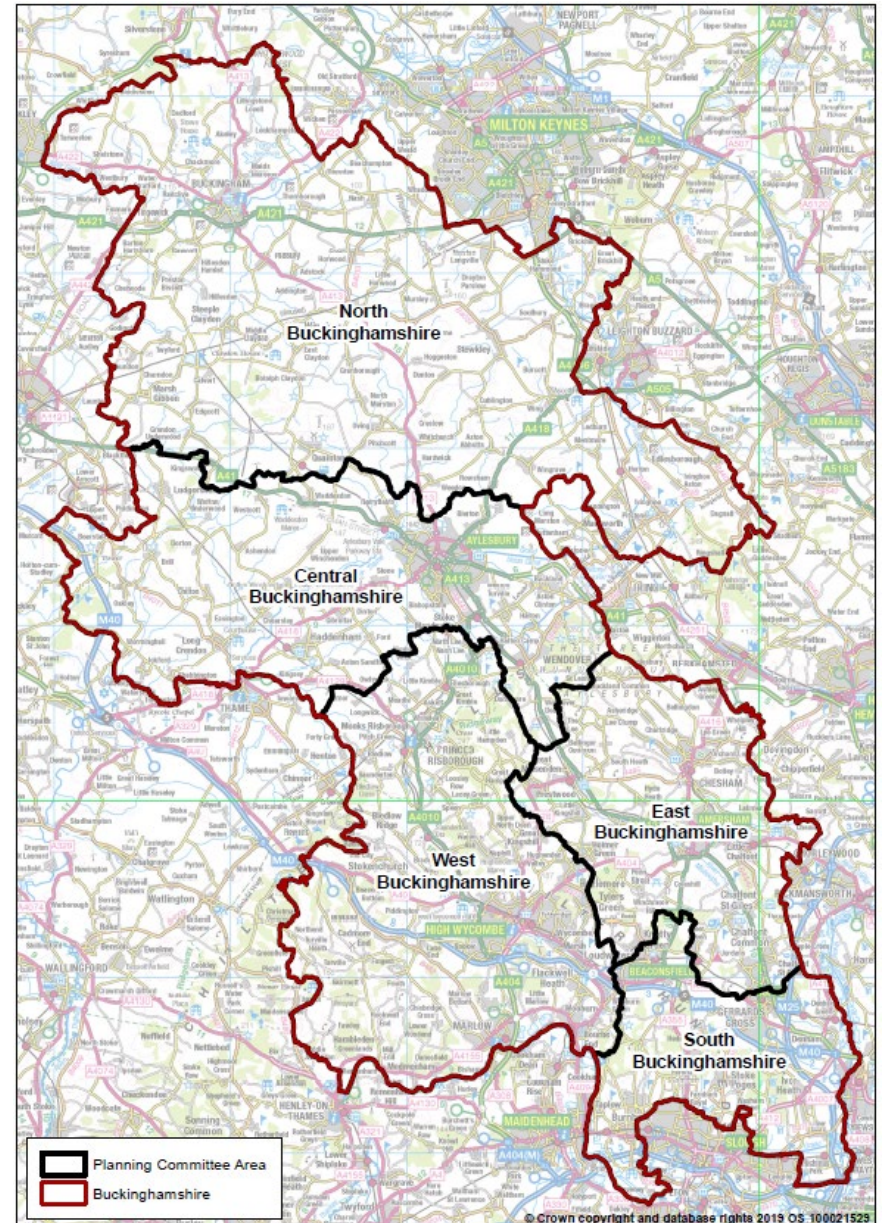
- Approx 10,000 applications each year - most will continue to be delegated

- Area Committees will consider most applications which need to be determined

- Strategic Sites Committee will be reserved for most significant applications, including Minerals and Waste and Rights of Way

Planning Committees

- Strategic Sites Committee
 - 12 members (quorum 7)
 - 1 Committee for whole of Buckinghamshire
- North, Central, West and East Buckinghamshire Area Committees
 - 12 members (quorum 7)
 - 6 named and trained substitutes
- South Buckinghamshire Area Committee
 - 10 members (quorum 6)
 - 5 named and trained substitutes



Development Management

- Fees and Charges confirmed and will be published on the Buckinghamshire Council website for 1st April.
- Validation checklist consultation has closed and points taken on board. The checklist will be trialled for a period of 3 months and will apply to all applications received from 1st April 2020.
- All officers attended a half-day workshop on 13th February and further workshops will take place in the future.
- Work is still ongoing on standardising services such as Sustainable Drainage System Consultations across the area.

Planning Enforcement

- A single monitoring and enforcement policy has been created. This is going through the sign off process currently.
- The policy brings in line enforcement across the whole Buckinghamshire area and also provides information about expected response times to people that raise a planning enforcement concern.
- The policy will be published on the website once agreed and reviewed over the first year.

Role of Town and Parish Councils

- Important link to local ward members
- Set the policy for your local area – by preparing neighbourhood plans
- Buckinghamshire Council wants to foster a supportive relationship
- We will offer ongoing training for Town and Parish Councils
- Able to offer your views on planning applications including speaking at Planning Committees

Next Steps

- We have agreed the schemes of delegation that will apply in this area.
- We will schedule a future session with Town and Parish Councils in respect of the Planning Service.
- We will ensure that the mandatory training we provide to committee members is comprehensive and appropriately structured. We will also ensure that all local members will receive planning training.
- We intend to recruit into vacant posts as soon as we can.