

## Infrastructure

### Policy CS 5

#### Infrastructure Requirements and Delivery

The Council will work with infrastructure providers and stakeholders to identify requirements for infrastructure provision and services for new development and will seek to co-ordinate infrastructure delivery, whilst protecting local amenities and environmental quality. The key infrastructure schemes required to facilitate development and secure the delivery of the Core Strategy include, but are not limited to, those schemes set out within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. A schedule of the infrastructure which has been assessed as critical to the delivery of the Core Strategy is included within the Core Strategy as Appendix D.



#### Explanation of the Policy

**5.24** New development within West Berkshire needs to be supported by adequate infrastructure of all kinds including physical, social, and green infrastructure. The infrastructure requirements of new development need to be established to ensure improvements occur alongside new development. Development should not be permitted unless essential infrastructure can be completed in pace with new development.

**5.25** The Council has worked in partnership with other infrastructure providers, including both internal Council departments and external agencies, throughout the development of the Core Strategy to identify the infrastructure required to facilitate the development set out in the Core Strategy, including where, when, by whom, and by what means this is to be delivered to ensure that the spatial strategy is robust in terms of delivery.

#### Delivery and Monitoring

The Council will maintain an Infrastructure Delivery Plan identifying the key infrastructure projects required to support the delivery of the Core Strategy. The infrastructure schedule will be maintained on the Council's website as a 'live' schedule that will be updated as further infrastructure requirements or projects are identified, and as the Site Allocations and Delivery DPD is taken forward. The Council will continue to give consideration to the level of risk that some of the required infrastructure will not be forthcoming and ways that this might be mitigated or addressed. The implementation schedule identifies contingency planning where this may be required. However, in the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, the Council has consulted with and had regard to, the investment and operational plans of relevant infrastructure and public

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service providers, ensuring that these bodies recognise their contributions, and that the resources required to deliver the infrastructure to support the delivery of the Core Strategy have been given due consideration and have a realistic prospect of being provided in the life of the Core Strategy. Any specific land use requirements for infrastructure will be updated within the Site Allocations and Delivery DPD.

The implementation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan will be assessed through monitoring progress on infrastructure projects.