

Chapter 15: Conclusions

- 15.1 The assessment of infrastructure need provided by this IDP shows that the development planned in the Core Strategy and the Pre-Submission Site Allocations DPD can be supported by the necessary infrastructure. The requirements for new infrastructure and improvements to existing infrastructure provisions resulting from planned growth are set out in the associated Infrastructure Schedules.
- 15.2 The responses received to the consultation on the Pre-Submission Site Allocations DPD have informed discussions with infrastructure providers for the previous update and have been carried forward in this assessment. The information given by providers to this update has informed the Council's response to issues raised through the consultation and will support the information given at the Site Allocations examination in October 2016.
- 15.3 Whilst a significant amount of new infrastructure is required to support the planned development, all infrastructure providers have confirmed that it will not present any insurmountable problems, i.e. there are no 'showstoppers'. The only significant projects added to the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule are those arising from the Outdoor Leisure Facilities Assessment Report (2014) and Playing Pitch Strategy (2015).
- 15.4 The biggest challenges will be the improvements required to the local transport network to ensure it continues to operate successfully, the timely provision of new primary schools, secondary schooling, new and improved health services and the delivery of the upgrades to the WWTW necessary to support development in the wider sub-region.
- 15.5 The introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in the Borough and changes to national policy about application of Section 106 (S106) Agreements means that the way development will contribute to the funding of infrastructure is changing. Whilst this presents further challenges, it also provides potential opportunities including the ability to acquire land for the delivery of infrastructure through CIL and the requirement to engage with local communities over local infrastructure priorities. The CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) and Ministerial Statements have restricted the use of developer contributions paid through S106 since April 2015. The Council has developed a clear strategy to the delivery of infrastructure with a view to maximising the benefits of CIL and S.106. This is articulated through our Regulation 123 list, which can be found under the following link:
- [http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/docs/default-source/strategic-planning/cil-regulation-123-list-\(pdf-218-kb\).pdf?sfvrsn=0](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/docs/default-source/strategic-planning/cil-regulation-123-list-(pdf-218-kb).pdf?sfvrsn=0)
- 15.6 The council intends to continue updating the infrastructure requirements set out in Schedules on an annual basis. The annual update will include monitoring the delivery of infrastructure, and will focus particularly on updating the associated

schedules and estimated costs of delivering the infrastructure. Any key changes will be reported through the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).

- 15.7 It is likely that future updates to the InDP will be supported by brief settlement statements regards infrastructure priorities and a focused Infrastructure Business Plan (IBP) will take forward the short term infrastructure projects and CIL funding programme in more detail. The IBP will have a focus on delivery of specific infrastructure items and provide clearer timescales.
- 15.8 The Council has purchased a new software package, Exacom, to monitor and administer both CIL and Section 106. More detail will be provided on the use of CIL and Section 106 through the AMR, a new Infrastructure Business Plan and via the Council's website including any external links.