

# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Planning 08/02/2024

## West Berkshire Local Plan Review

**Agenda item 23/0136 a: To consider the questions raised regarding the concerns expressed by Burghfield AWE (MOD) and the Environment Agency on the allocated large development within the parish of Burghfield (reference WBC's Local Plan Review Proposed Submission RSA12 pg 109) and the effect upon neighbouring parishes and resolve any actions to be taken.**

### BACKGROUND

An email has been received from a member of the public as follows:

*My reason for contacting Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council is to request their consideration in accepting the following question to be presented during Stratfield Mortimer's Full Parish Council meeting scheduled to take place on 8 February 2024.*

*Noting that a proportion of Stratfield Mortimer Parish boundary encapsulates the defined boundary associated with Burghfield AWE, being Burghfield AWE's Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ), presents challenges to existing citizens in respect of the delivery of extended and new residential and other developments.*

*The introduction of an extended Detailed Emergency Planning was a response to the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami. Subsequent to the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami and the passing of REPPiR 2019 onto the statute books, governments throughout the world were aware of the IAEA's (International Atomic Energy Agency) direction of travel relating to the need to review and strengthen, as required, the DEPZs and OPZs, relative to nuclear establishments including those located within West Berkshire District Council's jurisdiction.*

*My question therefore is as follows:*

*"The Planning Inspectorate's correspondence dated 22 Nov 2023 invites Regulation 19 consultees, Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council being one, to consider submitting further representations relevant to WBC's emerging Local Plan (period to 2039).*

*Burghfield AWE(MOD) & the Environment Agency(EA) have registered objections to the allocated large development within the parish of Burghfield (see WBC's emerging Local Plan reference RSA12\*) citing considerable concerns. Noting part of the parish of Stratfield Mortimer existing citizens will be impacted as a consequence of an increased population can Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council confirm:*

*1) They received the above referenced correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate dated 22 November 2023?*

*2) To agree to consider, and minute, if the concerns as expressed by Burghfield AWE(MOD) and the Environment Agency, together with any other recorded relevant concerns, will be impactful upon Stratfield Mortimer Parish citizens and their neighbouring parishes within the vicinity.*

*3) Should SMPC resolve Burghfield AWE and the Environment Agency concerns are credible and valid, to agree to submit a further written statement expressing their concerns, to the Planning Inspectorate prior to the submission dates as stated in the Planning Inspectorate's 22 Nov 23 correspondence?"*

\* see document 23/106 a1 page 109

Clerk 02/02/2024