

**PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING REGULATIONS (LOCAL PLANNING)
(ENGLAND) (2012) REGULATIONS 26 & 35 (as amended)
THE BRAINTREE DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN 2013-2033 SECTION 2
(DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT) ADOPTION STATEMENT**

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) notice is hereby given that Braintree District Council, by decision at the meeting of Council on Monday 25th July 2022, has formally adopted the Braintree District Local Plan 2013-2033 section 2 (hereafter the 'Section 2 Plan').

The 'Section 2 Plan' was prepared by Braintree District Council, and is designed to:

- Set the spatial strategy and settlement hierarchy to guide growth and development across Braintree District to 2033;
- Identifies locations to deliver local housing need, employment need and supporting infrastructure, including retail, leisure, community facilities, education, and transport;
- Contains development management policies to be used by the Council when determining planning applications.

The Section 2 Plan contains policies which sets out the Spatial Strategy for the District and shows how growth will be managed to meet the needs of the District to 2033.

Policies also set out the approach to economic growth including retailing across the District. Policies set out the detailed requirements to protect and enhance the District's environment, biodiversity, green infrastructure, and to address climate change. Through the policy LPP16 – Housing Provision and Delivery, the Section 2 Plan sets out how the District's housing need is to be met. The Development Management Policies guide the planning application process and set out how development will be managed.

Following examination by independent Planning Inspectors, a 'Report on the Examination of the Braintree Local Plan Section 2' under section 21(9) of the Act, was received by Braintree District Council on 14th June 2022. The above-mentioned report confirmed that, subject to the Inspector's recommended 'main modifications' (pursuant to section 23 (3) of the Act) (which have been agreed by the Council and incorporated into the adopted document), the Section 2 Plan meets legal requirements of the national planning system and the 'tests of soundness' contained within national planning policy – as necessary for it to proceed to formal adoption.

The formal adoption of the Section 2 Local Plan by Braintree District Council means the remaining policies contained within the Core Strategy (2011) and the Local Plan Review (2005) no longer apply.

Any person aggrieved by Braintree District Council's decision to adopt the Section 2 Plan may make an application, under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to the High Court, on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate powers and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application should be made promptly and, in any event, no later than the end of the six-week challenge period, beginning on 25th July 2022.

The Section 2 Plan and its appendices, Policies Maps, this adoption statement, the Sustainability Appraisal (and addendum), and the Planning Inspector's report are available to view online via the Council's website: www.braintree.gov.uk

The Documents above are also available for inspection at Braintree District Council offices, Causeway House, The Causeway, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB

A copy of this Adoption Statement will be sent to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

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