

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet member

(All sections must be completed (mark "N/A" as applicable))

DECISION MAKER (Name and designation)

Cllr Keith Dibble, Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

To response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on the following consultation:

- Reforms to the statutory consultee system

The consultation seeks views on reforming the role of statutory consultees in the planning system and covers the following proposals, including the removal of statutory consultee status from certain bodies, reviewing the scope of what statutory consultees advise on, and improving performance management across existing statutory consultee bodies in the planning system.

The proposals could impact on the day-to-day activities of the planning service in relation to statutory consultations, and the input of statutory consultees to the planning application process, and it is therefore important that the Council makes a response to MHCLG on this consultation.

The response has been prepared in consultation with members of the Strategic Housing and Local Plan Group (SHLPG). A draft of the response was shared with SHLPG members for comment on 6th January 2026.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

13th January 2026

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

The Council could choose not to respond to the consultations. However, due to the potential implications of the consultations for the planning service, this was not considered an appropriate option.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

Signed

(Decision maker)

Designation: *Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder*

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