

Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)

Regulation 18 consultation questionnaire

18 June 2015 – 31 July 2015



How to respond to this Consultation

The Site Allocations DPD public consultation documents are available on the Woking2027 website (see www.woking2027.info), local libraries and the Council's Civic Offices.

You can use this form to let us have your comments on the draft Site Allocations DPD. Additional copies of this questionnaire can also be downloaded from the website.

Alternatively, the Woking2027 website features an online version of this questionnaire and an interactive map of the proposed development sites, through which you can let us know your views.

The public consultation is open to **5pm on Friday 31 July 2015**. Unfortunately we cannot accept responses received after 5pm on the closing date.

Data Protection: Please be aware that representations received by the Council will be made publicly available. If you have any questions about completing this form please contact the Planning Policy team by email planning.policy@woking.gov.uk or on **01483 743871**.

Your details

Please provide your contact details below. We are unable to accept anonymous or confidential responses.

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other (please specify) ___Mr_____

First name ___Michael_____

Surname ___Adams_____

Position (if applicable) _____

Organisation (if applicable)_____

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Gateway_____

Locality _____

Town _____Woking_____

County _____

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Please select your status or that of any party you are representing:

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Resident of Woking Borough | <input type="radio"/> Owner of land in Woking Borough |
| <input type="radio"/> Someone who works in Woking Borough | <input type="radio"/> Planning / land agent |
| <input type="radio"/> Someone who visits Woking Borough | <input type="radio"/> Developer |
| <input type="radio"/> Someone representing a group or organisation | <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) |
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If you are an agent representing another party, please state who:

Please note that everyone responding to this consultation will be notified of future Woking Borough planning policy consultations. If you would prefer not to be contacted in the future, please tick

Woking Citizens' Panel

Woking Citizens' Panel is comprised of a group of residents from across Woking from all backgrounds, ages and ethnicities. They are contacted a number of a times each year, via email or post, and asked to provide their views on all kinds of issues that affect local people.

Would you like to join the Woking Citizens' Panel?

- Yes No I am already a member

Please provide your comments using the questions on the following two pages and return the whole questionnaire – including any additional comments pages – by 5pm, Friday 31 July 2015:

- By email to: planning.policy@woking.gov.uk
- By post to: **Planning Policy, Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking, Surrey, GU21 6YL**

Please note that responses will not be individually acknowledged.

Thank you for taking the time to respond.

Your views

Please complete a separate copy of pages 3 and 4 of this questionnaire for each individual site or section that you wish to comment on.

Which consultation document does your comment concern? Please tick one option only:

Site Allocations DPD Sustainability Appraisal Report Habitat Regulations Assessment
or General comment (not specific to any one of the consultation documents) Suggest a new site

Which site or section of the document does your comment concern? (if applicable)

Please state all that apply:

Site reference: (please select and note number) UA / GB

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Section title _____

Page number _____

Paragraph number _____

Are you? Supporting Objecting A combination of these Neutral

Your comment

The Core Strategy produced in October 2012 identifies an area of approximately 7.3 Hectares within Sheerwater as urban open space. This green space is now proposed to be included in the site allocations DPD as an urban development space.

I wish to strongly object to this re-designation on the following grounds:-

It is the only area of public open space within the Sheerwater/Woodham area of the borough and provides facilities for both the local and wider community in various guises currently including an athletics track, football pitches and a recreation ground and allows for public/community events such as fairs and fetes. It also provides an area of general space for dog walking and general recreation. The open space is an integral part of the Sheerwater estate and was transferred to Woking Council on the understanding that it would be kept as open space and there are covenants in the transfer to this effect. If either the athletics track and/or the football pitches are relocated then it should revert to its original use as a public open area and suitably landscaped. Sheerwater is currently one of the most densely populated areas of the borough and if this area of green space is lost and replaced with housing the increased population density will have an adverse effect on the environment of the estate including increased noise, pollution, traffic congestion and loss of wildlife.

It would seem that this proposal goes wholly against nearly all of the core strategic objectives developed within the approved Core Strategy of 2012 and it not driven by those objectives but rather through the desire on behalf of the council to get a capital gain by removing this open space and selling it to a developer. Should the Council at any point in time have planning approval to redevelop any areas of Sheerwater then that would be the point at which any change in designation of any Urban Open Space areas may be considered.

The loss of this area of open space is against CS7 and will have a severe impact on the SANG as the loss of this facility particularly for dog walking will result in the nearest alternative sites, near to and within the

SANG being used for this purpose. The conversion of this land will also have an impact on the Basingstoke Canal SSSI by reducing the wildlife corridor related spaces and habitat and increasing the use of the towpath as a recreational and commuting resource.

The Urban Open Space is partly within flood zone 2 and has the potential to suffer risk of flooding due to a breach of the embankment of the Basingstoke Canal and through its position on the flood plain. CS9 states that development in these areas should not take place if there are suitable alternatives. Woking has already produced a plan showing how their targets for new housing are to be met and does not include the use of this open space.

This proposal also goes contrary to CS19 in that there would be a loss of social and community facilities with the removal from the local area of the football pitches and recreation ground.

CS17 is very clear about open space and its preservation.

I fail to see why this designation has been proposed when the adopted policies map identifies this as an area for protection.

The area of the recreation ground and running track currently designated as public open space and amounting to some 7.3 Hectares should therefore be removed from the development area UA32.

Proposed modifications – please explain what changes you consider should be made, if any (for example, changes to the text, a site boundary, etc.)

Exclude the current recreation ground, football pitches and running track areas from the development site.

These comments are page ____ of ____ pages.

More comments?

If you would like to make additional comments about other proposed sites or sections of any of the consultation documents, please complete further copies of pages 3 and 4 of this questionnaire. Please ensure that these are firmly attached with the main questionnaire - including pages 1 and 2 providing your details - and return this by email or post to the Council (contact details on page 2).