

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) ___ Mrs _____

First name ___ Verity _____

Surname ___ Betterley _____

Position (if applicable) _____

Organisation (if applicable) _____

House name and/or number ___ 10 _____

Street ___ Smarts Heath Road _____

Locality ___ Mayford _____

Town ___ Woking _____

County ___ Surrey _____

Post code ___ GU22 0NP _____

Email address_ [REDACTED] _____

Telephone [REDACTED] _____

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 X

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 __ **GB8, GB9, GB10 and GB11** _____

Section title _____

Page number _____

Paragraph number _____

Are you? Supporting Objecting A combination of these Neutral

Your comment

I strongly object to the proposal to develop the Green Belt land at sites GB8, GB9, GB10 and GB11.

Any housing built on the above sites will fill the open green space between Mayford and Woking and significantly alter the character of Mayford village. The consultation document makes no consideration of the effect that this development would have on the existing residents of the area and specifically those that live in Mayford. Mayford is a village of strong historical importance and was listed in the Doomesday Book. There is a sign in the village that celebrates this fact. The Green Belt Review dismisses the relevance of the Green Belt on the basis that "Woking is not considered to be a town that has a particularly strong historical character." Clearly this is not correct with respect to all parts of the Borough. Woking Borough Council should be trying to preserve and promote the history of the Borough not destroy it through excessive development.

National planning policy with regard to Green Belt states that Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances and that housing need does not justify harm done to the Green Belt by inappropriate development. Woking Borough Council has not proved any exceptional circumstances that would justify development on the above sites. Furthermore, the council has provided no independently verified evidence that all 'Brownfield' sites in the borough have been exhausted for development potential.

Mayford has a road network that contains several narrow roads, many are unlit at night and there are few pedestrian footpaths. Furthermore Worplesdon station has no pedestrian access aside from unlit public footpaths that cross heathland. The bus service to the area is poor to non-existent. The infrastructure around Mayford means it is simply not suitable for substantial additional development. The increase in road

traffic alone would cause considerable congestion and create additional hazards to pedestrians. The Green Belt Review recommended Mayford on the basis of proximity to a local centre. This has to be a joke. The “local centre” is simply a Post Office and a barbers shop. These are hardly the facilities that would be required to meet the needs of several hundred additional residents.

Please re-consider the plans to develop these Green Belt sites. You are in danger of approving plans that will irrevocably change the nature and character of a very special and beautiful part of our Borough. As a council you have responsibility to protect such areas, not destroy them.

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

Site GB8, GB9, GB10 and GB11 should be removed from the Site Allocations DPD and not considered for future development.

These comments are page ____ of _4_ 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).