

Site Allocations DPD consultation online questionnaire.

About This Form

This is the online form which you can use to give us your comments on the draft Site Allocations development plan document (DPD). The public consultation documents are available at [Woking2027 website](#).

The public consultation is open from **Thursday 18 June to Friday 31 July 2015**. Unfortunately we cannot accept responses received after 5pm on the closing date.

You can let us have your comments in a number of ways:

- 1. Use this online questionnaire – instructions are set out below.
- 2. Complete a downloadable / printable questionnaire and return this either by email to planning.policy@woking.gov.uk or by post to the Planning Policy team, Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking, Surrey, GU21 6YL.
- 3. Complete the comments form accompanying the online Site Allocations interactive map (see www.woking2027.info).
- 4. You can also register your comments with the Planning Policy Team at one of our public consultation events (see www.woking2027.info)

If you have any questions about completing this form please contact the Planning Policy team by email on planning.policy@woking.gov.uk or telephone on 01483 743871.

Mandatory Fields

This questionnaire will ask you for your views on the various consultation documents: the draft Site Allocations document, the Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations Assessment. If you have no comments on any one of these, simply choose 'next' to move to the next page of the questionnaire.

You can also suggest a new potential development site or make a general comment (not specific to any one of the consultation documents).

Some fields are mandatory, so must be completed. They are marked with a red asterisk.

Please note we are unable to accept anonymous responses.

You must complete all the form in one session, no information will be saved. If a form is half completed and closed, you will need to start again.

Data Protection

Please be aware that representations received by the Council will be made publicly available.

The Council may also use this information within the Council to exercise functions of a public nature in the public interest.

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Please select your status or that of any party your are representing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident of Woking Borough <input type="checkbox"/> Someone who works in Woking Borough <input type="checkbox"/> Someone who visits Woking Borough <input type="checkbox"/> Someone representing a group or organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner of land in Woking Borough <input type="checkbox"/> Planning / Land agent <input type="checkbox"/> Developer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

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 this box

Your views on the Site Allocations document

This section is for providing comments regarding the Draft Site Allocations DPD. Please provide as much detail as possible, for example the page or paragraph numbers to which your comment relates and explain any changes you consider should be made to the document.

This section can also be used to suggest a new potential development site to the Council (please state the full site address and contact details for the landowner(s) in your comments).

Site allocations	Site UA46 Somerset House Woking
Would you like to	Neutral
Please give us your comment	Firstly, it was a surprise the Council has contacted the neighbouring property (UA45 Owen's Court) about the proposed changes to the site but not approached the owners of Somerset House. Very little information seems to have been provided- someone kindly put a leaflet up on the Somerset House notice board this week (W/C 27th July), otherwise no other information has been received about it. This has also left limited time to consider a very large document, so it has not been possible to scrutinise it in detail. The reasons for revelopment are made clear in the document overall and it is easy to understand why more homes are needed. However, some questions come to mind. The proposal is for the site to be a mixed use development to comprise of offices and residential, including Affordable Housing. The concern is that Woking

has seen a number of developments with retail and office space available which have not been rented out and are sitting empty. Existing office buildings and retail space have also been vacated and sit empty. Would building more mixed use developments create more empty unused spaces? Does the draft document consider if existing sites already meet the 30% affordable housing target?

Traffic around the junction of Station Approach, Oriental Road, White Rose Lane and Heathside Crescent can be troublesome as it is- with the traffic coming in and out of the station, the zebra crossings on Heathside crescent and the build of traffic trying to join Guildford Road by the Police Station. If more residential properties are built in this vicinity, has there been any consideration of how additional traffic is managed in this area-especially if planning goes through on the site of the old St Dunstan's church where the developer is proposing an underground car park for 45 cars.

Some additional questions that come to mind:
If the Council do decide to use this site, how will the owners of the land be compensated?
If this becomes an ongoing negotiation over a long period of time, this could affect the property value of the flats at Somerset House. If owners wish/need to sell during the period of negotiation, so again, how and will the Council compensate for this?

Regeneration should be focussed on making the main shopping area and town centre a more attractive place for people to come to. A lot of work has been done already and you can see the improvements. When the work on Victoria Square is completed, this will enhance the centre further. Retail and Office space do not tend to thrive beyond the main retail area- businesses on Goldsworth Road, the Centrum and Guildford Road have a high turnover and this should be considered before adding more space for similar usage.

Proposed modifications - Please explain what changes you consider should be made (for example, to the text, to the site boundary)

If you would like to comment on another part of the consultation document, please select the 'Add' button below'

General comment or suggest a new site

This section is for general comment not covered by the previous pages.

Any other comments

Thank you for taking the time to respond.

You have reached the end of this questionnaire. Please ensure that you have completed all the relevant fields.

If you wish to review all the information you have supplied click on the **Review** button.

If you wish to change some of the information you have entered click on the **Previous** button to get back to the relevant page.

If you wish to discard the information you have entered click on the **Cancel** button.

When you are happy with the information you have supplied click on the **Submit** button.

What will happen next?

When you click the submit button, the information you have provided will be submitted to the Council as a formal response to the consultation. A copy will also be sent to the email address you have provided, for your records. Please note that responses will not be individually acknowledged.

After 5pm on 31 July 2015, all of the responses will be analysed. We will compile the results of the consultation and will update the Site Allocations document before asking for your views again. After that, the final Site Allocations

document will be submitted to the Government for its consideration at an independent Examination.

The Council provides updates on the progress of this and other planning policy documents to those who have responded to a previous consultation and /or have expressed an interest to be kept informed. We also keep our local plan website [Woking2027](#) up to date with the latest information.