

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 David

Surname Niven Reed

Position (if applicable) _____

Organisation (if applicable) _____

House name and/or number 13

Street The Gateway

Locality Woodham

Town Woking

County Surrey

Post code GU21 5SN

Email address [REDACTED]

Telephone [REDACTED]

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

- Resident of Woking Borough
 - Someone who works in Woking Borough
 - Someone who visits Woking Borough
 - Someone representing a group or organisation

 - Owner of land in Woking Borough
 - Planning / land agent
 - Developer
 - Other (please specify)
-

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 _____

Section title _ **General comment / Feedback** _____

Page number _____

Paragraph number _____

Are you? Supporting Objecting A combination of these Neutral

Your comment

I think that it is excellent indeed that Woking Council has held a consultation on the Site Allocation Development Plan Document. Anything that allows the electorate to have a say in what happens in the town is to be welcomed. Anything that allows the electors to let their elected representatives know what they think about what is happening in the borough and what is proposed for the borough is to be applauded.

But what a consultation! What madness!

1. How was anyone to know that there was a consultation going on? I found out from a friend of a friend of a friend etc., and had no idea of the size of the task. "Time running out to have your say on future development sites in Woking" does not prepare you for the massive amount of reading and study that needs to be done if you are to understand what is being proposed, and where.

2. How easy was it to find the material on the website? I thought I was fairly able to use a computer and the Internet, but it took me 2 or 3 circuits to understand what was going on, what was required, and where the relevant documents were.

3. I counted 18 documents, and there was no easy way in. Each one had to be downloaded and reviewed and noted to see what it contained and how it related to all the other documents, and how the documents fitted with each other. A lengthy task just in itself.

4. The total number of pages was 2157 (as long as you recognised that the 417 pages in the first 6 documents were repeated in a single block in the 7th document, and depending on how many pages you read before you realised that you had seen them before).

5. And the language in the documents may well be the normal technical parlance in council offices, but it is certainly not the language of the ordinary "man in the street" who would find most of it completely opaque.

6. It may have seemed like a good idea to have copies of the documents available for inspection at the council offices and at libraries, but it has to be asked how much good that is when it takes prolonged study and note taking to understand what is being presented. Even at skip reading speed and being very selective about the passages and drawings examined we are still talking hours not minutes to gather enough information to be able to respond.

So this was a consultation, but not with material that could be digested and considered by “an ordinary person”, and not a consultation that could be managed by “an ordinary person”. For an exercise like this to be meaningful it has to be much, much more accessible and intelligible and must be broken down in manageable portions.

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

These comments are page __1__ of __1__ 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).