

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 & Mrs

First name – Nigel and Nicole Oliver

Surname _____ Oliver _____

Position (if applicable) ___n/a_____

Organisation (if applicable)_n/a_____

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Locality Mayford

Town Woking _____

County Surrey_____

Post code GU220NT_____

Email address _____

Telephone _____

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

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

_____ N/A _____

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 11**

Section title B Development of infrastructure sites to be taken out of the Green Belt

Page number 259 _____

Paragraph number _____

Are you? Supporting **Objecting** A combination of these Neutral

Your comment

Others will have covered key aspects concerning the **importance of preserving the green belt** in maintaining the green separation between settlements, the need to protect biodiversity and issues concerning highway matters in relation to the Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitats Regulations Assessment, however we wish to comment specifically on the release of lands within GB11 from The Green Belt.

On 22 August 2006 we moved into Little Gorsewood in Saunders Lane, Mayford which is a 4 bay timber framed house, a grade II listed Building.

During our residency we have begun to uncover and understand the importance of the property and surrounding lands to our local Woking heritage not only in terms of historical interest, but also biodiversity and geodiversity.

In February 2013 the Domestic Buildings Research Group carried out a survey of the property and reported that Little Gorsewood appears to be the 2 surviving western bays of a **larger Tudor house**, probably built in the mid-16th century, with evidence to suggest the house was built with an **open hall and smoke bay**.

During **renovation to the building and gardens** we have discovered a number of **artefacts of historical interest**, dated and verified by Surrey History Centre, which corroborate the history of the **building, the surrounding land and its recognised intrinsic value to our National and Local Heritage**.

These artefacts include a **Charles I Silver shilling dated 1641-43** (dated by Surrey History Centre), early **1700s** onion bottles (dated by Surrey History Centre), a clay pipe dating to approximately the **1620s** and numerous smaller objects were found to the rear/East side of the house bordering the field adjacent.

This Tudor property and its surrounding lands lie within the vicinity of Woking Manor (some 3 miles away) and Triggs Lock at Wey Navigation at Send (2 miles away) **areas of recognised and contemporaneous historical interest (designated AHAP)**. Its position, facing South, on the south face of the Hook Heath Escarpment sheltered by rising ground, may contain **further archaeological potential particularly given Saxon and Saxo-Norman settlements nearby**

in Old Woking.

The property is clearly shown on the 1768 Surrey Map and 1843 Woking Tithe Map (Surrey History Centre). The plot include the Tudor building and **a number of additional buildings indicated on the map not only** sited within our current boundaries but also on a large triangle of land adjacent, to the West of the property, once appertaining to the property itself. The foundations and lower walls are still visible and are made of bricks consistent with those found now in the main Tudor House. In the 19th century part of the building was described as a **farmhouse 'Sanders Farm on Send Lane'** (now Saunders Lane), farming the surrounding fields. Latterly the property passed to the Gorse Hill estate.

'Maiford' is an historical village has been recognised for its distinct rural character since the days of the Domesday Book. Little Gorsewood, its gardens of ancient hawthorn hedgerows and wild plant species and surrounding fields are situated at the heart of the village, **linking rural traditions, historical connections, rich biodiversity and natural heritage.**

It is our belief that releasing land for recommended development to the North of Little Gorsewood, will irreparably harm the historic character and distinct rural setting of this Listed building and other Listed buildings in Saunders lane/Hook Heath; prevent conservation and compromise further research into the historical nature of the site and its surrounding land, important for both our local and national heritage.

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 ____ 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).