

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.

Contact Details

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| Title* | Mrs |
| First name* | Sandra |
| Surname* | Pearce |
| House name and/or number | 11 |
| TownYou can overwrite the default "Woking" text in this field.* | Woking |
| County* | Surrey |
| Post code* | GU21 5SN |
| Email address* | [REDACTED] |
| Street* | The Gateway |
| Telephone number | [REDACTED] |
| Locality | Woodham |
| 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 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).

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| Site allocations | Site UA32 Sheerwater Priority Place Woking |
| Would you like to | Objecting |
| Please give us your comment | As a 'priority place' Sheerwater is already the subject of a huge planning proposal which involves demolishing people's homes, replacing them with more dwellings and reducing the amount of green space available for leisure activities. |
| | As part of this plan, Sheerwater Recreation Ground would be built on. I strongly object to this for the following reasons: |
| | 1. This is a valued recreational facility for residents of Sheerwater and the wider Woking community. To build on it goes against Woking's stated sustainability policies. |
| | 'Sustainability Sustainability is about integrating and balancing the often competing needs of economic, social and environmental issues. It involves thinking about the |

future, caring for the environment, improving quality of life and encouraging greater community participation.

Working towards sustainability is part of Woking Borough Council's corporate commitment.'

Sheerwater is one of the most densely populated areas in Woking. Any new development which increases population density, will put additional pressure on green space to the detriment of the well being of Sheerwater residents. It would not respect the balance between the 'competing needs of economic, social and environmental issues', favouring economic gain over the needs of local people and the environment.

Development on this site goes against many of the core strategic objectives within the WBC's Core Strategy of 2012.

2. This area sits on a flood plain, partly designated in Flood Zone 2. The Core Strategy indicates that this should not be built on if there is an alternative. There is an additional flood risk in building on this site as it is adjacent to the Basingstoke Canal. The canal banking in the area of the recreation ground is designated Grade 5 embankment. Should this be breached, it could cause £5 million worth of damage and even result in loss of life. .

3. The proximity of the recreation ground to the Basingstoke Canal corridor is of great concern. The Canal is an SSSI. It is essential that the biodiversity of this area is protected. Protected species such as bats (at least 3, possibly as many as 7 species) and great crested newts, are found in this area, along with owls and at least 20 other species of bird. The mature trees, especially oak, are a vital habitat for many creatures large and small. Current plans involve felling mature trees where they fall outside the narrow protected corridor. WBC is currently reviewing targets set in the Surrey Biodiversity Action Plan. It is to be hoped that they will comply with their own targets and safeguard this important area, which is under threat from development.

4. Ownership of the recreation ground was passed to WBC under a covenant which designated this piece of land for recreational use. WBC has no legal or moral authority to deprive local people of their right to use the land for recreational purposes.

5. The plans of WBC and a developer to build on this site predate this consultation and therefore, pre-suppose that the area will be re-designated, rendering this consultation a sham.

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

Whilst appreciating the need to build more houses I am greatly concerned at any reduction in green space, threats to biodiversity and increase in traffic. Planning procedures should be transparent and encourage participation by local people. New buildings and amenities should be more sympathetic to the environment. Public transport should be increased, improved and made affordable. Every effort should be made to decrease the need for car ownership. It is not sufficient to plan developments on the premise that people will not own a

car or own only one car when we live in an area where it is not possible to get by on public transport.

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.