

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)

First name *Graham*

Surname *Phillips*

Position (if applicable) *N/A*

Organisation (if applicable) *N/A*

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Town *Woking*

County *Surrey*

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

- Resident of Woking Borough Someone who visits Woking Borough
- Someone who works in Woking Borough

Someone representing a group or organisation

Planning / land agent

Developer

Owner of land in Woking Borough

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

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 Sites GB1 to GB16

Section title *Draft Site Allocations DPD Section B GB1 to GB16*

Page number

Paragraph number

Are you? Supporting Objecting A combination of these Neutral

Your comment

As background to my views I was brought up in an era when Green Belt was a very strong (almost sacrosanct) planning constraint. I appreciate that there are housing targets that have been presented to Woking council, and so that if those targets are to be met the council has a problem, bearing in mind that the Green Belt is tightly wrapped around the Woking urban area.

However, now that the implications of having to meet the externally defined housing targets (i.e. the need to use some Green Belt land for housing) have become clear, the housing targets could ideally be revised downwards.

The DPD has made comprehensive efforts to identify housing sites inside the urban area boundary. I do not have comments on those proposed sites. However, I am concerned about the sites that have been identified within the Green Belt for release between 2022 and 2027. I am also concerned about the additional sites that have been safeguarded, within the Green Belt, for future development needs between 2027 and 2040.

Site GB6, which is a road junction upgrade, seems reasonable, and I do not object to that. However, I object to all the GB sites that either definitely contain a housing element, (or are likely to) namely GB1 to GB5 and GB7 to GB16. I do not want to go into details about individual sites. Instead, I am making an overall point that if the housing target involves using Green Belt for housing development, then the housing target is too high. The housing target needs to be reduced, so that it is not necessary to use Green Belt land for housing. Therefore, in my view, a target of less than 4,964 additional dwellings would be suitable.

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).