

Site allocations DPD

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To - the planning department

From – Woking Chamber of Commerce

Regarding – Site Allocations DPD

Woking Chamber have been in discussions with the council over providing feedback from our members with the proposed allocations. We sent details of the consultation to all members and the Chamber's submission is based on comments received.

All responses were supportive of the proposed allocations in general, with a view that they focussed on re-generating the areas of the borough in most need and that the percentage of green belt allocations were sensible given housing targets.

Based on individual responses, we ask that WBC consider the following points when developing the final version of the DPD and taking applications through the planning process:

- Responses received highlighted (and supported) the large scale of Woking town centre developments and suggested that careful management would be needed to ensure that concurrent developments cause minimal issues for those trading and living in that area (and not carry out immediately one after the other as this would mean disruption for long continuous periods). We suggest therefore that it may be appropriate to group allocations into a larger number of smaller delivery periods rather than the current 2015-2027 band for urban/village brown field developments.
- There will be a need to ensure an adequate review of the road system is carried out to ensure growth in traffic will not cause bottlenecks/poor air quality, and we ask that road improvements be integrated into overall plans. The Goldsworth Road / Church St West approaches look to be most in need of this.
- There will be a need to ensure that adequate parking is available for homes and businesses
- In order to carry out some of the redevelopments businesses will be forced to move building. We ask that WBC continue to offer support and advice to businesses needing to relocate to avoid driving businesses out of town, and consider the inclusion of more light industrial units for SMEs within the borough.

On behalf of Woking Chamber

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