

Response to Guildford Borough Council's proposed Submission Local Plan

Summary

Following Executive in September 2014 a letter of objection was sent on Guildford Borough Council's Draft Borough Local Plan: Strategy and Sites. A copy of this letter is appended to this report at Annex 1.

Guildford Borough Council has now begun consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan Strategy and Sites document. This document has addressed many of the concerns raised in the earlier consultation.

However Officers have concern regarding the removal of the Pirbright Barracks and Keogh Barracks from the Green Belt, particularly as there has been no Duty to Co-operate discussions on these sites.

Members are requested to consider the proposed consultation response set out in the letter at Annex 2 of this report as the Borough's formal representations on the draft Guildford Local Plan.

Consultation on the document commenced on the 6th June and the closing date for comments is the 18th July 2016.

Portfolio - Regulatory

Date Portfolio Holder signed off report June 13th 2016.

Wards Affected

All

Recommendation

The Executive is advised to RESOLVE that the letter contained in Annex 2 be authorised as Surrey Heath Borough Council's formal representations to the Draft Guildford Borough Local Plan: Strategy and Sites consultation.

1. Resource Implications

- 1.1 There are no resource implications beyond that provided for within the agreed budget for 2016/17.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Surrey Heath Borough Council objected to the 2014 consultation on the Draft Guildford Local Plan- Strategy and Sites. The objections are set out in the following paragraphs. Officer's now consider that these objections have been addressed in the 2016 consultation document.
- 2.2 However the 2016 Proposed Submission Local Plan removes Pirbright Barracks and Keogh Barracks from the Green Belt. These sites are adjacent to Surrey Heath and there has been no Duty to Co-operate discussions regarding these sites. In addition the sites have no alternative designation other than major developed sites. Officers

consider that an objection should be raised regarding the lack of duty to co-operate in respect of the removal of these sites from the Green Belt and to seek clarification of future uses for these sites.

2.3 The previous objections raised were:

- **Lack of supporting evidence-** the 2016 Local Plan is now supported by full evidence base and as such the objection no longer remains.
- **Identifying Full Objectively Assessed Housing Needs and housing targets-** The 2016 Local Plan identifies and seeks to meet their need in full and as such the objection no longer remains.
- **Strategic growth location in the Blackwater Valley –** The 2016 Local Plan recognises the importance of Ash/Tongham area's role in Guildford and the Blackwater Valley. There is recognition of the need to maintain this areas separation from other settlement areas. The Green Belt is also to be extended in this area and as such the objection no longer remains.

3. Options

- 3.1 The Executive can AGREE the letter in Annex 2 as the Council's response to the Proposed Submission Guildford borough Local Plan: Strategy and Sites 2016 consultation.
- 3.2 The Executive can AGREE the letter in Annex 2 with modifications as the Council's response to the Proposed Submission Guildford borough Local Plan: Strategy and Sites 2016 consultation.
- 3.3 The Executive can NOT AGREE the letter in Annex 2 and make no response to the Proposed Submission Guildford borough Local Plan: Strategy and Sites 2016 consultation.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 To send a letter in response to the consultation on the Proposed Submission Guildford Local Plan: Strategy and Sites document setting out the Council's concern over the removal of Pirbright Barracks and Keogh Barracks from the Green Belt.

5. Supporting Information

- 5.1 Guildford Borough Proposed Submission Local Plan: Strategy and Sites June 2016.

6. Corporate Objectives And Key Priorities

Responding to Guildford Borough on its draft Local Plan consultation will enable Surrey Heath to maintain an active engagement with an adjoining Borough where there are cross boundary sites and matters of strategic importance between the boroughs.

7. Policy Framework

- 7.1 Making a representation on the draft Guildford borough Local Plan: Strategy and sites will enable Surrey Heath to formally draw Guildford's attention to concerns it has in relation to the emerging policy framework in Guildford.

Annexes	Annex 1 Letter of Objection September 2014 Annex 2 letter setting out Council's response June 2016
Background Papers	None
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Consultations, Implications and Issues Addressed

Resources	Required	Consulted
Revenue	✓	<u>7 June 2016</u>
Capital		
Human Resources		
Asset Management		
IT		
Other Issues	Required	Consulted
Corporate Objectives & Key Priorities	✓	<u>7th June 2016</u>
Policy Framework		
Legal	✓	<u>7th June 2016</u>
Governance		
Sustainability		
Risk Management		
Equalities Impact Assessment		
Community Safety		
Human Rights		
Consultation	✓	<u>7th June 2016</u>
P R & Marketing	✓	<u>7th June 2016</u>

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