

Woking Borough Council Development Delivery DPD Call for sites - briefing note



What is a call for sites?

The call for sites is an important opportunity for all organisations and individuals to suggest land in Woking Borough for development or protection. This will feed into the Council's evidence base and the Development Delivery Development Plan Document (DPD), which will allocate sites for specific uses.

What is the Development Delivery DPD?

The Development Delivery DPD amalgamates the Site Allocations DPD and the Development Management Policies DPD. This DPD will be part of the Development Plan for Woking Borough and critical to the delivery of the Woking Core Strategy. It will establish site-specific planning policies, allocate sites for development and protect areas such as open spaces. Site allocations will be illustrated on the Proposals Map.

More information on the preparation of this and other planning documents for Woking Borough can be found on the Council's website: http://www.woking2027.info

When will the call for sites take place?

The call for sites to inform preparation of the Development Delivery DPD is now open (from 27 March 2014). Let us know your sites by 8 May 2014. We will provide further information on the timetable for the Development Delivery DPD shortly in a revised Local Development Scheme.

How should I respond to the call for sites?

We would like to hear from you if you wish us to consider a site or sites within Woking Borough to be allocated for development or protection. Potential uses might for example be for general housing, Traveller or Traveling Showpeople accommodation, for employment use, open space or infrastructure.

Please send us:

- Requests to consider a new site,
- Any amendments to the records for sites previously submitted to the Council and confirmation that the site is still available.

Please submit all new and updated details using an initial site assessment form.

There is no need to tell us about existing open spaces, allotments, natural areas etc. which are already designated on the Core Strategy Proposals Map or identified in the Woking Borough Council's Green Spaces Development Plan or Infrastructure Delivery Plan. However, if you are aware of a potential site for development that would include some or all of such a designated area, then please submit a site assessment form.

Sites need not necessarily be in your ownership and could be allocated for a wide range of uses. For each site being put forward, an <u>initial site assessment form</u> should be completed and accompanied by a plan showing the location and a clear site boundary. There is no minimum or maximum site size.

What will happen when my response has been submitted?

Submitted sites will be compiled and subject to detailed assessment, including sustainability appraisal, to evaluate whether they should be taken forward through the Development Delivery DPD. You can read more about this process in the Sites taken forward will eventually be examined by an Independent Inspector and, if found sound, will be illustrated on the Proposals Map.

Please note that sites submitted for housing development will also be used to update the Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

What happens next?

Public consultation will take place on the Development Delivery DPD in Autumn 2014 to give you an opportunity to comment on the Council's preferred sites. The DPD will also be informed by a Green Belt boundary review that will be published shortly.

Who can I contact for further information?

If you require further information, please contact the Planning Policy Team:

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