

WBC/48



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MM1	50	Policy CS6 5.10	<p>Last paragraph of the policy, second sentence: A Green Belt boundary review will be carried out in 2016/17 with the specific objective....</p> <p>A review of the Green Belt boundary will be carried out in 2016/17 <u>to inform the Site Allocations DPD and in any event before 2016/17</u>, to evaluate where it is appropriate ...</p>	<p>Policy CS6 already establishes the principle for carrying out a Green Belt boundary review in 2016/17 to inform the allocation of specific deliverable sites to meet housing need between 2022 and 2027. The proposed modification does not change the substance of this principle. No further public consultation and/or SA are necessary as the modification is considered minor.</p>
MM3	63	CS10 Para 5.53	<p>The Council will make provision for <u>at least</u> 4,964 dwellings ...</p> <p>The Council will make provision for the delivery of <u>at least</u> 4,964 dwellings in the Borough between 2010 and 2027 (an annual average of <u>at least</u> 292 per annum)</p>	<p>The Core Strategy makes provision for the delivery of 4,964 net additional dwellings between 2010 and 2027. This is equivalent to an annual average of 292 dwellings. The Council is committed to the comprehensive delivery of this housing requirement. The proposed modification only seeks to ensure that every effort is taken to deliver the full requirements of the policy. It does not change the requirement itself but reinforces the Council's own objective for the comprehensive delivery of the Core Strategy in accordance with Section 6 of the Core Strategy. No further public consultation and/or SA are necessary as the modifications are considered minor.</p>

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MM3	83	5.128	The Broadoaks site in West Byfleet is identified as a Major Developed Site in the Green Belt. The site has planning permission as a high quality office and research park set within landscaped grounds. The Council consider the retention of this site for quality office and/or research premises is important as no other similar sites are available within the Borough. <u>The Council will keep the site under review when updating its ELR and preparing the Site Allocations DPD. The Council will consider justified alternative proposals that contribute quantitatively and qualitatively to the employment objectives of the Borough.</u>	The proposed modification does not change the principle of the employment use of the site as promoted in the Core Strategy. It reiterates and reinforces the importance that the Council attaches to the monitoring and review of the Core Strategy to ensure that it is delivering on its objectives. In particular, Section 6 of the Core Strategy already emphasises the need for the regular review of the Employment Land Review with the objective to inform any potential measures that might be necessary for the effective and comprehensive delivery of the economic objectives of the Core Strategy. No further public consultation and/or SA are necessary as the modification is considered minor.
MM4	70 - 75	Policy CS12	Incorporate the Council modifications detailed in WBC/38 Reference numbers 144, 53, 54, 55, 145, 146, 56, 147.	The proposed modifications set out in WBC/38 – Reference numbers 144, 53, 54, 55, 145, 146, 56 and 147 are all minor modifications or typographical errors that are corrected to provide clarity and improved wording to the policy and also to ensure that the up to date national definition of affordable housing is taken into account. They do not change the substance of the policy. No further public consultation and/or SA are necessary as the modifications are considered minor.

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MM6		Appendices	Include document reference WBC/40 into the CS as Appendix 5.	Appendix 5 does not introduce any new policy. It brings together into a single comprehensive format how the Core Strategy will be delivered and monitored. It should be emphasised that each policy of the Core Strategy already has a section on delivery and monitoring. No further public consultation and/or SA are necessary as the proposed modification is considered minor.
MM7		Appendices	Include information relating to superseded policies based upon WBC/04 into the CS as Appendix 6	Appendix 6 only provides helpful information about the Saved policies of the Woking Local Plan (1999) that will be superseded by the policies of the Core Strategy when it is adopted. It does not introduce any new policy. No further public consultation and/or SA are necessary as the proposed modification is considered minor.
MM8		Policy CS6	Amend the CS in accordance with WBC 43 references 11 and 14	The proposed modifications are minor modifications to reflect terminology used in the National Planning Policy Framework. No further public consultation and/or SA are necessary as the proposed modifications are considered minor.

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MM9		Policy CS25	Modify the CS in accordance with WBC 43 reference 48.	The modification introduces a new policy on the presumption in favour of sustainable development to reflect the requirements of the NPPF. It reiterates paragraph 14 of the NPPF, which is already a material consideration for plan making and planning decisions. It only clarifies the due consideration that will be given to the development plan and the NPPF in determining the acceptability of proposed development. No further public consultation and/or SA are necessary as the proposed modification only reiterates national policy.
MM10	90	Policy CS17	The number of allotments in the Borough Allotment numbers should be protected, and <u>There will be 'in-principle' support for new allotments and opportunities sought to contribute to meeting the Council's standards set in Appendix 4.</u>	The proposed modification improves the wording of the policy and cross reference it to the Council's existing approved standards for the provision of allotments without changing its substance. No further public consultation and/or SA are necessary as the proposed modifications are considered minor.