

Woking Borough Council Local Development Framework Examination of Core Strategy DPD

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Woking Borough Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published by the Government on 27 March 2012. Technical Guidance was published at the same time, which includes further guidance in relation to flood risk, among other matters. On 25 March 2012 the Government published Planning Policy for Traveller Sites. All these will become Core Documents, but can be viewed here:

http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf
http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppftechnicalguidance
http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/planningpolicytravellers

As a result of the above the Inspector is providing an opportunity for comments to be made on whether the NPPF or Policy for Travellers Sites materially change national policy compared with the policy they replace in so far as is relevant to the soundness of the Core Strategy and the main issues he has identified in the Examination.

The Council has prepared a topic paper on how it considers the government's new publications affect the Core Strategy and this is available here alongside proposed modifications. These may be a useful reference point.

http://www.woking2027.info/corestrategy/csexamination/csexaminationdocs

If you wish to make any further comments then the deadline for submissions is 6pm 26th May 2012. Please send 3 paper copies and 1 electronic copy (where possible) to the address above. It is important in this instance that the paper copies are received by the deadline as well as the electronic copy. Upon receipt of all submissions, the Inspector will reach a view as to whether a further public hearing session is required to discuss any matters arising; if so and in the interests of efficiency, a provisional date of 12th June in the Woking Council chamber has been earmarked at this time.

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I trust that this all makes sense but if you have any queries please feel free to contact me. In addition you can always find the latest news and documents submitted on the Council Examination web pages http://www.woking2027.info/.

If you have any questions on this subject please feel free to call on one of the telephone numbers as above

Yours faithfully

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