



Proposed Submission Core Strategy

Consultation Statement

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1.0 Purpose of this statement

- 1.1 This statement has been published to demonstrate how Woking Borough Council has involved the public and its key partners in the Core Strategy process. The Council had decided that public involvement will be at the heart of the process and this statement highlights how this has been achieved at each stage of the process. The Core Strategy has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 and its subsequent amendments. It outlines who was consulted and how they were consulted. It also presents a summary of the main issues raised and explains how they have been addressed by the Council.
- 1.2 This Consultation Statement is prepared in accordance with Regulation 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended) which requires the publication alongside the Proposed Submission Core Strategy, of a statement setting out the following:
- i) which bodies and persons were invited to make representations under regulation 25 (see appendix 1 for full list),
 - ii) how those bodies and persons were invited to make such representations under regulation 25,
 - iii) a summary of the main issues raised by those representations, and
 - iv) how any representations made have been taken into account in the Development Plan Document.

2.0 Stages of consultation for the Woking Borough Core Strategy

- 2.1 A number of consultation and engagement exercises have been carried out as part of the Core Strategy preparation process. Table 1 summaries the key stages of the development of the Core Strategy.

Table 1: Key stages in development of the Core Strategy

Stage in Core Strategy	Consultation Period
Issues and Options Document	27 October to 7 December 2009
Draft Core Strategy	5 November 2010 to 7 January 2011
Core Strategy Publication Document	25 July to 23 September 2011

- 2.2 This Consultation Statement considers each of these stages in the following sections. Each section sets out who was consulted, how they were consulted, the main issues raised in representations and how they have been addressed by the Council in each stage of the Core Strategy preparation. This Statement is supported by a comprehensive set of appendices which provide further details of each consultation exercise. A list of people and organisations consulted at each stage of the process is included in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Council has prepared a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report as an integral part of the Core Strategy. The SA Report has also been subject to extensive public involvement and has been published alongside the Core Strategy during the various consultation stages.
- 2.4 In July 2011, the Council adopted its revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which sets out how the community and other stakeholders will be engaged in the process of preparing Local Development Documents and

when planning applications are received. The 2011 SCI replaced the one adopted by the Council on 22 February 2007. All consultation stages have been carried out in accordance with the SCI.

3.0 Consultation methods

- 3.1 Table 2 provides a summary of the consultation methods used at the various stages of the process. It demonstrates that the Council has used a broad range of methods to consult and engage with stakeholders and the public.
- 3.2 The choice of methods used was tailor-made to achieve the following objectives:
- Effective democratic input of Councillors to ensure that the Core Strategy reflects the priorities of the Council.
 - Corporate approval to the preparation of the Core Strategy to ensure multi-disciplinary cross-service input.
 - Effective involvement of key stakeholders such as the business community in order to understand their needs.
 - Reach out to the “hard-to-reach” groups such as youth and the general public who are going to be affected by the requirements of the Core Strategy such as affordable housing.
- 3.3 The Core Strategy is committed to meeting the needs of all sections of the community and the consultation methods used have sought to achieve this.

Table 2: Summary of consultation methods

	Issues and Options Document	Draft Core Strategy	Core Strategy Publication Document
Letters or emails to all individuals and organisations on the LDF consultation database	√	√	√
Distribution of consultation documents and publicity to all borough libraries	√	√	√
Article in the Woking Magazine(delivered to every household in the Borough)	√	√	√
Coverage in Local Press	√	√	√
Website with link from the front page of the Council website	√	√	√
Press Release	√	√	√
Posters on 14 “Borough Boards”	√	√	√
Display in Woking library	√	√	√
Display in Knaphill library		√	√
Public exhibitions with officers in attendance	√	√	√
Seminars to explain, clarify, discuss and educate the public about what the Core Strategy is seeking to achieve	√	√	√
Public events at key public places such as markets, train stations, supermarkets, etc.	√	√	
Targeted meetings, for example with local business groups	√	√	√
Councillor briefings for informed democratic involvement	√	√	√
Briefing for the Council’s Corporate Management Group (CMG) and Business Managers to ensure a corporate approach to preparing documents	√	√	√
Effective discussions with the Development Management team to ensure effective application of the policies in the Core Strategy.	√	√	√

4.0 Public involvement at the various stages of the Core Strategy process

4.1 First Core Strategy consultation stages

- 4.1.1 The Council submitted its first Core Strategy to the Government on 31 October 2006. This document was accompanied by a full Consultation Statement that is available on the Council's website:

www.woking.gov.uk/planning/policy/ldf/cores/corestrategy1st

A brief summary of the stages of consultation is set out below.

- 4.1.2 In February 2005 the Council undertook consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report. The purpose of the SA Scoping Report is to ensure that the Council's policy approach was as sustainable as possible, balancing social, environmental and economic needs. The Scoping Report provided the framework on which the Sustainability Appraisal were to be based. The comments that were received were taken into account in providing a final version of the Scoping Report. The comments received and how they were taken into account is available on request.

Issues and Options consultation

- 4.1.3 Consultation on the issues and options raised by the first Core Strategy ended in July 2005. The issues and options were summarised in the leaflet, "Fast Forward Ten Years", which was accompanied by a questionnaire. A public workshop was also held allowing open discussions on the options.

- 4.1.4 In producing the Core Strategy Issues and Options Report a number of different research reports were considered. An Initial Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy Issues and Options was also produced to identify the likely significant sustainability impacts of the four options identified in the Core Strategy Issues and Options paper. The results of this consultation were made available in the form of a Report on Consultation and Schedule of Representations on the Council's website.

Preferred Option

- 4.1.5 Following consultation on the Issues and Options and the Sustainability Appraisal, the Council prepared a preferred options document, together with a set of proposed planning policies. The statutory consultation period ran from 27 January until 10 March 2006. The results of this consultation were made available as part of the Core Strategy Pre-Submission Consultation Statement under Regulation 26 on the Preferred Option.

Submission and withdrawal

- 4.1.6 Following consultation on the Preferred Option, the Council submitted its Core Strategy to the Government Office for the South East on 31 October 2006. Following the submission of the Core Strategy a statutory six week consultation was held to give people the opportunity to comment on the final document. Consultation on this submission document and its Sustainability Appraisal ran from 31 October to 12 December 2006. Around 300 individual representations were made on the submission document. These were examined by an independent Planning Inspector. The Inspector appointed to carry out the Examination of the Core Strategy called for an exploratory meeting in order to air a number of concerns to the Council and particular parties, and to obtain clarification and comment on the document. The meeting was held on 15 March 2007. On 2 July 2007 the Council received a

formal direction from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to withdraw and followed this direction.

4.2 Second Woking Borough Core Strategy

- 4.2.1 Woking 2027 (formerly Woking 2026) is the Council's branding for the Local Development Documents (LDDs). Before any consultation on the second Core Strategy began, graphic designers were asked to produce a logo that could be used on all LDDs that depicted some of the key elements of Woking Borough. The logo, shown below, has been designed to reflect key elements of the borough and town centre. The logo has a circle of green around the outside to reflect the green belt which surrounds the borough, the blue semi-circle represents the canal that runs through the borough east to west, the trees reflect the nature of much of the borough, the train and train line showing the importance of the railway not only to Woking but also to West Byfleet, Brookwood, Worplesdon and the region. The top of the Centrium building is shown as it is one of the town centres most iconic buildings and the well-known war memorial from the centre of the town square in Woking is shown in the centre of the logo. The sun is both because of the climate in south-east England but also because of the Council's forward-thinking attitude to tackling climate change.
- 4.2.2 The logo was produced in summer 2009 so it could be used throughout the stages of consultation on the Core Strategy. It was thought an eye-catching logo would help the public to recognise and link the different stages of consultation into one process.



4.3 Consultation on the Issues and Options Paper (27 October to 7 December 2009)

- 4.3.1 Although the specific stages of consultation are no longer formally set out in the Regulations the Council carried out the “Issues and Options” consultation in accordance with Regulation 25 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended). The consultation was run for 6 weeks between Monday 26 October 2009 to Monday 7 December 2009. The Issues and Options Document outlined the key issues for the future planning of Woking Borough and identified a number of different options for addressing them.
- 4.3.2 In order to make the document as user-friendly as possible, additional logos were produced for each chapter of the report which focused on a topic area. The oval theme was continued through the consultation materials and the design of the posters echoed the oval shape of the logo.



Example of poster used during the consultation



The consultation process

- 4.3.3 An Issues and Options document with accompanying questionnaire was produced for the consultation. Both paper copies of the questionnaire and an online version were made available. The paper copy of the document used different colours for each section to make it more user-friendly and it was written in such a way to lead respondents through the document by asking questions at the end of each section and referring them to specific numbered questions in the questionnaire. The colour themes in the document and questionnaire matched to make the document more user friendly.
- 4.3.4 The following techniques were used to engage local residents, workers, businesses and visitors to the Borough.
- 1,500 direct letters and 1,350 emails sent out to people, organisations and statutory bodies on the LDF consultation database.
 - 300 postcards distributed to all members of Woking Chamber of Commerce via the Chamber's database.
 - Press release sent out to media organisations.
 - Press coverage included an article in the Woking News and Mail, a later advert and letters sent to the newspaper.
 - The Woking Magazine included an article about the consultation. 48,000 copies of the Magazine are printed and distributed to every household in the Borough plus many public information points such as the libraries.
 - The front page of the Council website had a link to the consultation pages for the six week duration and contained full information, electronic copies of the document and an online questionnaire. An informal online 'blog' was set up to provide people with the opportunity to ask questions and get an answer quickly which others could read.
 - Postcards and leaflets were available in reception at the Civic Offices, in the Property Shop, at the Leisure Centre and in the four borough libraries.
 - Leaflets about the consultation were sent to all households in the borough along with Council Tax information to save postage costs.
 - The Planning Policy Manager was interviewed twice on local radio.
 - Afternoon and evening workshops and meetings held in the town centre and in West Byfleet.
 - Attended the Woking Chamber of Commerce meeting.
 - Staffed displays at the Farmer's Market, in the Town Square, at Woking train station, at local supermarkets in the Borough, in both town centre shopping centres and at the craft market. Staff attended these events both on week days and at the weekend to maximise contact. Staff wore LDF t-shirts with the Woking 2027 logo to all events for maximum publicity.
 - Non-staffed display in Woking library for two separate weeks and at Woking Leisure Centre.
 - Workshops were also organised for Members of the Council and Surrey County Councillors.
 - Posters were displayed around the Borough on the 14 "Borough Boards".
- 4.3.5 It should also be emphasised that before the consultation the Council:
- Attended 'Woking Means Business' business exhibition to raise awareness of the consultation.

- Attended a residents' association AGM to encourage them to participate in the forthcoming consultation.
- 4.3.6 The Issues and Options document was not intended to provide solutions to the challenges facing the district. It was about identifying issues facing the district and the alternative ways of addressing them. Key outcomes sought were therefore about whether or not the issues and options identified are sufficiently comprehensive and ones that local people could identify with.
- Consultation results
- 4.3.7 The analysis of the representations received comprises two separate reports.
 - Statistical analysis of the various representations, in particular, the level of representations made on each topic/policy.
 - Detailed Officer summary of representations and response to them with recommended actions
- 4.3.8 The Council used a market research agency to produce the key statistics and analysis. A report summarising the comments made with the officer response and recommendations was reported to Councillors in January 2010. Both reports are available on the Council's website:
www.woking.gov.uk/planning/policy/ldf/cores/woxing2027/haloreport
www.woking.gov.uk/planning/policy/ldf/cores/woxing2027/iandokir
 The information from the report was used to inform the Draft Core Strategy.
- 4.3.9 Overall, a total of 401 representations were received. A breakdown of this are:
 - 353 from residents;
 - 35 from people who work in Woking Borough;
 - 23 from groups and organisations;
 - 8 from planning agents and developers; and
 - 11 from visitors to Woking Borough.
- 4.3.10 Based on the above breakdown, the consultation exercise was considered successful in engaging a wide range of views from different types of stakeholders. Furthermore, the comments received covered the breadth of issues identified in the Issues and Options document, including housing, green infrastructure, economy, climate change, buildings and public spaces, infrastructure and service and transport and accessibility. Information gathered significantly assisted in developing the subsequent stages of the Core Strategy.
- 4.3.11 In summary, the main issues raised at this consultation stage were as follows:
 - concern about further growth and its impact on the attractiveness of the Borough,
 - there should be no encroachment of development into the Green Belt,
 - concern over the impact of development on existing infrastructure, and
 - climate Change.
- 4.3.12 An Initial Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report was produced to accompany the document and was available for consultation for the same period. A copy of the document, questionnaire and four-page summary leaflet can be found on the Council's website at:
www.woking.gov.uk/planning/policy/ldf/cores/woxing2027
- 4.3.13 The Community Strategy and LDF objectives presented in the document were assessed through the Sustainability Appraisal process. The findings of the

Sustainability Appraisal are documented in the Initial SA Report which accompanied the document.

4.4 Draft Core Strategy (5 November 2010 – 7 January 2011)

- 4.4.1 Consultation on the Draft Core Strategy, Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and revised Statement of Community Involvement took place between 5 November 2010 and 7 January 2011. The consultation was extended to nine weeks, instead of the usual six weeks, to take the busy Christmas period into account and allow more time for the public to respond. Officers are therefore satisfied that sufficient time was given for the public to respond to the Draft Core Strategy.

The consultation process

- 4.4.2 The nine-week long consultation exercise took place to consult local people about the future development of Woking Borough up to 2027. The following activities were undertaken as part of the consultation process.

- 1,340 direct initial and reminder letters and 874 initial and reminder emails sent out to people, organisations and statutory bodies on the LDF consultation database.
- Approx 300 leaflets distributed to all members of Woking Chamber of Commerce via the Chamber's database.
- Press release sent out to media organisations.
- Press coverage included an eye-catching photograph of "2027" written in sparklers and accompanying article in both the Woking News and Mail and Woking Informer at the start of the consultation.
- The Woking Magazine included an article about the consultation. 48,000 copies of the Magazine are printed and distributed to every household in the Borough plus many public information points such as the libraries.
- The front page of the Council website had a link to the consultation pages for the nine week duration and contained full information, electronic copies of the document and an online questionnaire.
- Leaflets were available in reception at the Civic Offices, in the Property Shop, at the Leisure Centre, in the four borough libraries, four community centres plus various other community buildings such as Marjorie Richardson's, Strollers, etc around the Borough.
- Six afternoon and evening seminars where people could listen to a presentation and ask detail questions about the consultation were held in the town centre and in West Byfleet.
- Attended the Woking Chamber of Commerce meetings.
- Staffed displays at the Farmer's Market in the Town Square (twice), Byfleet Farmers' market, in both Peacocks and Wolsey Place shopping centres, Parkview Centre for the Community in Sheerwater (twice) and Leisure Centre (twice). Staff attended these events both on week days and at weekends to maximise contact. Staff wore LDF t-shirts with the Woking 2027 logo to all events for maximum publicity and to be visible to the public.
- Large floor stickers in each of the three entrances to Wolsey Place shopping centre.
- Non-staffed display in Woking library for a three-week period and then a four-week period.
- Attended Horsell Residents Association AGM.
- Attended the Youth Council meeting
- Workshops were also organised for Members of the Council, for Business Managers and also for the Corporate Strategy and Housing

teams.

- Presentation to Woking Mind, a charity that provides support for people who have difficulties with their mental health.
- Posters were displayed around the Borough on 5 “Borough Boards” from 28 Nov – 12 Dec then on all 14 from 12 Dec – 9 Jan.
- Posters inside and outside the Civic Offices for the full 9 week consultation

Consultation results

- 4.4.3 A report summarising the key issues raised along with officer response and recommendations was reported to appropriate committees of the Council in June 2011 and published on the Council website shortly afterwards. It forms appendix 4 and is also available at:

www.woking.gov.uk/planning/policy/ldf/cores/woking2027/Draftcorestrategyissuesresponddrecc

The information from the report was used to inform the Core Strategy Publication document.

- 4.4.4 Overall 631 representations were received from 191 individuals, local resident groups and organisations. Considering the number of representations received and the issues covered, the consultation exercise was considered to be successful in engaging a wide range of views from different types of stakeholders. Key issues that attracted significant number of representations were:

- overall scale of growth being proposed
- the provision of affordable housing to meet need
- Green Belt
- protection of the environment
- the population assumptions used
- evidence base to support the Core Strategy

For each of these issues representations were received for both sides to the debate.

- 4.4.5 The following key decisions were certified by the Council to be taken forward in the Publication version of the Core Strategy:

- target of 292 dwellings per year,
- a commitment to carry out a Green Belt boundary review at 2016/17,
- Green Belt land to be released to meet housing growth between 2022 and 2027.
- a separate new policy on Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area was added. Previously information on the SPA was included in the biodiversity and conservation policy.

- 4.4.6 A summary of the representations received and a detailed officer response with recommendations are included as Appendix 4

4.5 Core Strategy Publication Document (25 July - 23 September 2011)

- 4.5.1 Consultation on the Core Strategy Publication Document, Proposals Map and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal (SA) took place between Monday 25 July and Friday 23 September 2011. The consultation was extended to nine weeks, instead of the usual six weeks, to take the school holiday period into account and allow more time for the public to respond. Officers are satisfied that sufficient time was given for the public to respond to the Draft Core Strategy as it was with the previous stages.

The consultation process

- 4.5.2 The following activities were undertaken as part of the nine-week consultation process.
- 39 Specific Consultation Bodies were sent letters and paper copies of the Core Strategy, Proposals Map, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report, Representations Form and Guidance Notes.
 - 1,265 direct letters and 883 emails sent out to General Consultation Bodies who are people, organisations and statutory bodies on the LDF consultation database.
 - Press release sent out to media organisations at the start of the consultation and at the end of August, before the seminars began.
 - Press coverage included a short article in the Surrey Advertiser, Woking Informer and Woking News and Mail newspapers at the start of the consultation. The Woking Informer had a further article and photograph on 1 September and the Surrey Advertiser had a further article on 9 September.
 - Both the spring and summer editions of The Woking Magazine included articles about the consultation. 48,000 copies of the Magazine are printed and distributed to every household in the Borough plus many public information points such as the libraries.
 - The front page of the Council website had a link to the consultation pages for the nine week duration and contained full information, electronic copies of the document and an online questionnaire.
 - Leaflets were available in reception at the Civic Offices, in the Property Shop, at the Leisure Centre and in the four borough libraries.
 - Afternoon and evening workshops held in the town centre, in West Byfleet and Knaphill.
 - Non-staffed display in Woking library for a one-week period and then a three-and-a-half-week period.
 - Non-staffed display in Knaphill library for the whole nine-week period.
 - Workshops were also organised for Members of the Council and Council staff, specifically inviting the Corporate Strategy and Housing teams.
 - Posters were displayed around the Borough on the 14 "Borough Boards" for the 9-week period.
- 4.5.3 A report summarising the all of the responses along with officer response and recommendations for proposed changes was reported to appropriate committees of the Council in November 2011 and to a meeting of the full Council on 8 December 2011. It was published on the Council website shortly afterwards. It forms appendix 5 of this report and is also available at: www.woking.gov.uk/planning/policy/ldf/cores/woking2027

- 4.5.4 Overall 352 representations were received from 87 individuals, local resident groups and organisations. Considering the range of issues covered the consultation exercise was considered to be successful in engaging a wide range of views from different types of stakeholders. Key issues that attracted significant number of representations were:
- . level of growth proposed
 - . the Green Belt
 - . the evidence base to support the Core Strategy,
 - . the provision of affordable housing to meet need,
 - . the need for adequate infrastructure to support development and
 - . the protection of the environment.

For each of these issues representations were received for both sides to the debate.

5.0 Councillor Involvement

- 5.1 The Council has been concerned to ensure that there is significant and effective Member involvement to ensure that the Core Strategy reflects the aspirations of the local community and is delivering on the priorities of the Council.
- 5.2 An all-party working group, the LDF Working Group, was set up to provide appropriate and adequate scrutiny to ensure that the above objectives are achieved. The minutes of the discussions of the Working Group can be obtained from the Committee Services of the Council on request.
- 5.3 Private Members briefing were held at each key stage of the process to enable wider debate by all members of the key decisions that were taken forward in the Core Strategy.
- 5.4 The Executive Committee and the Council considered and approved all reports that sought authority to go out for public consultation. The minutes of these meetings are also available on request.
- 5.5 Members have also ensured that the Core Strategy is prepared expeditiously in accordance with the Council's timetable and that the process is transparent to the public.
- 5.6 There is significant evidence to demonstrate the Councillor's commitment to and involvement in the Core Strategy preparation process.

6.0 Corporate Approach to the Core Strategy process

- 6.1 The Corporate Management Group (CMG) has made it a key principle that there should be a corporate approach to and support of, the preparation of the Core Strategy. It received briefings at each key stage of the process and ensured that sufficient resources were allocated to the budget to meet the requirements of the Core Strategy. It consequently scrutinised the Vision of the Core Strategy to ensure that it addressed the long term aspirations of the Council. CMG debated and approved all key decisions before they were put forward to Members and were committed to take responsibility for that.
- 6.2 All Service Managers were keenly involved in all stages of the process by way of providing necessary information, staff resources and ensuring the Core Strategy will be delivering their service needs. For example, the SA of Options was carried out with assistance from the Corporate Strategy team.
- 6.3 There have been numerous informal discussions with the Development Management Team and Housing Teams to ensure that the policies of the Core Strategy can be practically be applied and will provide sufficient scope for development management decisions.

7.0 Specific Involvement of the Woking Partnership

- 7.1 One of the primary aims for the preparation of the Core Strategy is to ensure that it will provide the necessary framework to deliver the aspirations of the local community as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy. Woking

Partnership, which is the Local Strategic Partnership for the area, is responsible for the preparation of the Community Strategy and its delivery. The Council has worked closely with the partnership to ensure their continuous involvement in the Core Strategy process. The Planning Policy Manager is one of the dedicated Council Officers who are required to serve the Partnership and attends all of its meetings to update them of progress with the Core Strategy and seek their views and approval where relevant.

- 7.2 The Partnership has significant input in developing the Vision for the Core Strategy and has specifically approved it as setting the right vision for the Borough. Furthermore the Partnership has been formally consulted on all consultation events relating to the Core Strategy. It has formed an infrastructure sub-group to oversee the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan to underpin the Core Strategy. There is also a standard item on their agenda for every meeting about the Local Development Framework and the Core Strategy in particular. Specific briefings and presentations have been given about the Core Strategy to their follow-up meetings.
- 7.3 The minutes of the meetings can be obtained on request from the Planning Policy Team or from the Council's Committee Services team.

8.0 Duty to cooperate

- 8.1 The Government has published its intention to revoke regional strategies. However, this decision does not take away the need to address planning issues of cross boundary significance. To achieve that, public bodies now have a duty to cooperate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries. Local Planning Authorities are required to work collaboratively with other bodies to ensure that strategic priorities across local boundaries are properly coordinated and clearly reflected in individual local plans.
- 8.2 The duty to cooperate is now a test of soundness and local planning authorities will be expected to demonstrate evidence of having successfully cooperated to plan for issues with cross boundary impacts when their local plans are submitted for Examination.
- 8.3 Partnership working has been an essential part of the Woking's Core Strategy process, in particular, joint working to carry out evidence base work. The following are key examples:
- Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment – carried out with Elmbridge, Runneymede and Spelthorne.
 - Strategic Housing Market Assessment – carried out with Guilford and Waverley.
 - Surrey Infrastructure Capacity Study – carried out with all the authorities in Surrey.
 - Work with Surrey Heath on Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.
 - Methodology for assessing accommodation needs of Gypsies and Traveller – developed by all the authorities in Surrey.
 - Guilford and Woking Integrated Transport Study – This is coordinated by the County Council.
 - Thames Basin Heaths Joint Strategic Partnership Board – provides strategic guidance for SPA authorities and ensures consistency in the protection and management of the SPA.

8.4 There are existing groups to facilitate close working relationship amongst the Surrey authorities, other neighbouring authorities and organisations. This includes:

- Planning Working Group – a group of Surrey Planning Policy Managers. It meets bi-monthly to discuss and resolve cross boundary issues. For example, the Group is now developing a common methodology to assess the needs of Gypsies and Travellers.
- Surrey Planning Officers Association – It comprise all the Heads of Planning in Surrey. They meet monthly to agree joint working arrangements, considers matters of cross boundary significance and all other issues of Pan Surrey interests.
- West Surrey Group – A group of Planning Policy Managers in West Surrey. The group meets bi-monthly to deal with issues of sub-regional interest. It feeds into discussions at the Planning Working Group
- Transport for Woking – A group of transport providers with interest in transport in Woking. It comprises organisations such as Woking Borough Council, the County Council, South west trains, Network rail and Highways Agency. The group seeks to coordinate limited resources for maximum benefit, share vital information and feed into transport policy development.
- Transport for Surrey – A similar group to Transport for Woking but with Surrey-wide interest. It looks at strategic transport issues across Surrey.
- Woking Partnership – This is the Woking Strategic Partnership. It brings together the private, voluntary and the public sector to think strategically about the area and help deliver services effectively and efficiently. It coordinates resources and targets them to deliver the needs of the community. The Planning Policy Manager attends all its meetings and there is a standing item on its agenda for Local Development Framework. It has a sub group to oversee the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan to support the Core Strategy.
- Thames Basin Heaths Joint Officer's Group – It coordinates strategic policy approach to mitigating and managing the impacts of development on Special Protection Areas.
- Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) – Woking is part of the Enterprise M3 LEP. It is set up to coordinate resources for economic growth.

8.5 The Council consults its neighbouring authorities on all key issues of cross boundary interests. It works with them to achieve bilateral objectives. For example, it is presently working with Surrey Heath to identify a common Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space that will serve the two authorities. As evidenced above, Woking Borough Council is already fully engaged with other partners to work together to achieve common goals and address issues of cross boundary significance. With the structures that Woking Borough Council is already part of, it is also well placed to respond to the duty to corporate as envisaged by the NPPF.

9.0 Conclusion

- 9.1 The purpose of this statement was to demonstrate how the Council has involved the public and its key partners in the Core Strategy process. The Council decided that public involvement will be at the heart of the process and this statement highlights how this has been achieved at each stage of the process. The Council has gone beyond the statutory requirements and has done its utmost to achieve genuine involvement in the preparation process.
- 9.2 The Core Strategy has not been prepared in isolation. It is very much a corporate document and has benefited from detailed input from Housing, Development Management and Corporate Strategy teams in addition to input of CMG, Councillors and Service Area Managers from across the Council.
- 9.3 The document going forward for examination sets out not just the Council's plan for the Borough to 2027 but a Plan that has taken into account the views of the Woking Partnership, other partner organisations, the business community and those who live in the Borough.

Appendix 1: People and organisations consulted at each stage of the process

Specific Consultation Bodies

- . Bisley Parish Council
- . Chobham Parish Council
- . Elmbridge Borough Council
- . English Heritage South East Region
- . Entec UK Ltd
- . Environment Agency
- . Fairoaks Airport Ltd
- . Guildford Borough Council
- . Highways Agency
- . Homes and Communities Agency
- . Mobile Operators Association
- . Natural England
- . Network Rail
- . North Surrey PCT
- . Ockham Parish Council
- . Pirbright Parish Council
- . Ripley Parish Council
- . Runnymede Borough Council
- . Scottish and Southern Energy
- . SEEDA
- . Send Parish Council
- . South East Coast Strategic Health Authority
- . South West Trains Ltd
- . Southern Gas Networks
- . Spelthorne Borough Council
- . Sport England South East
- . Surrey County Council
- . Surrey Heath Borough Council
- . Surrey PCT
- . Surrey Police
- . Thames Water Property
- . The Coal Authority
- . The Woking Partnership
- . Transco
- . Veolia Water Central,
- . West End Parish Council
- . Wisley Parish Council
- . Worplesdon Parish Council

Councillors (Local and County)

MP for Woking

Local residents who have asked to be added to the LDF consultation database

Members of the Woking Borough Council Citizens' Panel

Religious groups

- . Al-Asr Cultural & Community Centre
- . St Mary's Church Office
- . St Edward Brotherhood
- . First Church of Christ Scientist
- . Christian Clinic For Environmental Medicine
- . Guildford Diocese
- . St. Peter's Convent
- . The Shah Jehan Mosque
- . All Saint's Church
- . Jehovah's Witnesses
- . Muslim Community Centre
- . New Life Church
- . Religious Society Of Friends
- . St Marks Church Westfield Woking
- . The Church Of England Guildford Diocesan Board Of Finance
- . St. Edward Brotherhood

Agents and developers

- . A E J Morris Associates
- . A H K Associates
- . A.E.J. Morris Associates
- . A.N.D. Consulting
- . AAP Architecture Ltd
- . Adams Holmes Associates
- . ADM Architecture
- . Alexson Homes
- . Allchurch Bailey
- . Alliance Environment & Planning Ltd
- . AMG Planning and Development
- . Anderson Planning & Development
- . Antler Homes
- . ARA Architects
- . Architype
- . Ascot Design
- . Ashley House
- . Atis Real Wetheralls
- . Atisreal
- . B R I C Developments Ltd
- . Banner Homes (Wessex) Ltd
- . Barratt Homes Southern Counties
- . Barton Willmore
- . Batcheller Thacker
- . BBF Fielding
- . BCH architects
- . Beaumonde Homes
- . BECKBRIDGE LTD
- . Beechcroft Developments
- . Bell Cornwell Partnership
- . Bellway Homes (South East)
- . Bewley Homes
- . Birchwood Homes
- . Bloor Homes
- . Blue Sky Planning Ltd
- . Bonham Homes Ltd
- . Bovis Homes Ltd
- . Boyer Planning Limited
- . Brimble, Lea And Partners
- . Broadway Malyan
- . Bryan Jezeph Consultancy
- . Buddery & Company
- . Burhill Golf and Lesuire Limited
- . Cadenza Estates Ltd
- . CALA Homes
- . Capita Norman & Dawbarn
- . Carter Jonas LLP
- . Castle Wildish Chartered Surveyors
- . Charles Church Developments Ltd
- . Charles Richards
- . Churchods
- . Clarence Country Homes Limited
- . Heronsbrook
- . Holder Mathias Architects
- . Homewood Properties Ltd
- . Humberts
- . Hyder Consulting (UK) Ltd
- . Icen Projects Limited
- . Indigo Planning Ltd.
- . James Smith Associates
- . John Ebdon Homes
- . JSA Architects
- . Keane Property Ltd
- . King Sturge
- . Knight Norman Partnership
- . Knowles
- . La Salle Investment Management
- . Lacey Simmons Ltd
- . Lambert Smith Hampton on behalf of NOMS / HM Prison Service
- . Lamron Estates Ltd
- . Landmark Information Group Ltd
- . Leith Planning Limited
- . Levvel Ltd
- . Lichfield Planning
- . Linden Homes South-East Limited
- . Lizard Estates
- . Local Dialogue
- . M.C.S Design Planning Consultants
- . MAA Architects
- . Mark Leedale
- . Martin Critchell Architects
- . Martin Gardner
- . Mary Hackett and Associates
- . Matthews & Son
- . Mayer Brown
- . MBH Partnership
- . McCarthy & Stone (Developments) Ltd
- . MCS Design
- . Mercury Planning
- . Michael Shanley Group
- . Millgate Homes
- . Mitchell Evans Partnership
- . Mott Macdonald
- . Mouchel Parkman
- . Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners
- . Norman Knight Partnership
- . Octagon Developments Ltd
- . Omega Partnership
- . Open Planning
- . Parnell Design Partnership LLP
- . Parsons Brinckerhoff
- . Peacock & Smith
- . Persimmon Homes (South East)
- . Peter Allan

- . Clarke Willmott
- . Conceptual Design Associates Ltd
- . Convery Developments Ltd
- . Cooper Environmental Planning
- . Countryside Properties Plc
- . Courtley Consultants Ltd
- . Crane and Associates
- . Crest Strategic Projects
- . Crosswater Mill
- . Croudace
- . D & M Planning Partnership
- . Dalton Warner Davis LLP
- . David L. Walker Chartered Surveyors
- . Day Tanner Partnership Ltd
- . Development Planning Consultants
- . Development Planning Partnership
- . DHA Architecture
- . DHS Engineering
- . Donnajane Whitcombe
- . DPDS Consulting Group
- . DPP LLP
- . Drivers Jonas Deloitte
- . Edgington Spink and Hyne Architects
- . Edwards And Associates
- . Exedra Architects
- . Firefly
- . Firstplan
- . Floyd Matcham (Hampshire) Ltd
- . Frank Winter Associates
- . Fullerthorne
- . Fusion Online Limited
- . George Wimpey South West Thames
- . George Wimpey West London Ltd
- . Gerald Eve
- . Gillenden Development Company
- . Glen House Estates Ltd
- . Goadsby and Harding Commercial
- . Goldcrest Homes
- . Gordon Ellerington Development Consultants
- . GRB-Ventures
- . Gregory Gray Associates
- . Gurney Consulting Engineers
- . GVA Grimley
- . Hallam Land Management Limited
- . Hammerson UK
- . Berkeley Homes (Southern) Ltd
- . Henry Smith
- . Heritage Property Services
- . Pitmans
- . Planning Issues Ltd
- . Planning Issues/Churchill Retirement
- . Planning Manager
- . Planware Ltd
- . PRC Fewster Planning
- . Proteus
- . Pyrford Homes Ltd
- . Quinton Scott Chartered Surveyors & Estate Agents
- . R Perrin Town Planning Consultants
- . Rapleys
- . Raspin Properties Limited
- . RDJW Architects Ltd
- . Reef Estates Ltd
- . Rippon Development Services
- . Rolfe Judd
- . Romans Land and Planning
- . RPS Planning
- . Runnymede Homes Ltd
- . Rushmon New Homes
- . Ruskin Homes Limited
- . Rutland Group
- . Savills
- . St James South Thames Limited
- . Sterling Portfolio Management on behalf of Leylani Ltd.
- . Stewart Ross Associates
- . Strategic Land Partnerships
- . Taylor Skelton Walters PLC
- . Terence O'Rourke
- . Tetlow King Planning
- . The Landmark Trust
- . Tribal MJP
- . Tuke Manton Architects
- . Turley Associates
- . Vail Williams
- . Vaughan Keal Associates
- . Vincent James Homes Ltd
- . Wadham and Isherwood
- . Waterfall, Durrant & Barclays
- . Wates Developments
- . Wentworth Homes
- . West Estates Limited
- . West Waddy: ADP
- . Weston Architects Ltd
- . Woolf Bond Planning
- . Work Space Group
- . WYG Management Services

Minority groups

- . Elected Tenant Representative
- . Friends Families and Travellers
- . Woking Asian Business Forum
- . The Gypsy Council For Health, Education And Welfare
- . Woking Asian Women's Association (WAWA)
- . Sheerwater Community Centre
- . Indian Association Of Surrey
- . Surrey Access Forum
- . Lakeview Community Action Group
- . South London Learning Partnership /Skills & Learning for London Partnership
- . Surrey Community Development Trust
- . Italian Community Association
- . Surrey Travellers Community Relations Forum
- . Deafplus
- . Woking Pakistan Muslim Welfare Association
- . Woking Association of Voluntary Service (WAVS)
- . Connexions
- . The Shah Jehan Mosque
- . Friends, Families And Travellers
- . London Gypsy and Traveller Unit
- . The Shah Jehan Mosque
- . Muslim Community Centre
- . The Gypsy Council
- . National Association of Gypsy And Traveller Officers
- . Chinese Association of Woking (CAW)
- . Irish Community Association
- . Equality and Human Rights Commission

Schools and Young people

- . Barnsbury Infant School
- . Barnsbury Junior School
- . Beaufort Community Primary School
- . Broadmere Community Primary School
- . Brookwood Primary School
- . Byfleet Primary School
- . Goldsworth Primary School
- . Hoefield County Middle School
- . Kingfield School
- . Knaphill Lower School
- . Knaphill School
- . Maybury Infant School
- . New Monument School
- . Pyrford Cof E (Aided) School
- . St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School
- . St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School
- . St John's Primary School
- . St Mary's C of E Primary School
- . St. John The Baptist R.C Secondary School
- . The Bishop David Brown School
- . The Hermitage School
- . The Horsell Village School
- . The Marist Catholic Primary School
- . The Marist Catholic Primary School
- . The Oaktree School
- . The Park School
- . The Winston Churchill School
- . West Byfleet Infant School
- . Westfield Primary School
- . Wishmore Cross School
- . Wishmore Cross School
- . Woking College
- . Woking High School

Housing Associations

- . Hyde Housing Association
- . Carr-Comm
- . Downland Housing Association
- . Housing 21
- . London & Quadrant Housing Trust
- . Mount Green Housing Association
- . Places for People
- . Rosemary Simmons Memorial
- . Rosetower Ltd
- . Servite Houses
- . Stonham Housing Association
- . Welmede Housing Association
- . Surrey Heath Housing
- . Greenoak Housing Association
- . London & Quadrant
- . Thames Valley Housing Association
- . Greenoak Housing Association
- . The Guinness Trust
- . Tower Homes Ltd
- . Stonham Home

Transport Groups

- . Arriva Southern Counties
- . Carlone Buses
- . Commercial Services
- . Countryliner
- . Freight Transport Association
- . Jonathan Barlow Partnership Ltd
- . Reptons Coaches
- . Stagecoach South
- . Woking Community Transport Ltd
- . Woking Cycle Users Group
- . Woking For Pedestrians

Environment and nature conservation groups

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| . Basingstoke Canal Authority | . NFU Office |
| . Campaign to Protect Rural England - Surrey Office/Woking & Surrey/Woking | . Open Spaces Society |
| . ecsc Ltd | . Surrey & Farming Wildlife Advisory Group |
| . Energy Saving Trust | . Surrey & Hampshire Canal Society |
| . Forestry Commission | . Surrey Countryside Access Forum |
| . Friends Of The Earth | . Surrey Heathland Project |
| . GOSE Rural Team | . Surrey Wildlife Trust |
| . Heathland Countryside Management | . The British Wind Energy Association |
| . Horsell Common Preservation Society | . The RSPB |
| . Inland Waterways Association | . Urban Parks Forum |
| . Local Agenda 21 | . Woking Cycle Users Group |
| . Maybury Sheerwater Partnership Garden Project | . Woodland Trust |

Local Residents Associations

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| . Alpha Road Tenant & Leaseholders Association | . Maybourne Rise & Woodpecker Way Residents Association |
| . Anthony's Residents Association | . Maybury Community Association |
| . Blackbridge Road Residents | . Maybury Estate Neighbourhood Watch |
| . Brambledown Residents Association | . Mayford Village Society |
| . Brookwood Residents Association | . Moor Lane Area Residents Association |
| . Brookwood Village Association | . Old Woking Community Association |
| . Byfleet Village Association | . Old Woking Village Association |
| . Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford RA | . Pyrford Action Group |
| . Cheapside Residents Association | . Rydens Way Action Group |
| . Claydon Road Residents Association | . Sandy Way Residents Association |
| . Friars Rise Residents Association | . Sheerwater Neighbourhood Watch |
| . Heritage Property Consultant | . Sheets Heath Residents Association |
| . Hillside Residents Association | . St Johns Residents Association |
| . Hockering Gardens Residents Association | . St Johns Village Society |
| . Hockering Residents Association | . Sutton Green Village Hall and Association |
| . The Ridge And Lytton Road Residents Association | . Tenants Representatives Woking |
| . Hook Heath Residents Association | . The Grove Area LTD |
| . Woking Association Neighbourhood Watches (WAN) | . West End Village Society |
| . Horsell Park Residents Association | . Westfield Common Residents Association |
| . Horsell Residents Association | . Westfield Community Residents Association |
| . Knaphill Residents' Association | . Woodlands Community Group |
| . Lakeview Community Action Group | . Wych Hill Way Residents Association |

Business interest and support

- . Business Link Surrey
- . Enterprise First
- . Federation of Small Businesses
- . Horsell Businesses' And Traders' Association
- . Knaphill Traders Association
- . National Housing Federation South East
- . Surrey Chamber of Commerce
- . Town Centre Manager
- . West Byfleet Business Association
- . Woking and District Trade Council
- . Woking Chamber of Commerce

Leisure providers

- . Ambassadors Theatre Group
- . Link Leisure
- . National Playing Fields Association
- . On behalf of West Byfleet Golf Club
- . Open Spaces Society
- . Rambler's Association Surrey Area
- . Surrey County Playing Field Association
- . The Lawn Tennis Association
- . The Lightbox
- . The Theatres Trust
- . Tourism South East
- . Urban Parks Forum
- . Visit Britain
- . Woking Community Play Association
- . Woking Sports Council
- . Woking Turnstyle Ltd

Heritage and conservation groups

- . Ancient Monuments Society
- . Commission For Architecture and The Built Environment (CABE)
- . Council For British Archaeology
- . English Heritage South East Region
- . Georgian Group
- . Surrey Archaeological Society
- . The Society For The Protection of Ancient Buildings
- . The Twentieth Century Society
- . The Garden History Society
- . Victorian Society

Elderly groups

- . Carers Support Woking
- . Age Concern
- . Friends Of The Elderly

Appendix 2: Publicity Events, Material and Questionnaires/Representation Forms

Issues and Options - 27 October to 7 December 2009

Publicity Events

	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	08-Oct	Woking Means Business Event, HG Wells Conference Centre	9-6.30pm
Tuesday	20-Oct	Grove Area Ltd (Residents Association) AGM	8pm
Monday	26-Oct	Eagle Radio Breakfast News	7-9am
Tuesday	27-Oct	Member Briefing	6.30-8.30pm
Wednesday	28-Oct	Residents Association Workshop, HG Wells	2-5pm
Thursday	29-Oct	Residents Association Meeting (Character Appraisal)	6.30-8.30pm
Friday	30-Oct	Waitrose, West Byfleet	8.30- 2pm
Saturday	31-Oct	Woking Farmers' Market	8.15am-2.30pm
Sunday	01-Nov		
Monday	02-Nov	Residents Association Workshop, HG Wells	6.30-9.30pm
Tuesday	03-Nov	Wolsey Place Shopping Centre	10am-4pm
Wednesday	04-Nov		
Thursday	05-Nov		
Friday	06-Nov		
Saturday	07-Nov	Eagle Radio Interview Byfleet Farmers' Market	8.30am-1.30pm
Sunday	08-Nov		
Monday	09-Nov	Woking Train Station Residents Association Workshop, West Byf	7.15 - 9.15am 6.30-9.30pm
Tuesday	10-Nov	Business Managers Workshop	2.30-4.30pm
Wednesday	11-Nov	Woking Chamber Meeting (Discussion)	12-2pm
Thursday	12-Nov	Woking Train Station	7.15 - 9am
Friday	13-Nov	Sainsbury's Knaphill	8.30am - 2pm
Saturday	14-Nov	Peacocks Centre	8.30am - 5.30pm
Sunday	15-Nov		
Monday	16-Nov		
Tuesday	17-Nov		
Wednesday	18-Nov	Surrey CC/Woking BC Local Committee (Woking)	6-10pm
Thursday	19-Nov	Woking Farmers' Market Equalities Forum	8.45am-2.30pm 6pm - 9pm
Friday	20-Nov		
Saturday	21-Nov		
Sunday	22-Nov		
Monday	23-Nov		
Tuesday	24-Nov		
Wednesday	25-Nov		
Thursday	26-Nov	Residents Association Workshop, HG Wells	2-5pm
Friday	27-Nov	Craft Market in Town Square	10.30-2.30pm
Saturday	28-Nov		

Questionnaire which accompanied the Issues and Options Document

Woking Local Development Framework



Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation – questionnaire Autumn 2009

Please take time to have your say

Your views are important to us. Please use this questionnaire to let us know your thoughts on the Core Strategy Issues and Options document. The closing date for completed forms is **5pm on Monday 7 December 2009**.

We are interested in the views of all people who live in, work in, visit or travel through the Borough.

Please fill in as much or as little of this questionnaire as you would like. We estimate that it will take 25 minutes to complete the whole questionnaire and between 3 and 5 minutes to complete each individual section. The more information that you provide, the better it is for us to understand the issues that matter to you.

You will need to refer to the Issues and Options document while you are completing the questionnaire. Copies of this document can be found in the Borough's libraries or from the Planning Policy Team (for contact details, please see below). Further information is available on our website www.woking.gov.uk

Please note that any written comments will be made available for public inspection and so we are unable to accept confidential or anonymous responses. All personal data will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Win £50 of shopping vouchers!

As a thank you for taking time to fill in the questionnaire, we are offering five individuals the chance to win £50 of shopping vouchers. Winners will be picked at random and informed by the end of December.

Further help and information

If you need any help or advice, please contact a member of the Planning Policy Team on **01483 743871** or email planning.policy@woking.gov.uk



Woking Local Development Framework

Our Community Strategy – Your priorities for action

- 1** Please rank each of the main themes in the Community Strategy in order of importance to you, where 1 is the most important and 6 the least important.

Theme	Rank (1-6)
A strong community spirit with a clear sense of belonging and responsibility.	
A clean, healthy and safe environment .	
A transport system that is linked and accessible, recognising Woking's potential as a transport hub.	
Access to decent affordable housing for local people and key workers.	
A community which values personal health and well-being .	
Provide opportunities and encourage people to participate in learning throughout their lives so they progress and reach their full potential.	

- 2 Are there any key aims for the community **not** covered by these six themes?

Option	Please tick one
Yes	
No	

- 3 If you answered "Yes" to question 2 above, please explain and suggest what issues relevant to living and/or working in Woking and Surrey could be included.

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Developing the spatial vision and objectives



Spatial vision: Woking is a sustainable, prosperous, attractive and inclusive community in an economically buoyant growing region. Woking will continue to grow as a result of its popularity as a place to live and work. The growth is managed, improves quality of life locally, and uses resources sustainably.

4 Do you agree with the spatial vision outlined above?

Option	Please tick one
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

5 If you have answered 'No' to question 4 above, how do you think the spatial vision should be changed?

6 The following objectives have been set for the development and future growth of Woking. Please read through the objectives

- 1) Woking Town Centre as a growing hub for the area. A vibrant, high density, high quality environment in which to live, work, access major shops and services and enjoy leisure time.
- 2) Attractive Local Centres throughout the Borough providing convenient access to everyday shops and services, local community facilities, parks and open spaces.
- 3) Homes to suit all needs and pockets. Enough new homes are built to meet Government targets, in a range of sizes and types to meet different needs. New developments are built at densities that make the best use of land in the urban area - but respect the context of Woking's leafy character. A significant proportion of new homes, for sale or rent, are priced to suit young families and those on lower incomes.
- 4) A green Borough where the countryside is never far away. Open Green Belt land is not built on unless there is no other way to deliver key priorities. Green space and wooded areas are a feature of all parts of the Borough. Plenty of open space and countryside is accessible to the public and rich in wildlife. Biodiversity and the quality of the natural environment is protected and enhanced.
- 5) A busy, buoyant economy with good quality offices, business parks and industrial areas, which meet the needs of modern business. These are mainly in major business and industrial areas, Woking Town Centre and Local Centres.

- 6) A Borough which leads the way on high quality, sustainable development and addresses climate change. Much more use is made of renewable energy. New buildings are more energy and water efficient. As a result, the use of non-renewable energy is reduced. Waste is dealt with in a sustainable, environmentally friendly way.
- 7) A high quality environment. The quality of air and water is maintained and improved. The impact of noise and light is managed effectively.
- 8) Buildings and public spaces of which we can be proud. Attractive buildings, in a range of styles, with public spaces where people feel safe and want to spend time.
- 9) Provision of key services keeps pace as the Borough's population grows. This includes schools, healthcare, water supply, drainage and flood alleviation, leisure and community centres.
- 10) A transport system that enables people to get to jobs, services and other places they wish to visit safely, in a reasonable and consistent journey time. Walking and cycling to the town centre, District and Local Centres, schools and other facilities are safe and convenient. Most people who live further away from Woking Town Centre can get to it by good frequent public transport. Onward journeys to major destinations can be made by train. Using a car is a choice not a necessity.
- 11) A Borough where the whole community has the opportunity to share in the general prosperity and high quality of life. The Borough is made up of stable mixed communities with decent affordable housing. Everyone has good access to facilities, particularly the elderly, young people and those without access to a car.

7 Are there any elements missing from these objectives? If so, what needs to be added?

The following key issues have been identified in the Core Strategy:

Housing: see section 4 of Issues and Options document

Green infrastructure and the environment: see section 5 of Issues and Options document

Economy: see section 6 of Issues and Options document

Climate change: see section 7 of Issues and Options document

Buildings and public spaces: see section 8 of Issues and Options document

Infrastructure and services: see section 9 of Issues and Options document

Transport and accessibility: see section 10 of Issues and Options document

8 Are there any key issues that we have not covered in this report that you think we should address through the Core Strategy? Please explain.

Housing



Location of the new housing

- 9 There are three different options (A, B or C) for allocating new houses for the future. All of the options add up to a total of 292 additional new dwellings per year. Please indicate your preferred option using the table below.

Option A is based on past housing completion rates since the adoption of the Local Plan in 1999, and has been adjusted to take into account developments at Brookwood Farm and Moor Lane.

Option B is based on a higher proportion of development in the town, District and Local Centres. This is based on evidence from the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and is also in line with the approach set out in the Council's first Core Strategy. This option would have implications on the levels of family housing provided.

Option C is based on the assumption that 10% of our housing allocation will be provided in the form of a small urban extension, which may be on one larger or several smaller sites. This option would enable us to secure more affordable family housing. A higher percentage of affordable housing would be secured on former Green Belt land.

	Option A		Option B		Option C	
	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units
Town Centre (incl. high density residential area)	28	1,390	45	2,234	33	1,638
District and Local Centres	10	496	15	745	11	546
Employment land	15	745	10	496	10	496
Infill development (rest of urban area)	32	1,588	15	745	21	1,042
Brookwood Farm, Moor Lane *	15	734	15	734	15	734
Small urban extension **	None	None	None	None	10	496
Which option do you prefer? (please tick one)						

* Schemes to be implemented 2010 – 2016

** This could be one release or several smaller releases. To be released for development after 2016.

- 10 Please explain why you prefer the option selected above.

- 11 Should we consider any other options for the location of new homes? Please explain.

Size and type of the housing

- 12** How should we plan to deliver an appropriate mix of new housing through the planning system? Please ring **either** A or B below.

Allow market forces to dictate the size and type of new homes delivered, but ensure that larger sites provide an appropriate mix.	A
Plan and provide for a mix of dwellings to meet local need and demand (19% 1 bed, 40% 2 bed, 27% 3 bed, 14% 4+ bed).	B

Density of the housing

- 13** How should we ensure that land is used efficiently? Please ring **either** A or B below.

Allow housing at densities as the market dictates.	A
Set targets for specified densities by location based on sustainability factors, Government targets and local character.	B

Affordable housing

- 14** What site size thresholds should be set for the provision of affordable housing? Please ring **just one** of the letters below.

Continue to apply the national threshold where sites of 15+ units are required to provide affordable housing.	A
Seek to reduce threshold so that more sites are required to provide affordable housing.	B
Do not set a threshold – all new residential developments should be expected to provide affordable housing.	C
Set different thresholds for different parts of the Borough, linked to economic viability and local need.	D

- 15** What percentage of new housing should be provided as affordable? Please ring **just one** of the letters below.

Continue to seek 40% on qualifying sites in line with the regional target.	A
Adopt a higher percentage .	B
Adopt a range depending on location , economic viability and local need.	C

- 16** What should the proportion between different types of affordable housing be on sites that meet the site size threshold? Please ring **just one** of the letters below.

Retain current policy of 85:15 split social rented and intermediate.	A
70: 30 split.	B
60: 40 split.	C
The split should be determined on a case by case basis, dependent on location linked to economic viability and local need.	D

- 17** Currently, only new housing developments of 15 or more dwellings are required to provide affordable housing. Should we require other forms of new development (for example new offices) to make a contribution towards the provision of affordable housing? Please ring **just one** of the letters below.

Yes, developments for additional office and industrial floorspace should be required to provide affordable housing.	A
Yes, developments for all new commercial land uses should be required to provide affordable housing.	B
No, affordable housing should only be sought through residential developments .	C

Gypsies and Travellers

- 18** How should we plan for the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers? Please ring **either** A or B below.

We should identify broad locations for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation through the Core Strategy and seek to allocate specific sites through the Site Allocations document. The Core Strategy will include a policy that would list the factors to be taken into consideration when allocating sites through the Site Allocations document or when a planning application is submitted.	A
We should not identify broad locations for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation through the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy will include a policy that would list the factors to be taken into consideration when allocating sites through the Site Allocations document or when a planning application is submitted.	B

Older people and other vulnerable groups

- 19** How should we plan for the specific housing needs of the elderly and other vulnerable groups? Should specific criteria be set out in policy? Please ring **either** A or B below.

We should identify broad locations for sites/ accommodation to meet the needs of older people and other vulnerable groups. A policy should be included in the Core Strategy that would list the factors that will be used to identify locations for sites/ accommodation to meet the needs of older people and other vulnerable groups.	A
We should not identify broad locations for sites/ accommodation to meet the needs of older people and other vulnerable groups. A policy should be included in the Core Strategy that would list the factors that will be used to identify locations for sites/ accommodation to meet the needs of older people and other vulnerable groups.	B



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Green infrastructure and the environment



Green Belt boundary

- 21** If a Green Belt release is necessary, what should it look like? Please ring **either** A or B below.

A Green Belt release should be allowed to meet housing need.	A
Several smaller Green Belt releases should be allowed to meet housing need.	B

Biodiversity

- 22** To what extent do you agree with the following approach?

The Core Strategy should:

- identify specific sites and corridors of acknowledged biodiversity importance and
- ensure that all development proposals, wherever they are, identify positive measures to protect and enhance biodiversity. This would also include an explicit objective of protecting and promoting specific features for biodiversity which may be declining or threatened.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Please comment below if you disagree.

Open space provision

- 23** To what extent do you agree with the following approaches regarding the provision of new or improved open spaces?

New development must provide open space on site or a financial contribution to improving existing open space elsewhere in the Borough in line with National Playing Field Association standards, where it is not practical to provide that open space as part of a new development.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Please comment below if you disagree.



We should take a more flexible approach to the loss of low quality and underutilised open space where improvements to that open space are not practical (e.g. the land may be in private ownership) and where there is alternative open space provision within close proximity of the site.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Please comment below if you disagree.

Areas at risk of flooding

- 24** To what extent do you agree with the proposed approach to addressing flood risk in the Core Strategy?

The Core Strategy will include a policy which will specify the areas at risk of flooding across the Borough and will set out the approach to dealing with planning applications that have the potential to increase or be affected by flood risk, in accordance with an up to date SFRA (Strategic Flood Risk Assessment).

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Please comment below if you disagree.

- 25** Do you have any other comments to make regarding the key green infrastructure and environment issues?

Economy



Location of new employment floorspace

26 Where should we locate additional employment floorspace? Please ring **either** A or B below.

Focus future office development within the town centre and encourage redevelopment of outmoded and outdated town centre office space to cater for future needs. Retain existing office space within the industrial estates and encourage redevelopment of outmoded and outdated office space here to cater for future needs.	A
Focus future office development within the town centre and encourage redevelopment of outmoded and outdated town centre office space to cater for future needs. Encourage redevelopment of outmoded and outdated office space in industrial estates to alternative employment uses, such as industrial and warehousing space.	B

Loss of employment land to other uses

27 How do we balance the needs of competing land uses? Please ring **just one** of the letters below.

Retain all land currently in employment use.	A
Outmoded and outdated employment premises in District and Local Centres and residential areas should be permitted to change to alternative uses , such as housing.	B
Consider for release to alternative uses a limited number of underutilised employment sites . Allow for the intensification of employment floorspace in existing industrial estates.	C

Supporting business start ups and small businesses

28 How should we plan for the needs of small businesses in Woking? Please ring **just one** of the letters below.

Encourage the provision of serviced office accommodation in the town and District Centres .	A
Encourage redevelopment of sites within the existing industrial areas to provide start-up space and small business units.	B
Allocate additional employment land for the development of start up units .	C

Status of existing unallocated employment sites within the Green Belt

29 What approach should we take to existing employment sites in the Green Belt? Please ring **either** A or B below.

Consider the formal allocation (identification) of existing employment sites in the Green Belt for employment use.	A
Seek redevelopment of existing employment sites in the Green Belt for alternative uses.	B

The extent of the town centre boundary

- 30** Should we revise the town centre boundary? You may wish to refer to the map in section 6 of the Issues and Options document. Please ring **just one** of the letters below.

Retain the existing town centre boundary set out in the Local Plan 1999.	A
Revise the town centre boundary inwards . Significant revisions inwards will require concentration of development within a smaller area.	B
Revise the town centre boundary outwards to the east and/or west which will provide a larger area for town centre development.	C
Other – please explain	D

The extent of the shopping area boundary

- 31** Should we revise the boundary of the shopping area? You may wish to refer to the map in section 6 of the Issues and Options document. Please ring **either** A or B below.

Retain the existing shopping area boundary set out in the Local Plan 1999, but combine the Primary and Secondary Shopping Areas in line with national policy.	A
Implement minor revisions to the shopping area boundaries so that it includes the cinema and theatre complex and Woking Town Square.	B

The level of town centre redevelopment

- 32** How much new retail floorspace should we plan for in Woking Town Centre? Please ring **either** A or B below.

Modest expansion of the town centre – up to 38,000m² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The layout of the town centre largely remains the same. Extensions to existing shopping centres are encouraged. High density development of key opportunity sites for a mix of uses. Improvements to the physical environment of the town centre. May not achieve the improvements in order for Woking to respond to competition. 	A
Major growth and major remodelling of the town centre – up to 75,000m² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major remodelling of the town centre. Significant redevelopments are encouraged with a mix of uses, including a mass of retail floorspace. There is an improved integration between the different uses within the town centre. 	B

Hierarchy of centres

- 33** Do you agree that we should implement the revised hierarchy of centres put forward by consultants, to keep West Byfleet as a District Centre and reclassify the other District Centres to Local Centres? Former Local Centres will be reclassified to Neighbourhood Centres/Shopping Parades, with the exception of Kingfield.

Option	Please tick one
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 34** If you have answered 'No' to question 33 above, please explain and suggest any revisions to the proposed hierarchy.

Future development in West Byfleet

- 35** How should we plan for future development in West Byfleet District Centre? Please tick one only.

<p>Plan for no significant change in West Byfleet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the short-term, it is likely that the decline in retail rankings will continue and so will the vacancy rates. There is likely to be less shops and more non-retail uses such as banks, estate agents, cafes, restaurants and bars over time. The function of the centre will shift towards a 'small' District Centre, with a leisure and service offer rather than any retail offer. 	A
<p>Redevelopment in West Byfleet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of further retail and leisure floorspace can encourage linked trips between the new uses and existing businesses New development could be used to fund improvements in local infrastructure and environmental improvements. New development could be used to reverse the decline in retail rankings and reinforce the centre's retail function as a District Centre, whilst building on its food and drink leisure strength. 	B

The role and function of Local Centres

- 36** What level of growth should we plan for in the Local Centres? Please ring **either** A or B below.

Modest growth should be allowed in the Local Centres, allowing a few additional shops and current shops to extend.	A
A lower level of growth should be allowed in the Local Centres.	B

Climate change

Code for Sustainable Homes

- 37 Should we seek to push ahead of the national timetable in requiring all new housing developments to comply with the Code for Sustainable Homes? Please ring **either** A or B below.

Yes, we should lead other authorities and push ahead of the national timetable, for example we should require all homes to meet Code Level 4 by 2012 and Code Level 6 by 2014.	A
No, we should stick to the national timetable in implementing the Code for Sustainable Homes.	B

Renewable and Low Carbon Energy

- 38 The Council can place different requirements on developers in terms of energy efficiency and renewable energy. To what extent do you agree with the following approaches?

Large-scale development must meet **higher levels** of energy efficiency and/ or produce **more** of their energy from low carbon sources than other development in the Borough.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Please comment if you disagree.

It is cheaper to build new development on land which has not been previously developed. **If** housing targets cannot be met within the existing urban area, we **may** have to allow development on greenfield sites. **If** this happens, should we require development on these sites to **meet higher levels of energy efficiency** and or produce **more** of their energy from low carbon sources than other development in the Borough?

Yes	No	Neutral

Please explain your answer.

The development of the CHP (Combined Heat and Power) network

- 39 To what extent do you agree that the Council should require development which is close to the Combined Heat and Power (CHP) network to connect to it?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Please comment if you disagree.

Sustainable Drainage (SuDS)

- 40 In accordance with the South East Plan, the incorporation of SuDS will be required on new development. What level of development should require this? Please tick all that apply:

Option	Please tick all that apply
Domestic extensions	
One additional dwelling or greater	
Commercial extensions	
Commercial development over 100 sqm	
Commercial development over 500 sqm	

Buildings and public spaces

Protection of Woking's heritage

- 41** To what extent do you agree that we should place more emphasis on protecting those buildings and areas covered by existing designations and not attempt to protect those which fall outside the designations? The Council will set out specific design principles for all development.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Please comment if you disagree.

Design and quality of new development

- 42** To what extent do you agree with the following approaches?

We should identify those areas of the Borough which have a strong local distinctiveness and require new developments to significantly conform to the local style. Allow much more innovative and forward-looking design in all other areas.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

We should identify locations in the Borough, such as the town centre and key gateways/ corridors, where design would be required to be contemporary and innovative or have to satisfy specific design guidance.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

We should identify a network of key public spaces which could be prioritised for improvement, including possible pedestrianisation/ traffic restrictions.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree



Woking's image

- 43 There are a number of ways in which the image of Woking Town Centre could be improved. However, the strategic level options are considered to be limited. For this reason, we are asking you to tell us the extent to which you either agree or disagree with the following approaches.

Strong links between the core of the town centre, the canal and the heaths should be created.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Development should be focussed towards the towns 'gateway' locations at Victoria Way, Lockfield Drive, Goldsworth Road, the station canopy area, the canal/Lightbox and at Victoria Arch. The scale and character of buildings at these locations would be noticeably different, defining boundaries and acting as arrival points.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Building upwards in the town centre should be considered.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Bold and innovative design should be encouraged in the town centre where it would not adversely affect features of historical and cultural importance.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Financial contributions should be sought from developers to finance improvements to the public realm, including public art and street furniture in the town centre.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Residential character

- 44 Which option should we take when considering residential character? Please ring **either** A or B below.

Actively encourage the intensification of residential areas through seeking higher density development where good design could enhance the character of that area.	A
By prescribing the distribution of higher density housing to specific locations in the Borough, seek to retain the character of existing residential areas.	B

Infrastructure and services



- 45** How should new infrastructure which is related to new development be delivered and funded in the future? Please ring **just one** of the letters below.

<p>Introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), as the Government is in favour of, to help fund new infrastructure requirements.</p> <p>This is a standard charge that would be levied on all new development. A certain amount of money would be charged per new dwelling or per new square metre of commercial floorspace (above a threshold) and pooled to pay for improvements to infrastructure.</p>	A
<p>Continue to use planning obligations (s.106 agreements) in the same way as it is currently operated, with few standard charges, until such time as CIL becomes mandatory.</p> <p>Infrastructure contributions are largely negotiated with the developer on a case by case basis dependent on the scheme and location of the development.</p>	B
<p>Continue to use planning obligations but make <u>more use of standard formulae</u>, until such time as CIL becomes mandatory.</p> <p>Infrastructure contributions are largely negotiated on a <u>case by case basis</u> dependent on the scheme and location of the development. However, there are <u>standard formulae</u> to determine how much the charges are should they be considered necessary to service the development.</p>	C

Transport and accessibility



Traffic congestion

46 To what extent do you agree with the following approaches to managing traffic congestion?

New development should be focussed in those areas that are most accessible by public transport.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

The introduction of a park and ride scheme should be considered.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

A new bus station should be developed in Woking Town Centre.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Require all new major developments to provide a travel plan which sets out how the additional journeys generated by that development will be managed.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Options should be considered for addressing the causes of the north-south divide in the Town Centre, for example the construction of tunnels through Victoria Arch.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Are there any other options available to the Council for addressing traffic congestion?



Woking station

47 To what extent do you agree with the following approach?

Major development in and around Woking station should be sought, including an improved transport interchange.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Walking and cycling

48 To what extent do you agree with the following approaches?

Require all new developments to provide cycle parking as part of the scheme.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Require developers to make a financial contribution to the improvements to the cycle network.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Seek to maximise opportunities through the design of new developments and, in particular, future redevelopment in the town centre, to improve cycle and pedestrian routes.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Parking

49 To what extent do you agree with the following approach?

Plan for additional:	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
commuter and visitor parking in the Town Centre					
commuter parking at West Byfleet station					
commuter parking at Brookwood station					
commuter parking at Worplesdon station					



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Personal information

How would you like to be involved?

- 51 Which of the following ways would you prefer to **be informed** about future planning matters for the Borough? (Please tick all ways you would like to be informed.)

Option	Please tick all that apply
The Woking Magazine	
Local newspaper	
Local radio	
Letter	
Email	
Posters/displays	
Website	
Local Development Framework newsletter	
Displays (libraries, shopping centres, etc)	
Other (please specify):	

- 52 Which of the following methods would you prefer to use to **respond** to proposals? (Please tick all methods you like to use.)

Option	Please tick all that apply
Filling in a short questionnaire on paper	
Filling in a short questionnaire online	
Responding with detailed comments on paper	
Responding with detailed comments online	
Attending a focus group or workshop	
Other (please specify):	

- 53 Which of the following ways would you prefer to **receive feedback** about consultations you have responded to? (Please tick all ways you would like to be told.)

Option	Please tick all that apply
Letter	
Email	
Local newspaper	
Website	
Local Development Framework newsletter	
Other (please specify):	

Personal details

Please complete the following information about yourself. **Tick all grey boxes that you feel best describe you.** You do not need to fill in anything that you are uncomfortable with.

This will help us to:

- ensure that the Council provides quality services that meet the needs of and are accessible to all sections of the community
- identify which groups are under-represented within our service users
- make sure that discrimination is not taking place.

Male	White British	Indian
Female	White Irish	Pakistani
also identifying as transgender	Other White background (please specify)	Bangladeshi
		Other Asian background (please specify)
15 years and under	White and Black Caribbean	Chinese
16-24 years	White and Black African	Other ethnic group (please specify)
25-44 years	White and Asian	
45-64 years	Other Mixed background (please specify)	
65-74 years		
75-84 years	Black Caribbean	Christian
85+ years	Black African	Buddhist
Heterosexual	Other Black background (please specify)	Hindu
Bisexual		Jewish
Gay or Lesbian		Muslim
	Romany Gypsy	Sikh
Coping with any long term illness, health problem or disability which limits daily activity?	Irish Traveller	No religion
	Other Traveller (please specify)	Other religion (please specify)

The information contained within this form will be used for monitoring purposes only and no individual will be identifiable. In compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998 all details are kept in strict confidence at all times.



Finally, if you would like to be entered into the prize draw and/or would like to join Woking Borough Council's Citizens' Panel, please tick the boxes below.

As members of the Citizens' Panel you will have the opportunity to voice your opinion on issues that affect how you feel about living in this area. You will also be able to give your view on how well you feel the Council are delivering services to local people through surveys like this one.

☐ Please tick this box if you would like to be entered into the prize draw.

☐ Please tick this box if you would like to join the Citizens' Panel.

Please provide us with your contact details. Please note that any written comments will be made available for public inspection and we are unable to accept confidential or anonymous responses.

Please write in using block capitals

Full name _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Telephone number _____ Email address _____

Are you:	Please tick
a resident of Woking Borough	
someone who works in Woking Borough	
someone who visits Woking Borough	
representing a group or organisation	
a planning agent or developer	
other (please specify): _____	

Thank you for taking the time to respond. The consultation closes at **5pm on Monday 7 December 2009**. Unfortunately, we cannot accept responses received after that time.

What happens next?

At the end of the six-week consultation period in December, all of the responses will be analysed. We will compile the results of the consultation in a report which will be made available on our website early in 2010.


Out of all the potential options under the different key issues, decisions will be made on which are the best options. We will then consult widely on these "preferred options", including draft policies, in the spring of next year (2010). After that, the decision will have to be made as to the final policy position and this will then be submitted to the Government for their consideration at a special public inquiry called an Examination.

We regularly produce a newsletter to provide updates on our progress on the LDF. This newsletter is sent to all those people who have been involved in our consultations and who have requested to be kept informed. We also keep our website up to date with the latest information.

Woking Local Development Framework


A5 Leaflet

Make sure you have your say



Important information about a consultation taking place in Woking Borough during autumn 2009

www.woking.gov.uk



Woking 2026

Woking 2026 – planning the future of Woking Borough

Housing, the environment, buildings, infrastructure, transport and local business... all important issues in Woking Borough and all issues that affect you, both now and in the future.

From Monday 26 October until Monday 7 December, we will be consulting with you to find out what you think about the main issues that will affect the future development of the Borough from now until 2026.

Like all councils, Woking Borough Council is required by the Government to consult local people in order to prepare a Local Development Framework (LDF).

The LDF is a series of planning documents that sets out the Council's policies and proposals for using the land within its boundaries. It is a crucial piece of work which not only focuses on planning issues, but considers community aspirations, social concerns and economic issues as well.

We have produced a background document with an accompanying questionnaire to find out what your thoughts are on a range of key topics. Please take some time **before 7 December** to take a look at this document and have your say.



Woking 2026


Make sure you have your say in the future of Woking Borough

There are several ways that you can share your views about the future development of Woking Borough.

- 1) Read the document and complete the form online at www.woking.gov.uk
- 2) Request a hard copy of the document and accompanying questionnaire. To receive the hard copy versions, please call Woking Borough Council on 01483 743871.

If you want to ask questions about the LDF, you can contact the Woking 2026 Team online by logging on to www.woking.gov.uk and clicking on the area marked 'Comment on it'. You can also call Woking Borough Council's Planning Policy Team on 01483 743871 or email your comments to planning.policy@woking.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can pop along to one of the events (shown overleaf) where a member of the team will be happy to talk to you.



Woking 2026

Woking 2026 – roadshow dates

If you would like to have an informal chat about the LDF with a member of the Woking 2026 Team, please go along to one of the following events.

Friday 30 October 8.30am to 2.30pm	Waitrose Supermarket, West Byfleet
Saturday 31 October 9am to 2pm	Woking Farmers' Market, Town Square, Woking
Tuesday 3 November 10am to 4pm	Wobsey Place Shopping Centre, Woking
Saturday 7 November 9am to 2pm	Byfleet Farmers' Market, Village Green, Byfleet
Friday 13 November 8.30am to 2.30pm	Sainsbury's superstore in Brookwood
Saturday 14 November 9am to 5.30pm	Peacocks Shopping Centre, Woking
Thursday 19 November 8am to 5pm	Woking Farmers' Market, Town Square, Woking

We are also organising a number of seminars focusing on the LDF

Wednesday 28 October 2pm to 5pm	H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, Church Street East, Woking
Monday 2 November 8.30pm to 9.30pm	H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, Church Street East, Woking
Monday 8 November 6.30pm to 9.30pm	The Cornetons Centre, Camphill Road, West Byfleet

If you would like to attend one of these seminars, please register in advance by calling Woking Borough Council's Planning Policy Team on 01483 743871 or email planning.policy@woking.gov.uk




A6 Postcard



Make sure you have your say in the future of Woking Borough

Housing, the environment, buildings, infrastructure, transport and local business... all important issues in Woking Borough and all issues that affect you.

To have your say in the future development of Woking Borough, log on to the Council's website www.woking.gov.uk, click on the area marked "Woking 2026" and complete the online questionnaire.

The closing date for all comments is **Monday 7 December 2009**.

A hard copy version of the questionnaire can be obtained by calling Woking Borough Council on **01483 743871** or emailing planning.policy@woking.gov.uk



Don't miss out on this opportunity to have your say

Draft Core Strategy - 5 November 2010 – 7 January 2011

Publicity Events

	Date	Event	Time
Wednesday	03-Nov	Development Control/Admin internal briefing	2.30-3.30pm
Thursday	04-Nov		
Friday	05-Nov	Woking library display goes up	
Saturday	06-Nov	Byfleet Farmers' Market	9am-1pm
Sunday	07-Nov		
Monday	08-Nov	Corporate Management Group Meeting / Residents seminar HG Wells	9am and 7pm-9.30pm
Tuesday	09-Nov	Youth Council Meeting	5.30-7pm
Wednesday	10-Nov	Parkview - drop in event	10am-3pm
Thursday	11-Nov		
Friday	12-Nov	Business Managers Briefing/ Residents seminar, HG Wells	1.30pm-5.30pm
Saturday	13-Nov	Peacocks Centre - drop in event	9am-4pm
Sunday	14-Nov		
Monday	15-Nov	Residents seminar - Cornerstone, West Byfleet	6.30-9.30pm
Tuesday	16-Nov	Pool in the Park - drop in event	4-7pm
Wednesday	17-Nov	Horsell Residents Association Meeting	7.45pm
Thursday	18-Nov	Woking Farmers' Market	8.45am-2.30pm
Friday	19-Nov	Wolsey Place - Mercia Walk - drop in event	11am-3pm
Saturday	20-Nov		
Sunday	21-Nov		
Monday	22-Nov		
Tuesday	23-Nov		
Wednesday	24-Nov	Woking Chamber Meeting	12.30pm
Thursday	25-Nov		
Friday	26-Nov	Woking library display taken down	
Saturday	27-Nov		
Sunday	28-Nov		
Monday	29-Nov		
Tuesday	30-Nov	Residents seminar - Cornerstone, West Byfleet	1.30-5pm
Wednesday	01-Dec		
Thursday	02-Dec		
Friday	03-Dec		
Saturday	04-Dec		
Sunday	05-Dec		
Monday	06-Dec	Residents seminar - HG Wells, Woking	1.30pm-5.30pm
Tuesday	07-Dec	Presentation to Mind Cornerhouse, Maybury	Morning
Wednesday	08-Dec	Pool in the Park - drop in event	4-7pm
Thursday	09-Dec		
Friday	10-Dec		
Saturday	11-Dec		
Sunday	12-Dec		
Monday	13-Dec	Put up library display/CR 1a evening - seminar Presentation to Corporate Strategy -CLB	7pm-9.30pm
Tuesday	14-Dec		
Wednesday	15-Dec		
Thursday	16-Dec	Woking Farmers' Market	8.45am-2.30pm
Friday	17-Dec		

Representation Form



Representation Form for Supporting or Objecting to the Woking Local Development Framework Draft Core Strategy, Sustainability Appraisal or Statement of Community Involvement

Woking Borough Council has now prepared its **Draft Core Strategy** for public consultation. The Core Strategy sets out the Council's approach to development which meets the needs of the Borough and contains key policies to guide future development.

A **Sustainability Appraisal** has been prepared to assess the social, economic and environmental implications of the Draft Core Strategy. Overall, the appraisal concluded that the Core Strategy will contribute towards achieving sustainable development in the Borough.

The current **Statement of Community Involvement** was adopted in February 2007. Subsequently, there has been a change in the planning system; the document has been amended to reflect these changes. This consultation is a statutory requirement before its formal adoption by the Council.

The above documents can be read in full on the Council's website www.woking.gov.uk/woiking2027 or can be examined at the Civic Offices and libraries across the Borough.

- If you wish to support or object to any of the documents please use this form. You can generally support the document, or object to specific content and recommend changes. **There are notes on the reverse of this page which may help you make your representation.**
- You can find an electronic form on our website: www.woking.gov.uk/woiking2027. Completing an electronic form would help to save paper and staff resource. You will be emailed a completed copy of the form for your records.
- Please **complete in full** and **use a separate form for each individual representation or comment** that you wish to make.
- You can photocopy the form or obtain further copies from the Civic Offices at the address below, or from Byfleet, West Byfleet, Knaphill and Woking libraries. You can also find a printable version on our website: www.woking.gov.uk/woiking2027.
- Forms should be returned to: **Planning Policy, Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking, Surrey GU21 6YL.**
- The consultation runs from Friday 5 November 2010 to Friday 7 January 2011. Representations received after **5pm on 7 January 2011** will not be considered.





Representation Form for Supporting or Objecting to the Woking Local Development Framework Draft Core Strategy, Sustainability Appraisal or Statement of Community Involvement

Your details	Your agent (if applicable)
Name and address:	Name and address:
Telephone:	Telephone:
Email Address:	Email Address:

Please complete the following information about yourself.

Tick all boxes you feel best describe you. You do not need to fill in anything you are uncomfortable with. Completing this section will help us to ensure our consultation exercise is reaching all members of the community.

<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Also identify as transgender	<input type="checkbox"/> White British <input type="checkbox"/> White Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Other White Background <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other Mixed background <input type="checkbox"/> Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> Black African <input type="checkbox"/> Other Black background	<input type="checkbox"/> Romany Gypsy <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Traveller <input type="checkbox"/> Other Traveller <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian background <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 years and under <input type="checkbox"/> 16-24 years <input type="checkbox"/> 25-44 years <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 years <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 years <input type="checkbox"/> 65-74 years <input type="checkbox"/> 75-84 years <input type="checkbox"/> 85+ years	<input type="checkbox"/> Coping with any long term illness, health problem or disability which limits daily activity?	

Where did you hear about the consultation?

<input type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Council website <input type="checkbox"/> The Woking Magazine <input type="checkbox"/> Floor sticker <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure Centre	<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Leaflet <input type="checkbox"/> Parkview <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Local newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Display at Woking library <input type="checkbox"/> Residents' Magazine <input type="checkbox"/> Stand at Farmers' market <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
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Forms should be returned to:

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 Or can be emailed to planning.policy@woking.gov.uk

		Please tick
Which document does your comment relate to?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you supporting or objecting to the document?	Supporting Objecting	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If you are objecting to the Draft Core Strategy , please specify which of the following tests of soundness you consider the Draft Core Strategy fails.	1. The document is founded on a robust and credible evidence base	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2. It is the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Deliverable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Flexible	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5. Able to be monitored	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6. Consistent with national policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If your comments relate to the Draft Core Strategy please state the policy number and paragraph number.	Policy number _____ Paragraph number _____	
<p>Please explain the grounds on which your representation in support or objection is made. Please indicate clearly the changes you are seeking with suggested wording if appropriate.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(please attach additional sheets as necessary)</p>		
Do you agree that the Council's housing target of 292 dwellings per annum represents a reasonable level of housing growth for Woking Borough?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, please state why you disagree:		
(please attach additional sheets as necessary)		
Signed: _____		Date: _____
We will notify all respondents when we publish the Core Strategy prior to submission to the Government. If you do not wish to be notified please tick the box.		
Official use only. Rep number. _____		Ack sent? <input type="checkbox"/>

Make sure you have your say



Important information about a consultation taking place in
Woking Borough from 5 November 2010 to 7 January 2011

- Draft Core Strategy
- Sustainability Appraisal Report
- Draft Statement of Community Involvement

www.woking.gov.uk/woxing2027



Introduction to Woking 2027

Like all councils, Woking Borough Council is working on a new planning policy framework to guide future development (including houses, offices and shops) in the Borough from now until 2027. This is called the Local Development Framework (LDF), and it will replace the current Woking Borough Local Plan. The Core Strategy is the main LDF document that the Council will produce.

In autumn 2009, we ran a consultation on the key issues faced by the Borough and the options for addressing them. The results of this consultation, along with research and supporting evidence, have been put together and a draft Core Strategy has been produced.

We are keen to hear your views on this draft Core Strategy that will affect the planning of future development in the Borough. Planning affects many aspects of our lives – from where we can live, to where we can work and to where and how we spend our leisure time. So it is important that we get it right.

This leaflet has been prepared to give you a flavour of the issues covered by the consultation and, in particular, the Core Strategy. We hope that, once you have considered the issues concerned, you will review some or all of the full documents and then give us your views. The full version of the Core Strategy is available for you to view at the Civic Offices, the Borough's libraries and on the Council's website www.woking.gov.uk/woking2027. Hard copies of the document are available on request from the Council's Planning Policy Team, telephone **01483 743871**.

Stop press!

You may be aware that, following the General Election in May this year, the new Coalition Government is making a number of changes to how the planning system works. A key change is the recent withdrawal of the South East Plan which was the document which set the strategic framework for planning in the region. In particular, the South East Plan set the context for the level of growth that Woking Borough Council should plan for through the Core Strategy, including a target for how many new homes should be built in the Borough every year.

Following the withdrawal of the South East Plan, the Council has considered whether the level of growth previously required by the South East Plan is right for Woking. A significant amount of local research and evidence has been prepared to support the level of growth being planned for in Woking's draft Core Strategy. The Council considers that this level of growth is right for the Borough and is important to support economic development, improve the infrastructure, and provide much-needed homes for local people.

We would like to take this opportunity to seek your views on the level of growth being proposed through the draft Core Strategy. Details of how to get involved can be found on the back page.



The consultation



From 5 November 2010 until 7 January 2011, we are asking for your views on three documents.

1. Draft Core Strategy

This provides strategic policies to guide decisions about the future use of land to 2027. The Core Strategy deals with spatial issues – those issues that involve land and buildings and how people use and access them. It looks at how and where jobs are created, where we can shop, where houses are built, and considers the attractiveness of public space. It cannot deal with non-spatial issues such as the length of hospital waiting lists or arrangements for refuse collection. Planning applications will be determined against these policies. For example, it sets out policies to ensure that development does not harm protected wildlife, is well designed, and is supported by the necessary infrastructure.

We are particularly keen to hear your views on the requirement to provide an additional 292 new homes per annum, given the proposed changes to the planning system being introduced by the Government after the General Election in May 2010. Further information on housing numbers can be found at www.woking.gov.uk/woking2027

2. Sustainability Appraisal Report

This is a technical document which looks at the social, economic and environmental impacts of the draft Core Strategy policies.

3. Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

This sets out how the Council will involve the community when it prepares or changes important planning documents. The SCI also sets out how the community will be involved in the decision-making process for planning applications. The Council's first SCI was produced in 2007. It has been updated to reflect changes to national planning legislation.

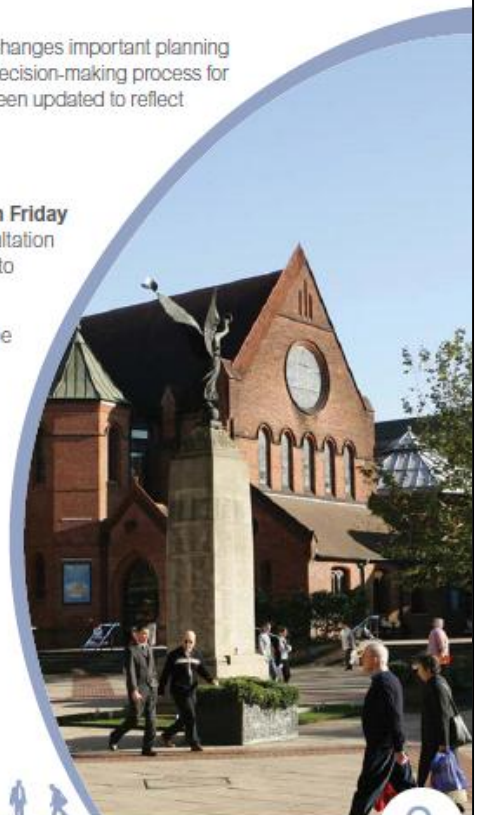
The consultation process

This consultation runs from Friday 5 November 2010 and closes at **5pm on Friday 7 January 2011**. Representations and comments received after this consultation period cannot be taken into account. Please be aware that we are unable to accept anonymous or confidential responses.

At the end of the nine-week consultation period, all of the responses will be analysed. We will compile the results of the consultation in a report which will be made available on our website during spring 2011.

A final Core Strategy will be published in July 2011 and a final six-week consultation will take place. All responses to this final document will then be submitted to the Government in the autumn for its consideration at a special public inquiry.

The SCI will not be subject to public inquiry. The Council will make all necessary changes to the document following this consultation period and will formally adopt in 2011.



Woking Local Development Framework

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Draft Core Strategy

The draft Core Strategy sets out:

- a description of the Borough, or 'spatial portrait'
- a spatial vision and a set of objectives that will help us to achieve that vision
- a number of place-based policies that cover specific areas of the Borough
- a number of policies that will apply across the whole Borough
- a framework for implementation and monitoring.

Spatial portrait

The spatial portrait, which can be found within the full draft Core Strategy document, sets out the key characteristics of Woking Borough including its geography, historical development, features of the population, the local economy and existing housing stock.

Spatial vision

The spatial vision of the draft Core Strategy (in the box below) paints a clear picture of what the Borough should be like by 2027. Members of the public were consulted on this last autumn and it has also been agreed by members of The Woking Partnership.

Woking will be a Borough of high environmental quality and standards where people choose to live, work and visit, an exemplar in the achievement of sustainable growth.

Woking will be a regional focus of economic prosperity centred on a vibrant, enhanced town centre that provides a good range of quality shops, jobs, cultural facilities, services and infrastructure to cater for the Borough's needs, surrounded by distinct communities anchored by attractive district and local centres providing convenient access to everyday shops, services and local community facilities.

Woking is a sustainable community where the benefits of growth and prosperity are shared throughout the Borough, without pockets of deprivation.

New housing in the Borough will be well designed to respect the character of the area and meet the needs of all sections of the community.

A green Borough where people will have easy access to good quality, green infrastructure for recreation and leisure.

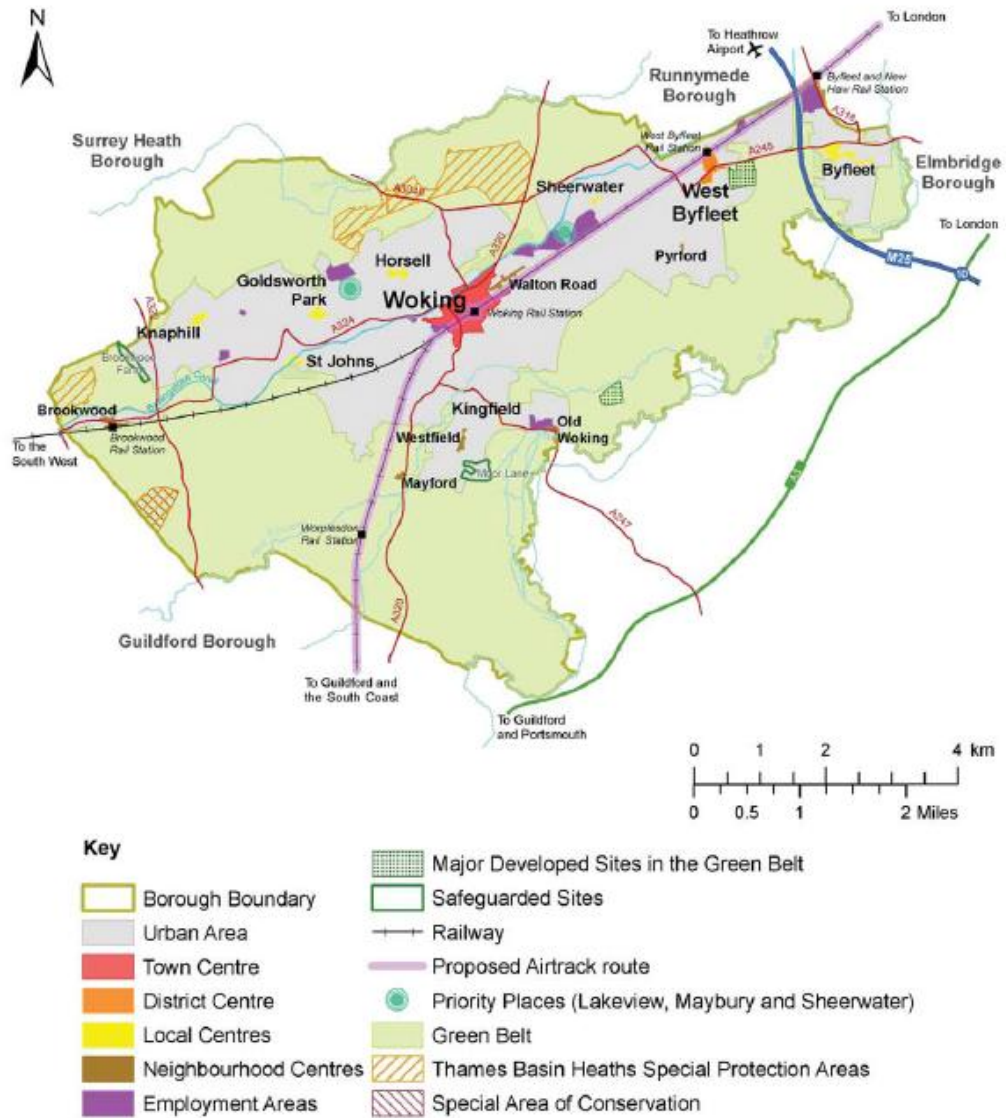
The Borough will have a balanced and sustainable multi-modal transport system that links homes, jobs and key services and, by doing so, improves the overall health and well-being of all residents.

The spatial vision will be delivered through a number of detailed objectives, which can be found in the draft Core Strategy.

The Core Strategy includes a Key Diagram (see facing page), which highlights the key influences, constraints and land use designations in the Borough.



Key Diagram of Woking Borough



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Core Strategy policies

There are 23 policies within the draft Core Strategy, a summary of each one is provided below.

Policy CS1 A spatial strategy for Woking

Sets out the overall strategy for the whole Borough including how many houses are needed and how much employment and retail floorspace is required.

Policy CS2 Woking Town Centre

Specifically relates to the town centre and sets out the strategy for the delivery of new development, including how many houses are needed and how much employment and retail floorspace is required.

Policy CS3 West Byfleet

Relates to West Byfleet District Centre and sets out the strategy for the delivery of new development, including how many houses are needed and how much employment and retail floorspace is required.

Policy CS4 Local and Neighbourhood Centres and shopping parades

Sets out the Council's intended approach for the Borough's Local and Neighbourhood Centres and shopping parades as defined in the table below.

Hierarchy	Location
Town Centre	Woking
District Centre	West Byfleet
Local Centres	Byfleet, Goldsworth Park, Horsell, Kingfield, Knaphill, Sheerwater, St. Johns
Neighbourhood Centres	Brookwood, Mayford, Old Woking, Pyrford, Walton Road, Westfield
Shopping parades	Anchor Hill, Barnsbury, Blackbridge Road, East Hill, Gorsewood Road, Guildford Road, Hermitage Road, Maybury, Maybury Road, Oriental Road, Rydens Way, Wych Hill

Policy CS5 Priority Places

Sets out how the Council will work with partners to target resources to the Borough's Priority Places:

- the ward of Maybury and Sheerwater
- the Lakeview Estate area of Goldsworth Park.

Policy CS6 Green Belt

Defines the two major developed sites which are already subject to significant development and the policy for protecting and maintaining the Green Belt.

Policy CS7 Biodiversity and nature conservation

Sets out how areas with special environmental designations will be protected.

Policy CS8 Flooding

Sets out how the Council will determine planning applications to ensure new development is located in areas of low flood risk.

Policy CS9 Housing provision and distribution

The amount, broad locations and density of new housing development that will be delivered.

Policy CS10 Housing mix

Sets out the mix of dwelling types and sizes needed to meet local needs and to create sustainable and balanced communities.

Policy CS11 Affordable housing

Sets out the thresholds and percentage of affordable units which will be required on new development sites.

- Policy CS12** Older people and vulnerable groups
Sets out how the Council will meet the specific accommodation needs of older people and other vulnerable groups.
- Policy CS13** Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
Sets out how the Council will ensure the provision of sufficient suitable sites for the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople community.
- Policy CS14** Sustainable economic development
Sets out how the Council will ensure that there is an appropriate quantity and range of employment land in the Borough to enable the local economy to function efficiently and contribute to the region's long-term competitiveness.
- Policy CS15** Infrastructure delivery
Ensures that the necessary social, physical and green infrastructure is put in place to support the level of growth proposed and to serve Borough residents.
- Policy CS16** Open space, green infrastructure, sport and recreation
Sets out how the Council will provide new, and protect existing, facilities and open space.
- Policy CS17** Transport and accessibility
Sets out how the Council will work with partners to provide a sustainable transport system which connects people to jobs, services and community facilities.
- Policy CS18** Social and community infrastructure
Explains how the Council will work with its partners to provide an accessible and sustainable social and community infrastructure to support growth in the Borough.
- Policy CS19** Heritage and conservation
Sets out how the Council will ensure that new development respects and enhances the character of the Borough and the protection of buildings of heritage significance.
- Policy CS20** Design
Provides guidance on how new development should make a positive contribution to its environment and strengthen the character and distinct identity of the area.
- Policy CS21** Sustainable construction
Sets out the requirements for new development to ensure that it reduces energy use, reduces emissions and promotes the use of renewable energy.
- Policy CS22** Renewable and low carbon energy
Focuses on the development of new renewable and low carbon energy generation.
- Policy CS23** Woking's landscape and townscape
Sets out the requirements for new development to ensure that it brings positive benefits in terms of protecting the character of the local area.



How to get involved and have your say

It is important that you have your say about the Core Strategy, the Sustainability Appraisal Report and Statement of Community Involvement. The full versions of all of these documents can be found online at www.woking.gov.uk/woking2027. If you have views on any part of these documents, now is the time to tell us.

It would really help us if you could complete a response form with your views. This is available online at www.woking.gov.uk/woking2027

Paper copies of the forms are available from the Civic Offices, at libraries in the Borough and on request from the Planning Policy Team on **01483 743871**.

Please send any completed hard copy response forms to:

The Planning Policy Team, Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking, Surrey GU21 6YL

During the consultation period, the Planning Policy Team will be out and about around the Borough to raise awareness of the consultation and answer any of your questions face-to-face. Please come along and see us for an informal chat at any of the following events.

Date	Venue
Saturday 6 November, 9am – 2pm	Byfleet Farmers' Market, Village Green, Byfleet
Wednesday 10 November, 10am – 3pm	Parkview, Sheerwater
Saturday 13 November, 9am – 4pm	Peacocks Shopping Centre
Tuesday 16 November, 4-7pm	Woking Pool in the Park
Thursday 18 November, 10am – 2.30pm	Woking Farmers' Market, Mercia Walk
Friday 19 November, 11am - 3pm	Wolsey Place Shopping Centre (Mercia Walk)
Wednesday 8 December, 4-7pm	Woking Pool in the Park
Thursday 16 December, 9am – 2.30pm	Woking Farmers' Market, Mercia Walk

We are also organising a number of seminars focussing on the draft Core Strategy. If you would like to attend one of these seminars, please register in advance by calling the Planning Policy Team on **01483 743871** or email planning.policy@woking.gov.uk

Date	Venue
Monday 8 November, 7pm	H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, Church Street East, Woking
Friday 12 November, 2pm	H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, Church Street East, Woking
Monday 15 November, 7pm	The Cornerstone Centre, Camphill Road, West Byfleet
Tuesday 30 November, 2pm	The Cornerstone Centre, Camphill Road, West Byfleet
Monday 6 December, 2pm	H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, Church Street East, Woking
Monday 13 December, 7pm	Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking

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Seminar Events for Residents

Thursday	01-Sep	7pm Civic Offices, Woking
Monday	05-Sep	2pm The Cornerstone Centre, West Byfleet
Tuesday	06-Sep	2pm Knaphill Methodist Church, Broadway
Wednesday	07-Sep	10am Civic Offices, Woking

Guidance Notes for completing Representations Form



Woking Borough Council Local Development Documents Core Strategy Publication Document and Sustainability Appraisal Guidance Notes

Woking Borough Council has now prepared its **Core Strategy Publication Document** for public consultation. The Core Strategy sets out the Council's approach to development which meets the needs of the Borough and contains key policies to guide future development. The Core Strategy has been published in order for representations to be made prior to submission. The representations together with the Core Strategy will be submitted, to the Secretary of State and examined by a Planning Inspector. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) (the 2004 Act) states that the purpose of the Examination is to consider whether the Core Strategy complies with the legal requirements and the tests of soundness.

A **Sustainability Appraisal** has been prepared to assess the social, economic and environmental implications of the Core Strategy Publication Document. Overall, the appraisal concluded that the Core Strategy will contribute towards achieving sustainable development in the Borough.

The above documents can be read in full on the Council's website www.woking2027.info or can be inspected at the Civic Offices and libraries across the Borough.

You can find an **electronic form** on our website: www.woking2027.info. Completing an electronic form would help to save paper and staff resource. You will be emailed a copy of your form for your records.

Guidance for completing the form

The Council is consulting on its Core Strategy Publication Document from Monday 25 July until Friday 23 September 2011. This stage of consultation is the final opportunity for stakeholders and the general public to comment on the Core Strategy and the other publication documents before it is submitted for Independent Examination. At this stage, representations should relate to the soundness of the document and legal compliance. The form will ask you whether you consider that the Core Strategy is sound and legally compliant and if not, which 'tests of soundness' you feel it does not satisfy.

Even if you have made comments on the Core Strategy in the past you must make representations during this consultation stage if you wish to have the right to speak to the Inspector and make your case at the Examination.

Legal Compliance

At the Examination the planning inspector will check that the Core Strategy is legally compliant and that it is sound. In order to check that it is legally compliant the Inspector will check that the Core Strategy:

- **Has been prepared in accordance with the Council's current Local Development Scheme (LDS).**
The LDS sets out the Local Development Documents that the Council proposes to produce over a 3 year period. It sets out the key stages for the production of the DPDs with timetables. The LDS is on the Council's website and available at the Civic Offices.
- **Has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).**
The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is a document which sets out the Council's strategy for involving the community in the preparation and revision of Local Development Documents (including DPDs) and the consideration of planning applications.

- **Meets the Government's procedural regulations (the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 as amended) involving publicity and availability of documents.**
The Core Strategy should comply with the regulations. These state that on publication, the Council must publish the documents prescribed in the regulations, and make them available at their principal offices and their website. The Council must also place local advertisements and notify the DPD bodies (as set out in the regulations) and any persons who have requested to be notified.
- **Has been subject to Sustainability appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment.**
The Council is required to provide a Sustainability Appraisal Report when they publish the Core Strategy. This should identify the process by which the Sustainability Appraisal has been carried out, and the baseline information used to inform the process and the outcomes of that process. Sustainability Appraisal is a tool for appraising policies to ensure that they take account of social, environmental, and economic objectives.
- **Has regard to the Council's Sustainable Community strategy.**
The DPD must have regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for its area (i.e. Surrey and Woking). The SCS is usually prepared by the Local Strategic Partnership which is representative of a range of interests in the Borough.
- **Is in general conformity with the South East Plan. (Please note that the South is Plan is proposed to be revoked once the Localism Bill is enacted).**
The Core Strategy should have regard to national policy and conform generally to the Regional Strategy (RS). The RS for Woking Borough is the South East Plan. The RS sets out the region's policies in relation to the development and use of land and forms part of the development plan.

Soundness

The tests of soundness are explained fully in Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning in paragraphs 4.36-4.47, 4.51 and 5.52. It is also highlighted in page 3 of the Core Strategy Publication Document. The Inspector has to be satisfied that the Core Strategy is justified, effective and consistent with national policy. To be sound the Core Strategy should be:

- **Justified**
This means that the Core Strategy should be founded on a robust and credible evidence base involving:
 - Evidence of participation of the local community and others having a stake in the area
 - Research/fact finding: the choices made in the plan are backed up by facts

The Core Strategy should also provide the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives. These alternatives should be realistic and subject to sustainability appraisal. The Core Strategy should show how the policies and proposals help to ensure that the social, environmental, economic and resource use objectives of sustainability will be achieved.
- **Effective**
This means the DPD should be:
 - deliverable,
 - flexible enough to adapt to change,
 - able to be monitored.

The Core Strategy should indicate who is to be responsible for making sure that the policies and proposals happen and when they will happen. The plan should be flexible to deal with changing circumstances, which may involve minor changes to respond to the outcome of the monitoring process or more significant changes to respond to problems such as lack of funding for major infrastructure proposals. Although it is important that policies are flexible, the Core Strategy should make clear that major changes may require a formal review including public consultation. Any measures which the Council has included to make sure that targets are met should be clearly

linked to an Annual Monitoring Report. This report must be produced each year by all local authorities and will inform decisions about whether the Core Strategy needs amendment.

- **Consistent with national policy**

The Core Strategy should be consistent with national policy. Where there is a departure, the Council must provide clear and convincing reasoning to justify their approach. You may feel that the Council should include a policy or policies which would depart from national or regional policy in order to meet a clearly identified and fully justified local need. In this instance it will be important for you to say in your representations what the local circumstances are that justify a different policy approach to that in national or regional policy and support your assertion with evidence.

If you think the content of the Core Strategy is not sound because it does not include a policy where it should do, you should go through the following steps before making representations:

- Is the issue with which you are concerned already covered specifically by any national planning policy or in the Regional Strategy (the South East Plan)? If so, it does not need to be included.
- Is what you are concerned with covered by any other policies in the Core Strategy on which you are seeking to make representations or in any other DPD in the Council's Local Development Framework (LDF)? There is no need for repetition between documents in the LDDs.
- If the policy is not covered elsewhere, in what way is the Core Strategy unsound without the policy?
- If the Core Strategy is unsound without the policy, what should the policy say?

General advice

Further guidance on considering soundness can be found on the Planning Portal at www.planningportal.gov.uk

If you wish to make a representation seeking a change to the Core Strategy or part of the Core Strategy you should make clear in what way the Core Strategy or part of the Core Strategy is not sound having regard to the legal compliance and three tests of soundness set out above. You should try to support your representation by evidence showing why the Core Strategy should be changed. It will be helpful if you also say precisely how you think the Core Strategy should be changed. Representations should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further submissions based on the original representation made at publication. After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

Where there are groups who share a common view on how they wish to see the Core Strategy changed, it would be very helpful for that group to send a single representation which represents their view, rather than for a large number of individuals to send in separate representations which repeat the same points. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised.

Further detailed guidance on the preparation, publication and examination of DPDs is provided in PPS12 and in The CLG Plan Making Manual.

- **Please complete in full and use a separate form for each individual representation or comment that you wish to make.**
- You can photocopy the form or obtain further copies from the Civic Offices at the address below, or from Byfleet, West Byfleet, Knaphill and Woking libraries. You can also find a printable version on our website: www.woking2027.info
- Forms should be returned to: **Planning Policy, Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking, GU21 6YL.**

- The consultation runs from Monday 25 July to Friday 23 September 2011. Representations received after 5pm on 23 September 2011 will not be considered.

Notes

Why should I use the form?

- You are recommended to use the form because it gives basic information needed for speedy and effective handling of your representation or comments in support of, or objection to, the Core Strategy Publication Document and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal.

How do I use the form?

- Please complete the form in full and **use a separate form** for each representation or comment that you wish to make in support of, or objection to, a paragraph or proposed policy.
- Please identify precisely which paragraph and policy number your comment relates to by completing the appropriate box.
- Please state clearly why you support or object to the proposed paragraph or policy of the Core Strategy Publication Document or the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal.
- Please note that any written comments will be made available for public inspection and so we are unable to accept confidential or anonymous responses. Your full address will not be published as all personal data will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act.
- Forms should be returned to: **Planning Policy, Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking, Surrey GU21 6YL.**
- Representations received after 5pm on 23 September 2011 will not be considered.

What happens next?

- The Core Strategy will then be submitted to the Secretary of State along with copies of all representations received.
- An Examination of the Core Strategy will take place in early 2012.

For more information or if you need any assistance completing this form please:

- see the website: www.woking2027.info
- email planning.policy@woking.gov.uk
- or telephone 01483 743871.



Representations Form



Representation Form for Supporting or Objecting to the Woking Local Development Documents Core Strategy Publication Document and Sustainability Appraisal

Your details	Your agent (if applicable)
Name and address:	Name and address:
Telephone:	Telephone:
Email Address:	Email Address:

Please use a separate sheet for each representation

1. To which document and which section does this representation relate?
Please indicate the document and the specific page, paragraph number, policy figure or table within it.

Document		Section	
Core Strategy Publication Document		Page number	
Sustainability Appraisal Report		Paragraph number	
Proposals Map		Policy number	
		Other (e.g. an omission or comment relating to procedure)	

2. Do you consider that the Core Strategy is:

a) Legally compliant

Yes

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No

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b) Sound*

Yes

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No

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If you answer no please go to question 3

*The considerations in relation to the Core Strategy being 'sound' are explained in Planning Policy Statement 12 and the additional guidance for completing this representation form.

If you do not think the Core Strategy is sound:

3. Do you consider the Core Strategy is unsound because it is not:

a) Justified

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b) Effective

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c) Consistent with national policy

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Please see guidance notes for an explanation of these terms

4. Please give details of why you consider the Core Strategy is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible.
If you think that the documents satisfy the legal compliance and the tests of soundness, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Please continue on a separate sheet in necessary

5. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Core Strategy legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Please note your representation should succinctly cover all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and your proposed change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.
After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

6. If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate at the Examination?

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No, I do not wish to participate at the Examination

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Yes, I wish to participate at the Examination

7. If you wish to participate at the Examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the Examination.

8. Do you wish to be informed when the Core Strategy progresses to the next stages:

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Yes

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No

9. A draft Proposals Map has been produced to accompany the Core Strategy Publication Document. Do you think that it identifies the area to which specific policies of the Core Strategy and other documents of the Development Plan of Woking Borough apply?

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Yes

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No

If no, please explain why not in the box below. Please specify the designation and location on the Proposals Map where appropriate.


Signed:

Date:

Please return to: Planning Policy, Woking Borough Council, Gloucester Square, Woking, GU21 6YL

Additional copies of this form are available online at www.woking2027.info from the Civic Offices, Woking, Byfleet, Knaphill and West Byfleet libraries, and on request from the Planning Policy Team: 01483 743871 or planning.policy@woking.gov.uk

Make sure you have your say



Core Strategy for Woking Borough

This is your last chance to have your say on our plan for the next 15 years.

Last year we asked what you thought about our Draft Core Strategy.


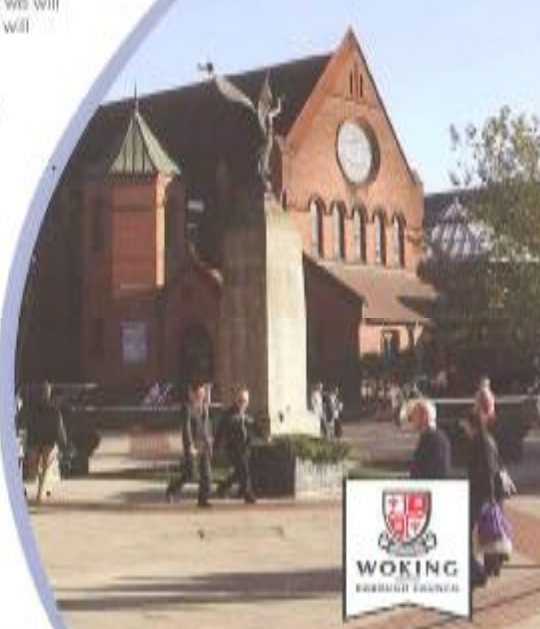
The comments you gave, along with new evidence, have been used to produce the Core Strategy Publication Document. This sets out our vision, objectives, strategy and policies for the Borough for the next 15 years.

It shows where we will provide new jobs and homes, how we will improve some of the Borough's environment and how we will make it easier to travel in and around the Borough.

We have now produced our Core Strategy Publication Document which is to be submitted to the Government in October. However, before we do this we need to know what you think of it. You need to tell us if you think the plan is 'sound'. By sound we mean:

- Does it follow government guidance?
- Is it based on clear and good evidence?
- Is it justified and does it deliver the place you want?

You have until 23 September 2011 to tell us if you think that the Core Strategy is 'sound.'



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Key diagram

Priority for jobs

Working Town Centre

- 2,500 homes to be built
- 27,000sqm new office floorspace
- 67,500sqm of new retail floorspace

West Byfleet District Centre

- High density mixed use development will be encouraged within West Byfleet District Centre.
- 170 homes to be built
- 1,000-1,500sqm additional office floorspace
- 10,000sqm new retail floorspace

Priority Parks

The ward of Molebury and Greenmoor and the Lammas Estate area of Eastmoor Park have been identified as Priority Parks. The Council will work with partners to target resources to these areas.

Working

A 1964 challenge will be met by 2027, an average of 292 per year.

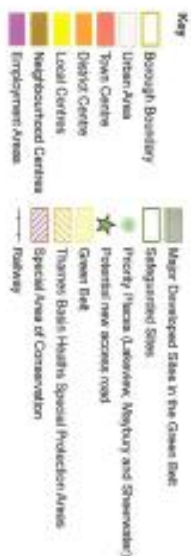
- There are policies covering:
 - housing provision and distribution
 - housing mix
 - affordable housing
 - older people and vulnerable groups
 - Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling communities

Environment

There are policies covering:

- Green Belt
- biodiversity and nature conservation
- Thomas Busch Health SPA
- flooding

Working Local Development Framework



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Buildings and public spaces

There are policies covering:

- heritage and conservation
- design
- open spaces, green infrastructure, sport and recreation
- Woking's landscape and townscape

Infrastructure and services

Evaluating the necessary social, physical and green infrastructure is in place to support the level of growth proposed. The Council will introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

Economy

The policy sets out what will be done in order to accommodate the predicted future growth in economic development required by Woking's economy to grow, ensure sustainable employment development patterns, provide more (profit and business) opportunities, and allow for flexibility to cater for the changing needs of the economy.

Energy strategy

- There are policies covering:
 - sustainable transportation
 - renewable and low carbon energy generation

Design and accessibility

The Council is committed to developing a well integrated community connected by a sustainable transport system which connects people to jobs, services and community facilities and increases impacts on biodiversity.

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Working Local Development Framework

How to get involved and have your say

You can look at the Core Strategy Publication Document and its supporting documents:

- online at www.woking2027.info
- at all libraries across the Borough (Woking, Ryland, Knaphill and West Ryland)
- at Woking Borough Council Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking.

You can talk to us on **01483 743871** and request copies of the Core Strategy Publication Document and the representation form.

We are also organising a number of seminars focussing on the Core Strategy Publication Document. If you would like to attend one of these seminars, please register in advance by calling the Planning Policy Team on **01483 743871** or email planning.policy@woking.gov.uk

Date	Venue
Thursday 1 September, 7pm	Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking
Monday 5 September, 2pm	The Cornerstone Centre, Camphill Road, West Ryland
Tuesday 6 September, 2pm	Knaphill Methodist Church, [REDACTED] Knaphill
Wednesday 7 September, 10am	Committee Room 1a, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking

Please tell us what you think by 23 September 2011.

If you want your views to be considered you must put your comments in writing, preferably on a representation form, to reach us by **5pm on Friday 23 September 2011.**

Please use a separate representation form for each policy, or part of the strategy you wish to object to or support. Please be aware that we are unable to accept anonymous or confidential responses. You can fill in an online form at www.woking2027.info or get a paper form from all libraries or the Civic Offices and send it to us at:

Planning Policy
Woking Borough Council
Civic Offices
Gloucester Square
Woking
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The next steps

A few weeks after the consultation has ended we will submit the Core Strategy to the Government along with your comments.

They will appoint an independent Planning Inspector to consider the plan and your comments at an Examination in early 2012 to decide if the Core Strategy is 'sound.'

We look forward to hearing from you.

Woking Local Development Framework

Appendix 3: Press releases, newspaper articles and photographs

The various stage of the Core Strategy process received significant publicity through the local press. The following press cuttings are clear documentation of the effort made to create awareness of the Core Strategy and level of press interest shown at various stages of the process.

Issues and Options - 27 October to 7 December 2009

Woking Borough Council press release



16 October 2009

WORKING TOWARDS WOKING 2026

Local people will have the opportunity to comment on the future development of Woking Borough, when a significant six-week long consultation exercise, entitled Woking 2026, gets underway next week (beginning 26 October 2009).

Members of Woking Borough Council's Executive agreed the consultation arrangements at their meeting last night (Thursday 15 October 2009), and Council staff are now preparing to go out into the Borough to talk to people about a range of important topics including housing, the economy, climate change and the local infrastructure.

All councils are required by the Government to produce a Local Development Framework – a series of documents that sets out the Council's policies and proposals for using the land within its boundaries. It is a crucial piece of work which not only focuses on planning issues, but also considers community aspirations, social concerns and economic issues as well.

At the heart of this series of documents is the Core Strategy, which includes an overall vision for the area and a number of objectives which focus on the main issues to be addressed and ways of tackling them. It is this part of the Local Development Framework – called the Core Strategy Issues and Options paper – which residents, workers and visitors to the Borough will be asked to comment on during the autumn.

The Council is not starting this piece of work with a blank piece of paper. The key issues presented in the consultation document are based on national and regional policy guidance, as well as priorities that have been agreed with local people through previous consultations.

The Council has produced a background document and an accompanying questionnaire to find out what people's thoughts are on a range of important issues including:

- the location, type and size of new housing developments in the Borough
- the future of the Green Belt boundary
- the potential development of Woking Town Centre

- strategies for managing traffic congestion in the future.

Speaking about Woking 2026, Cllr Graham Cundy, Woking Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy, said: "Over the next few years, we have some very important decisions to make about the future development of our Borough and we are keen for local people to give us their views on crucial issues such as where existing and future generations will work, rest and play.

"Although these issues are not easy to resolve, we would very much like to hear from people so that we can take their views into consideration when planning development over the next twenty years."

From Monday 26 October until Monday 7 December, a copy of the Issues and Options document and a questionnaire will be available on the Council's website www.woking.gov.uk and in a hard copy format from the Civic Offices for people to give their views. The deadline for all submissions is **5pm on Monday 7 December 2009** and all completed forms will be entered into a prize draw for five lucky winners to each win £50 of shopping vouchers.

Anyone with questions about the consultation can contact the Woking 2026 Team by phone on 01483 743871, email at planning.policy@woking.gov.uk or by visiting the Council's website at www.woking.gov.uk

Alternatively, people can talk to Council representatives at a number of public events during the consultation period or attend one of three seminars that are planned over the next few weeks (pre-registration is required for the seminars). Full details are available on the Council's website.

Once the consultation is complete, all responses will be collated and analysed and the key findings will be reported back to the Council's LDF Working Group in the New Year. Following this, a further document will be prepared containing the preferred options for the future and the public will once again be consulted in March-April 2010.

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For further information, contact Woking Borough Council's Marketing Communications Manager, Karen Porter, on 01483 743024 or email karen.porter@woking.gov.uk

Notes to Editors

Dates of public events where the Woking 2026 Team will be available

Friday 30 October, 8.30am to 2.30pm	Waitrose Supermarket, West Byfleet
Saturday 31 October, 9am to 2pm	Woking Farmers' Market, Town Sq
Tuesday 3 November, 10am to 4pm	Wolsey Place Shopping Centre, Woking
Saturday 7 November, 9am to 2pm	Byfleet Farmers' Market, Village Green, Byfleet
Friday 13 November, 8.30am to 2.30pm	Sainsbury's superstore in Brookwood
Saturday 14 November, 9am to 5.30pm	Peacocks Shopping Centre, Woking
Thursday 19 November, 9am to 2pm	Woking Farmers' Market, Town Sq,

Seminars focusing on the Local Development Framework

Wednesday 28 October, 2 to 5pm	H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, Woking
Monday 2 November 6.30 to 9.30pm	H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, Woking
Monday 9 November 6.30 to 9.30pm	The Cornerstone Centre, Camphill Rd West Byfleet

Anyone who would like to attend one of these seminars should register in advance by calling Woking Borough Council's Planning Policy Team on 01483 743871 or email planning.policy@woking.gov.uk

In brief

What do you want from your town?

A MASSIVE consultation is due to begin next week to find out what the people of Woking want from their town.

The consultation, called Woking 2025, will run for six weeks and will give residents the opportunity to comment on future developments.

Woking Borough Council staff will be asking for comments on a range of issues including housing, the economy, climate change and infrastructure.

Specific questions to be answered will be the location, type and size of housing developments, the future of the green belt boundary and strategies for managing traffic congestion in the future.

The issues being discussed are based on national and regional policy guidance, as well as priorities already agreed in previous consultations.

Woking Borough Council's portfolio holder for planning, Cllr Graham Candy said: "During the next few years we have some very important decisions to make about the future development of our borough and we are keen for local people to give us their views."

"Although these issues are not easy to resolve, we would very much like to hear from people so that we can take their views into consideration." A copy of the questionnaire will be available on the council website until December 7.

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Hosareas

by Nicola Rider

POOR levels of care, bad infection rates and a lack of dignity and respect for patients were just some of the criticisms in a new report into Woking's closest hospital.

The Care Quality Commission's annual health check at Ashford and St Peter's Hospital found it failed in some of the key areas, although overall the trust was good.

Commission inspectors were divided into two sections – quality of services and quality of financial management.

Although overall the trust performed well and was among 47% of hospitals rated as good across the country, there were areas the commission believed should be improved.

In its report it said: "The number of MRSA blood infections reported by the trust was not in line with the planned reductions for 2008/2009."

"The proportion of patients whose operations were either cancelled for non-medical reasons or who were not offered new date that was within 30 days of the original date was too high."

"And feedback received from patients about the experience of the care they received was below a satisfactory level."

Trust Chief Executive Andrew Liles said: "Providing high quality patient care is our

Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Welcome to St. Peter's Hospital

Hospitals have been rated as 'good' over all.

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In brief

Get in the spooky spirit on Saturday

GHOSTS and ghouls will be taking over the Watney Place shopping centre in Woking this weekend when a two-part event will be taking place. The first is a spooky Halloween-themed event.

Watney Place manager Richard Wheeler said: "Entertaining the children can be expensive so we wanted to help out during these difficult times."

"I am sure you have heard that the Watney Place shopping centre will be taking a two-part event this weekend while the ground is up for the shops."

The two-part event will be taking place on Saturday between 11am and 4pm.

Join a ghostly walk in cemetery

If you are looking for something to do on the spooky night of Halloween then why not join us on a ghostly walk in the cemetery.

Watney Place will start at 8.30pm and finish at 10pm. Meet at the office in Cemetery Road.

Donation will be gratefully received and will go towards the cemetery maintenance fund.

Free fireworks at

Have Your Say

Give us better links and housing

by Beth Woodger

RESIDENTS will have an opportunity to comment on the future development of the town after the borough council launched a six-week consultation this week.

Council staff will be going out into the borough to chat to people about a variety of issues including housing, the economy, climate change and the Woking 2025 project.

Residents will be asked to comment on the core strategy as part of the local development framework, a series of documents the council has produced setting out the policies and proposals for taking the town into the future.

Woking Borough Council wants to find out what people think about housing developments in the area, the future of the green belt boundary and potential development of the town.

It has asked for a development company, Golder, and has plans to transform the High Street and its surrounding area.

Other issues include finding a new town centre and a new office space for the town.

The town is a small village with a small town centre. It is a small village with a small town centre. It is a small village with a small town centre.

St John's resident Wendy Derry, 65, said: "Woking is a pretty good so far as the shops have closed down. There are far too many flats in Woking, it's like a flat jungle."

"There are so many young people trying to get on the property ladder and they can't afford to buy a house. It's very difficult so we need more affordable housing."

"I definitely would not want the green belt to be built on."

Mrs Derry also suggested that the frequency of buses could be improved in a bid to help with congestion.

She added: "On my route there is a bus stop at how so they need to be more accessible."

Michael, a building surveyor who has recently opened a practice in Woking, was very complimentary about the town.

The 61-year-old said: "Woking is a much more business-friendly place and more business-oriented than Guildford."

"The High Street in Woking does look very well but more needs to be done to make it a better place to live in."

"I am a musician and Woking is fantastic because it encourages musicians and offers free parking for us."

Mr Derry praised the fact the council is spending to cycle to ride to the town and commented on the recent installation of bike racks in Peacock Walk.

He added: "Everything in the town is so compact and you don't have to go far to the bank or to buy supplies. It is all within a short time."

Cyclist Ruth Seaman, 72, said: "I go on my bike and just riding there doing nothing, then I could be back in 10 minutes. It is a very good thing."

"I think the town centre is doing very well but we do need more housing."

The Herts resident added: "It is a very good the council is taking people what they want but they need to ask the young people what they think."

Khalid Mahmood, 35, and from Naphary said: "Woking has improved a lot since I moved here about 20 years ago."

"The town centre is looking nice with lots of new flats. The green belt should be kept green."

For more information about the consultation and for dates of public events visit www.woking.gov.uk

Family Notices

BURIALS

BOLTON, Charles Henry of Sand Marsh died peacefully at home on Saturday 17th October 2009. Aged 77. He was much loved and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service to be held at St Mary the Virgin, Sand on Thursday 29th October 2009 at 1.00pm. Donations if desired to Cystic Fibrosis Trust c/o Alan Greenwood & Sons 01483 210222.

CHITTY, William George died at The Royal Surrey Hospital on 19th October aged 95. Sadly missed by wife Corrie, daughters Linda and Jean. Grandchildren Jennie, James, Emma and Tom and great-grandchild Kiera. Funeral to be held on 10th October at Woking Crematorium at 12.30pm. Flowers or donations to The British Heart Foundation c/o Woking Funeral Service 01483 772266.

COOPER, Reginald Peter of Byfleet passed away on 19th October 2009 aged 87. Beloved husband to Millicent and father to Derek & Trevor and grandfather to Melanie. The funeral service is to be held at Woking Crematorium on Friday 30th October at 2.00pm. Flowers to be delivered to G.Bond & Son of Byfleet before 12 noon the day of the funeral. Donations to Woking Community Hospital if preferred.

DUNSTALL, David passed away suddenly on Friday 23rd October. Much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service to take place on Monday 2nd November, 2.45pm at Woking Crematorium. All enquiries Woking Funeral Service 01483 772266.

HEATH, Peter Alfred of Byfleet passed away

MOLLEN, Patrick Arthur died peacefully at The Royal Surrey County Hospital on Saturday 17th October. Sadly missed by wife Alice and all his family. The funeral was held on Monday 26th October at Woking Crematorium. For further details contact Woking Funeral Services on 01483 772266.

NICHOLS, Nancy of Woking died peacefully at Kings Lodge Care Centre in Byfleet on Saturday 24th October 2009 aged 94. Much loved mother of Ann, Sally and David and grandmothers to Janice, Melanie, Holly and Nicola. Former active member of Woking Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Funeral service Friday 6th November, 2.45pm at Woking Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to CHASE c/o C.H. Lovegrove, Tel 01483 773436.

PAKMER, Catherine MARIE died Sunday 25th October at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey. She will be sadly missed by daughters Sue and Barbara, sons-in-law Bill and Andrew, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held on Monday 2nd November at 11.45am at Woking Crematorium. All enquiries Woking Funeral Service 01483 772266.

RUNCLES, Mary Isobel nee Tall, peacefully after a short illness on 21st October. Funeral service to take place at Woking Crematorium 3.30pm on 30th October. All welcome. Family flowers only but donations may be made to Ashford and St Peter's NHS Trust and all enquiries to Woking Funeral Service 01483 772266.

SMYTH, Mary on 16th October 2009. Memorial Service at Holy Trinity, West Epsom on Monday 2nd November at 3pm. Enquiries to Cyril H. Lovegrove Tel 01483 773436.

News & Mail Letters

Moor Lane will bring a flood of problems

I fully agree with the letter by Maurice Hibbard. Is it to criticise the council for the proposed development of Moor Lane. Will the council not learn from past mistakes?

They agreed to the development of Hoebrook Close in Westfield, an area of flood plain.

Every time it rains the residents quite rightly worry about flooding to their properties. They were promised flood protection in 2001, but still do not have it.

The council has granted planning consent for a development of 155 properties in the flood plain at Westfield Avenue.

This is because they have to provide minimal flood protection for Hoebrook Close.

New the council is proposing 150 properties in Moor Lane on and that is either within the flood plain or contiguous to it.

Can they understand a simple fact that if you take away the flood plain the floodwater must go somewhere else!

In the case of Moor Lane, that means an increased risk of flooding from the River Wey in Kingfield, Old Woking, Pyrford and Byfleet.

There have been many examples of floods in areas that were flood plains before being developed, perhaps the most recent being Tadworth where the whole town was under water last year.

The Meteorological Office, the Environment Agency and, more importantly, the Hadley Centre for Climate Change and Global Warming have all published reports this year.

In each report, by these scientific bodies, they state that the damage has already been done for the next 20 to 50 years and cannot be reversed.

Can the council afford to ignore these reports by untrained experts?

Can they not grasp the simple fact that we need to provide more floodwater storage areas instead of reducing them?

Again, with regard to the proposed development of Moor Lane, the council is proposing three access roads through the



Cheers! Supporters of the Marjorie Richardson Centre in Woking are pictured last month celebrating

Westfield Estate (application No plan/2009/2878).

A similar application was refused planning consent on the grounds that there would be an unacceptable increase in traffic at the junction of Westfield Road and Balfour Avenue.

This latest application does nothing to address this problem.

The only difference is that instead of going through Westfield Common and Westfield Way, they are proposing to cut across common land for which they require the consent of the Secretary of State for the Environment.

In order to receive this consent they have to provide a piece of land, not common, of equal or larger size, in the same area.

The council proposes to give a piece of land on Westfield Common in exchange.

Surely this is giving the residents their own land in exchange for their land.

I wrote to the council about four years ago and suggested about 15 sites that were not in the flood plain, common land or green belt.

But they chose to ignore this just because councillors about 20 years ago made the decision that Moor Lane should be set as a site for future development.

Those councillors were not in possession of the facts we now have about global warming.

It is not too late to reverse that decision. In the council's Development Plan Document of January 2006 there are numerous references to not building in the flood plain, and protecting the green belt. It appears these do not apply to planning applications made by Woking Borough Council.

ROBERT A SHATWELL
Lane Green,
Woking

Too bad our council masters can't think for themselves

I write with regard to the excellent letter from Maurice Hibbard last week in which he rightly raises some important questions in relation to the future of our town.

It would appear, on the surface at least, that Woking Borough Council is also concerned with the future of the town. So much so that we have a smart new initiative - Woking 2026.

The council is going to be at various places throughout the

autumn listening to our views on what we think on a whole range of issues about what its strategy is going to be for the next couple of decades or so.

Too bad the numerous strategy directors they employ don't figure it out for themselves. These lip-service consultations are an utter waste of everyone's time.

They cost the council taxpayers of Woking a great deal of money for a strategy that is already clear: the borough council is in deep debt which, according to those at the top, is astonishing future generations will have to worry about.

While I definitely don't want to 'get rid of Woking Borough Council' as Mr Hibbard asks, I must agree that losing a great deal of the elected and non-elected 'head room' is a most tempting proposition.

While you may vote in one direction next year to ensure the country has a new Prime Minister, in Woking Borough Council elections I urge you to vote in a completely different direction for the sake of this town.

ROB BUNBERRY,
Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Woking, UK Independence Party


Eagle Radio news page – 26 and 27 October 2009
www.964eagle.co.uk



Woking News and Mail – Thursday 26 November 2009



Working towards Woking 2026



Local people have just a few days left to comment on the future development of Woking Borough, before a significant six-week long consultation exercise, entitled Woking 2026, comes to a close.

During the autumn, Council representatives have been out and about in the Borough talking to people about the Local Development Framework (LDF) – a crucial piece of work which not only focuses on planning issues, but considers community aspirations, social concerns and economic issues as well.


Like all councils, Woking Borough Council is required by the Government to consult local people in order to prepare the LDF, and it has produced an Issues and Options document with an accompanying questionnaire to find out what people's thoughts are on a range of key topics. To participate in the consultation, people can either read the document and complete the form online at www.woking.gov.uk or obtain a hard copy of the document and accompanying questionnaire.

The deadline for all submissions is 5pm on Monday 7 December 2009 and all completed forms will be entered into a prize draw for five lucky winners to each win £50 of shopping vouchers.

For further information and to obtain hard copy versions of the document and questionnaire, please contact Woking Borough Council's Planning Policy Team on **01483 743871**, email planning.policy@woking.gov.uk or visit www.woking.gov.uk

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Housing, the environment, buildings, infrastructure, transport and local business... all important issues in Woking Borough and all issues that affect local people, both now and in the future.

From Monday 26 October until Monday 7 December, Woking Borough Council will be consulting with people who live and work in the Borough to find out what they think about the main issues that will affect the future development of the Borough from now until 2026.

Like all councils, Woking Borough Council is required by the Government to consult local people in order to prepare a Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDF is a series of documents that sets out the Council's policies and proposals for using the land within its boundaries. It is a crucial piece of work which not only focuses on planning issues, but considers community aspirations, social concerns and economic issues as well.

The Council has produced a background document with an accompanying questionnaire to find out what people's thoughts are on a range of key topics.

To participate in the consultation, people can either read the document and complete the form online at www.woking.gov.uk or request a hard copy of the document and accompanying questionnaire by calling Woking Borough Council on 01483 743871.

The Council is also organising a number of seminars where people can learn more and ask questions about the Local Development Framework.

Wednesday 28 October, 2pm to 5pm
H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, Church Street East, Woking

Monday 2 November, 6.30pm to 9.30pm
H.G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, Church Street East, Woking

Monday 9 November, 6.30pm to 9.30pm
The Cornerstone Centre, Camphill Road, West Byfleet

If you would like to attend one of these seminars, please register in advance by calling Woking Borough Council's Planning Policy Team on 01483 743871 or email planning.policy@woking.gov.uk



Sainsbury's Knaphill/Brookwood – 13 November 2009



Equalities Forum (Maybury Centre) - 19 November 2009



Woking Town Square – 19 November 2009



Response to the Issues and Options consultation from Government Office for the South East (GOSE)

Mr Ernest Amaoko,
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23 November 2009

Dear Mr Amaoko,

Woking Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Issues and Options Autumn 2009 Consultation

Thank you for your letter of 26 October inviting comment by 7 December on the above document.

At this stage, we do not propose to comment on the merits or otherwise of potential outcomes, because that will be a matter for other consultees to address with you.

On a less formal basis, and without prejudice to the Secretary of State's discretion at future stages, we do have a number of pointers that may help you and other stakeholders ensure that the Core Strategy will be sound and fit for purpose.

1. We feel that the document is particularly well presented; its simplicity and quality is to be commended along with the very helpful pen picture of the borough.
2. Whilst the document considers many significant local issues, there may be strategic cross boundary issues which will need further consideration.
3. We note that the document has taken a topic approach to the issues and made reference to a number of localities. It is important that the place shaping is the central focus for the Core Strategy and that options for different places are considered where appropriate. This would help inform the vision for Woking and the spatial objectives. CABE have recently published Planning for Places – Delivering good design through core strategies (November 2009). Whilst this specifically considers design, you may find it helpful in enhancing the role of place shaping in the borough.
4. One factual point; paragraph 6.19 discusses a requirement to designate one shopping area. Draft PPS4: Planning for Prosperous

Communities (May 2009) (para 6) requires the extent of the primary shopping area and the town centre to be defined on the Proposals Map and that authorities can consider distinguishing between realistically defined primary and secondary frontages in designated town centres with policies that make clear which uses will be permitted in such locations. Primary frontages should contain a high proportion of retail uses while secondary frontages provide a greater opportunity for flexibility and diversity of uses.

I hope you find these comments helpful and request that you continue to keep us informed of the progress of the LDF documents.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Dunsford', with a horizontal line underneath.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State
Ian Dunsford
Senior Planning Officer

Draft Core Strategy - 5 November 2010 – 7 January 2011

Woking Borough Council Press Release

22 October 2010

A VISION FOR WOKING TO 2027

A nine-week long exercise to consult local people about the future development of Woking Borough up to 2027 will go ahead from 5 November, following a decision by Woking Borough Council at a meeting last night (Thursday 21 October).

Woking 2027 is the Council's name for the Local Development Framework – a new planning policy framework to guide future development in the Borough that will replace the existing Local Plan. Amongst other things, it looks at where jobs are created, where people can shop, where houses should be built and considers the attractiveness of local public space.

Last autumn, the Council consulted people about the main challenges facing the Borough and the options available to address them. Following this exercise, many of the comments from local people were taken on board and the Council is now keen to consult local people about its draft plan for the future.

Although the Council had originally intended to consult people over the summer, the unexpected withdrawal of a key planning document called the South East Plan by the new Coalition Government back in June caused some delays as Council staff and members needed time to consider what the implications of this change could be for Woking.

Having decided to continue to use its extensive local research and valuable evidence on which the South East Plan was based, the Council has now prepared a draft strategy and is keen to hear what local people think about its proposals for the development of Woking Borough from now until 2027.

Speaking about the consultation, Cllr Graham Cundy, Woking Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy, said: "The Local Development Framework is a very important piece of work which will guide development in our Borough up until 2027 and we are very keen to hear what local people have to say about our draft plan.

"Whilst the issues are complex, we have tried hard to present them in a way that our residents can understand, and we will also be making staff available during the consultation period to answer questions and give further information, where it is required. We recognise that this consultation will be going on during the Christmas period and have allowed nine weeks for people to respond instead of the normal six weeks. I would urge residents to take this opportunity to have their say about future development in the Borough."

During the consultation period, the Council's Planning Policy Team will be out and about at shopping centres, farmers' markets and centres for the community to raise awareness of the consultation and answer questions face-to-face. In addition, a number of seminars will be held during November and December to give people an opportunity to discuss the key issues in detail.

To find out where the Woking 2027 team is going to be over the next two months or to register for a seminar, please visit www.woking.gov.uk/woking2027 or call the team on 01483 743871.

From Friday 5 November, the consultation documents will be posted online for people to view at www.woking.gov.uk/woking2027 They will also be available at the Civic Offices, the Borough's libraries and on the Council's website www.woking.gov.uk Hard copies of the document will be available on request from the Council's Planning Policy Team, telephone 01483 743871.

The deadline for all consultation responses is **5pm on Friday 7 January 2011**. Representations and comments received after this time cannot be taken into account. The Council is unable to accept anonymous or confidential responses. At the end of the nine-week consultation period, all of the responses will be analysed and used to prepare a report which will be made available on the Council's website during spring 2011.

A final Core Strategy will be published in July 2011 and a final six-week consultation will take place. All responses to this and the final document will then be submitted to the Government in the autumn for their consideration at a special public inquiry called an Examination.

ENDS (940)

For further information, contact Woking Borough Council's Marketing Communications Manager, Karen Porter, on 01483 743024 or email karen.porter@woking.gov.uk

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Date: Thursday 28 October 2010 Time: 7pm Place: Civic Offices, Gloucester Square

Remember, remember the fifth of November...

On Thursday (28 October 2010), officers from Woking Borough Council's Planning Policy Team will be using sparklers to spell out the name of this important consultation exercise which begins on Friday 5 November and will last for a period of nine weeks. If you would like to take a photograph to accompany this story, please advise Karen Porter on 01483 743024.

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Claire Beaumont, Louise Kidd, Melanie Haywood and Jane Robinson. Picture: Gareth Davies.

Council consultation sparks interest in borough's future

A NINE-WEEK exercise to consult people about the future development of Woking borough up to 2027 will start this week.

Woking 2027 is Woking Borough Council's name for the Local Development Framework – a new planning policy framework to guide future development in the borough that will replace the existing Local Plan.

Amongst other things, it looks at where jobs are created, where people can shop, where houses should be built and considers the attractiveness of public space. The council's portfolio holder for planning policy Cllr Graham Cundy said: "The Local Development Framework is a very important piece of work which will guide development in our borough up until 2027. We are very keen to hear what local people have to say about our draft plan. From Friday November 5, the consultation documents will be posted online for people to view at www.woking.gov.uk

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From left: Claire Bennett, Louise Killo, Melvyn Haywood and Jane Robinson, officers from Woking Borough Council's planning policy team, use sparklers to spell out the name of their important planning policy framework consultation, which begins today.

A sparkling way to launch future plan

■ **Louise Jacobs**
wokinginformer@trinitysouth.co.uk

GUY Rowles night provided the inspiration for the future development of the borough last week.

Planners at the authority took advantage of the 'twinkle' to launch 'Woking 2027' outside their Gloucester Square offices on Thursday evening.

They lit up the night with sparklers by spelling out the name of the consultation exercise which starts today (Friday).

The new planning policy framework will replace the former local plan.

The council was prompted into this consultation after the newly-elected coalition government 'scrapped' the South East Plan.

It will look at where jobs are created, where people can shop, where houses should be built and also consider the attractiveness of public space.

Councillor Graham Cundy, Woking Borough Council's portfolio holder for planning policy, said: "The local development framework is a very important piece of work. It will guide development in our borough up until 2027 and we are very keen to hear what local people have to say about our draft plan.

"While the issues are complex, we have tried hard to present them in a way that our residents can understand.

"We will also be making staff available during the consultation period to answer questions and provide further information, where it is required."

Responses will be available throughout the consultation period at shopping centres, bus stops, and community centres to raise awareness and answer questions face-to-face.

Special seminars will also be held during November and December to give people the chance to discuss the key issues in detail.

Anybody interested in finding out when the 'Woking 2027' consultation is going to be over the next two months, or to register for a seminar, please visit www.woking.gov.uk/woking2027, or call the team on 01483 745871.

The deadline for all consultation responses is January 7, 2011.

Representations and comments received after this time cannot be taken into account.

At the end of the nine-week consultation period, all of the responses will be analysed and used to prepare a report, which will be made available on the council's website during spring next year.

A complete core strategy will be published in July 2011 and a final six-week consultation will take place.

All responses to this and the final document will then be submitted to the government in the autumn for their consideration at a special public inquiry.

Woking library display



Peacocks shopping centre – 3 December 2010




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Working towards Woking 2027

Following an exercise last autumn to find out what local people think about the future development of the area, Woking Borough Council is now consulting residents and businesses on a draft plan which pulls together a raft of policies for the future.

Although the Council had intended to consult people over the summer, the unexpected withdrawal of a key planning document called the South East Plan by the new Coalition Government back in June caused some delays, as Council staff and members needed time to consider what the implications of this change could be for Woking.

Having decided to continue using the valuable evidence and research on which the South East Plan was based, the Council is now keen to hear what local people think about its proposals for the development of Woking from now until 2027.

In particular, it is consulting on a document called the draft Core Strategy. This deals with spatial issues – those that involve land and buildings and how people use and access them. It looks at where jobs are created, where we can shop, where houses are built and considers the attractiveness of public space. It sets out policies to ensure that development does not harm protected wildlife, is well designed, and is supported by the necessary infrastructure. Importantly, it is against these policies that future planning applications will be determined.




How to get involved

During the consultation period (from now until 7 January 2011), the Council's Planning Policy Team will be out and about in the Borough to raise awareness of the consultation, and answer any of your questions face-to-face. In addition, two seminars are being held during December to give people an opportunity to discuss the key issues in detail:

- Monday 6 December at 2pm, H. G. Wells Conference and Events Centre, Woking.
- Monday 13 December at 7pm, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking.

To find out where the team is going to be during December, or to register for a seminar, please visit www.woking.gov.uk/woking2027 or call the team on 01483 743871.

The consultation documents are now available for people to view at www.woking.gov.uk/woking2027. They can also be viewed at the Civic Offices, the Borough's libraries and on the Council's website www.woking.gov.uk. Hard copies of the document are available on request from the Council's Planning Policy Team, telephone 01483 743871.



The deadline for all responses is **5pm on Friday 7 January 2011**. Representations and comments received after this consultation period cannot be taken into account. Please be aware that we are unable to accept anonymous or confidential responses.

What happens next?

At the end of the nine-week consultation period, all of the responses will be analysed. We will compile the results of the consultation in a report which will be made available on our website during spring 2011.

A final Core Strategy will be published in July 2011, when the ultimate six-week consultation will take place. All responses to this and the final document will then be submitted to the Government in the autumn, for their consideration at a special public inquiry.

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Healthy results for Children bring a spot of colour to Woking 2027

Two artistic youngsters were crowned winners after winning a competition run by Woking Borough Council.

Five-year-old Martin Sunderland and eight-year-old Cary Ellis were given a prize by the Mayor of Woking, Mohammed Iqbal, at the borough council's civic offices last Friday.

Artistic children from across Woking were invited to take part in the colouring competition as part of a consultation exercise for Woking 2027, the council's plan for the Local Development Framework (LDF).

They were challenged to colour in the Woking 2027 logo, which depicts key features of the borough.

The LDF is a planning policy framework to guide future development in the borough that will replace the existing Local Plan.

Among other things, it looks at where jobs are created, where people can shop, where houses should be built and it considers the attractiveness of local public space.

Councillor Iqbal, who judged the competition, said: "This was a great chance for children to get creative and show off their artistic talents."

"The entries were of a high standard and we are proud to have them on display at the council's civic offices."

The best entries are in the main reception area at the Gloucester Square offices.

The recent Woking 2027 consultation ended in January this year and all the responses are now being analysed.

A final core strategy will be published in July and a six-week consultation will take place.

All responses to this and the final document will then be submitted to the government in the autumn for their consideration at a special public inquiry, known as a consultation.



Cary Ellis and Martin Sunderland, winners of council's 2027 colouring competition, with mayor Mohammed Iqbal.

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No sense in fire plans

Shift and response-time changes would hit town 'quite hard'

■ **Jean Ellul**
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FIRE bosses have defended plans to cut night cover at Woking fire station and alter incident response times, claiming it will make the service more flexible.

The changes form part of Surrey Fire and Rescue Public Safety Plan (PSP) for 2011-2016, which could see major changes take place across the county.

At a meeting of Surrey County Council's local

committee for Woking, Assistant Chief Fire Officer Simon Moore said the proposed restructuring would have a minimal impact on response times and guarantee five firefighters on each appliance.

He said: "The options we are putting forward see a change from night to day for whole-time firefighters and some of the staff will have their working arrangements changed."

If plans are approved, Woking will have one engine based at the station 24 hours-a-day rather than the current two,

while the Chobham fire station could be covered between 7pm and 7am.

Mr Moore added: "We know our stations aren't necessarily in the right place and some of our towns have grown. We recognise it's very difficult to change the location of stations."

"We have a whole-time shift system which has served us well but it has been recognised as not being particularly flexible."

Will Davies, who is a county councillor for Woking South, said that while there were some 'good things' planned, the

proposals were going to "hit Woking quite hard".

He said: "Historically Woking has a higher number of fires than it is meant to, so my gut reaction is to say that it doesn't make sense."

On the subject of a possible new fire station location, its town centre base in Cavay Way, Cllr Ray Hammond, said: "Enough consultation have been taken to look at where our fire station should be and there will be discussion from time to time."

At the moment, there are no proposals to move the fire station anywhere and no suitable alternative location has been identified.

"In the plan, we are saying that if opportunities arise in the future for a more appropriate place, we will take this, provided all the finances stack up."

A public consultation on the draft PSP is currently taking place and is due to conclude on Friday March 4. To have your say on the decisions taken as a result of public feedback, visit www.surrey.gov.uk.

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Mayor of Woking, Mr Mohamed El-Sherpieny, with two young winners of a logo competition, Carly and Maria Sinterford. Picture: Chris Whitbrook. (Ref: WKC107104)

Young winners of logo competition

CREATIVE youngsters have been recognised for their colouring skills by the Mayor of Woking.

Mrs Sinterford, age five, and eight-year-old Carly El-Sherpieny were the lucky winners of a Woking Borough Council competition, launched to promote a consultation on how the region should develop in the coming years.

Artistic children from across the borough were set the challenge of colouring in a logo for the survey, titled Woking 2027, with prizes handed out by the Mayor of Woking, Councillor Mohammed El-Sherpieny, at the civic offices in Gloucester Square on Friday.

Woking 2027 is the name of the area's local development framework, which serves as a planning policy guide for future development in the borough.

The document will explore where jobs are created, where people can shop, where houses should be built and the

location of public space.

"The competition was judged by the mayor, who was very impressed at the quality of the entries. He said: "This was a great chance for children to get creative and show off their artistic talents."

The entries were of a high standard and were perfect to have them on display at the council's civic offices.

The two winners were selected from two categories - up to six years and six to 12.

The best entries are now on display in the civic offices reception area.

Consultation on Woking 2027 ended last month and responses are being analysed before the publication of a draft core strategy in July.

After public consultation on the strategy, the final document will be submitted to the government in the autumn.

Please visit www.woking.gov.uk/woking2027 for further information.

Core Strategy Publication Document - Monday 25 July - Friday 23 September 2011

The Woking Magazine – spring 2011

A big Woking 2027 thank you!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to get involved in the Woking 2027 Core Strategy consultation, which considers the future vision, objectives and key planning policies of the Borough.

The Core Strategy deals with spatial issues – those that involve land and buildings, where jobs are created, considers the attractiveness of public spaces and sets out policies to ensure that development does not harm protected wildlife.



Over the past few months, all of the responses have been analysed and a report drafted, which is now available online. All responses received will be taken in to account and used to prepare the Core Strategy for a final round of consultation between July and September 2011, prior to its submission to the Secretary of State in October 2011.

For more information, visit www.woking2027.info or call the Council's Planning Policy Team on 01483 743871.

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Council plans to build 1,737 homes by 2027

NEARLY 2,000 affordable homes are due to be built in Woking borough over the next 16 years.

According to Woking Borough Council's (WBC) newly published core strategy, which provides the framework for development until 2027, 1,737 homes will be provided.

This figure is equivalent to 35% of all new homes that will be built in the borough.

According to a study, 499 new affordable homes are needed each year to meet demand. In April 2011 there were 2,140 households with applications on the council's housing register.

The strategy reads: "The high cost of home ownership in Woking has always presented an issue of affordability for many of the borough's residents and leaves many people unable to afford market housing."

"In addition the high cost of renting on the open market leave many local people unable to afford this tenure without dependency on benefits to rental levels."

"This increases the demand for the provisions of affordable housing."

According to the latest performance information from WBC, action is needed to tackle a lack of affordable housing being built in the borough. This year's target aims to deliver 117 new homes. So far a six have been built in April and May.

The core strategy says WBC will provide an overall total of 4,964 additional dwellings between 2010 and 2027, an average of 292 per year.

This will include 2,300 in Woking town centre, 170 in West Byfleet, 440 at the Moor Lane site in Westfield and 300 at Brookwood Farm.

Five hundred and fifty houses are planning to be built on greenbelt land that will be released after 2021/22.

The core strategy was due to be discussed at WBC's meeting of the executive last night (Thursday June 30), as the Surrey Advertiser went to press.

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DON'T MISS THE BOAT – HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF WOKING BOROUGH

Residents are being reminded not to 'miss the boat' as their final chance to comment on the Council's plans for the future development of the Borough gets underway.

The nine-week long exercise to consult local people begins on **Monday 25 July**, following a recent decision by Woking Borough Council.

Woking 2027 is the Council's name for the Local Development Documents - a new planning policy framework that will guide future development in the Borough. Amongst other things, it looks at where jobs are created, where people can shop, where houses may be built and considers the attractiveness of local public space.

Last year, the Council consulted people about the draft plan. Following this exercise, many of the comments from local people were taken on board, along with additional research, and the Council has now produced the Core Strategy Publication Document, which will be submitted to the Government in October. But before this can happen, the Council needs to know the views of residents, especially if they think the document is 'sound'. By sound we mean:

- Does it follow government guidance?
- Is it based on clear and good evidence?
- Is it justified and does it deliver the place people want?

Speaking about the final consultation, Cllr Graham Cundy, Woking Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy, said: "The Core Strategy is a very important piece of work which will guide development in our Borough up until 2027, and we are very keen to hear what local people have to say about the final version of our plan.

"Whilst the issues are complex, we have tried hard to present them in a way that our residents can understand. We recognise that this consultation will be going on during the summer holiday period and have allowed nine weeks for people to respond. I would urge residents to take this final opportunity to have their say about the future development of our Borough."

Local people can view the Core Strategy Publication Document and its supporting documents:

- online at www.woking2027.info
- at all libraries across the Borough (Woking, Byfleet, Knaphill and West Byfleet)
- at Woking Borough Council Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking.

Those wishing to comment are asked to put their views in writing, preferably on a representation form, to reach us no later than **5pm on Friday 23 September 2011**. Representations and comments received after this time cannot be taken into account. The Council is unable to accept anonymous or confidential responses.

The Council's Planning Policy Team will also be holding a number of seminars during September to give people an opportunity to discuss the key issues in detail on:

- **Thursday 1 September**, 7pm, Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking
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- **Tuesday 6 September**, 2pm, Knaphill Methodist Church, The Broadway, Knaphill
- **Wednesday 7 September**, 10am, Committee Room 1a, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking

Anyone wishing to attend is asked to register by contacting the Planning Policy Team at planning.policy@woking.gov.uk or calling **01483 743871**.

At the end of the nine-week consultation period the document and all of the responses will be submitted to the Government in October. They will all be considered by an Independent Inspector at a special public inquiry called an Examination which will take place early next year.

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For further information, contact Woking Borough Council's Marketing Communications Manager, Andy Denner, on 01483 743026 or email andy.denner@woking.gov.uk

*****PHOTOCALL OPPORTUNITY***PHOTOCALL OPPORTUNITY*****

Time: **6.45pm** When: **Monday 18 July 2011** Where: **Goldsworth Park Lake**

Members of the press are invited to a photocall opportunity at Goldsworth Park Lake where members of the Planning Policy Team will be set adrift on the lake as a reminder to residents not to 'miss the boat' and have their say on the future development of Woking Borough.

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Revised housing plan to cover next 16 years

A REVISED housing strategy designed to prevent developers from "having a field day" has been agreed for Woking.

The new housing plan forms part of the core strategy devised by Woking Borough Council (WBC), setting out the scale of development to take place in the borough until 2027.

Plans for the delivery of just under 5,000 new homes in Woking and the surrounding area over the course of the next 16 years have been signed off, at an annual average of 292 new homes per year.

Councillor Graham Cundy, portfolio holder for planning policy, told a meeting of the full council last Thursday, that it was important to have a strategy in place to prevent developers dictating the terms of future planning contracts.

He said: "It's a vastly improved strategy we are talking about. It's our children and grandchildren we are talking about."

"Without a strategy, the developers will have a field day – if you'll excuse the pun."

Deputy chief executive Douglas Spinks reassured councillors that while some figures had fluctuated from early drafts, the overall total of 4,964 homes by 2026 remained the same.

He said: "I would advise that this housing strategy would be something of a moveable feast."

"This is not something you need to assume is set in tablets of stone."

"I can confirm that there's a minor variation in the documentation but (the number of homes planned for) Brookwood Farm remains at 300 which has been the total discussed for some time."

Discussing the controversial plans for the Brookwood site, he added: "That site has been identified as a key part of the housing need, and that has been the plan for some time."

Nearly half of the total amount of houses to be built will go up in Woking town centre, with an indicative number of 2,300 planned, while Moor Lane in Westfield and the Brookwood Farm have also been earmarked for future housing provision.

Around 550 homes could be built on current Green Belt land, with sites to be released for development after 2021/22.

Members of the council expressed concern over some of the designated sites, with Brookwood representative Glynnis Preshaw and Cllr Melanie Whitehand, for Knaphill, speaking out on against the plans to develop in Brookwood.

Cllr Whitehand expressed concerns that the council was leaving itself exposed by committing to specific numbers, including 300 homes in Brookwood.

She said: "There are some ongoing consultations and it's a very sensitive issue."

"The argument against the land being retained for the pleasure of local residents has long been lost."

She added: "I'm really concerned if it ever comes to the planning committee, if there are not 300 homes, there will be a big push to get 300 homes on there and that is the stick that will be used to beat us."

A majority of councillors agreed to the recommended strategy, along with a new private sector housing policy.

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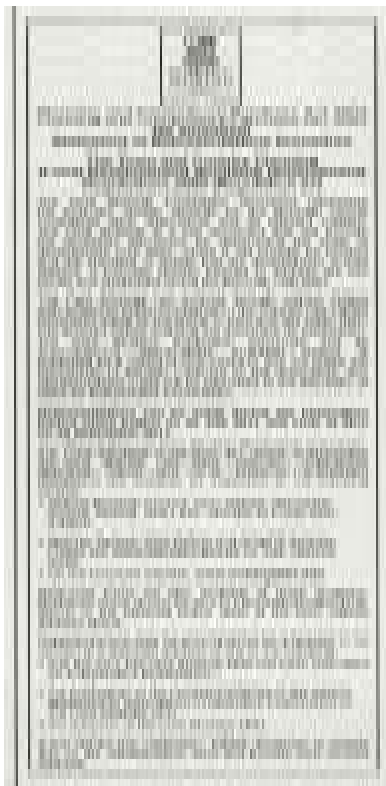
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Flutter by to festival

GARDENERS interested in attracting bees and butterflies can pick up some tips by visiting a festival to celebrate the colourful creatures.

Woking Garden Centre in Egley Road launched its two-week Bee and Butterfly Festival on Saturday to promote the importance of these insects.

Martin Wingate, manager of the centre, said: "Bees and butterflies are gardeners' friends so we will be helping our visitors learn how to encourage these friendly insects into their gardens. "We will be highlighting bee and butterfly-friendly plants that help encourage pollinating insects into gardens.

"We're supporting the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA) during the event and are helping raise awareness of their work.

The centre is also backing the Butterfly Conservation's butterfly count, in association with Marks & Spencer.

Mr Wingate added: "To take part, simply count butterflies for 15 minutes during a bright, preferably sunny day from now until Monday August 1.

"Records are welcome from anywhere such as parks, gardens, fields and forests.

"Your count is useful even if you do not see any butterflies."

Anyone can take part but children aged 16 and under will need a parent or guardian to submit their record. People can visit www.bigbutterflycount.org this month and next to submit their results.

During the festival, the garden centre will be handing out complimentary children's activity sheets and offering free advice. The special event runs until Sunday July 31.

Have your say on plans for future of the borough

RESIDENTS will be invited to comment on the council's plans for the future development of Woking as part of a nine-week consultation.

People living in Woking will be able to have their say on planning documents being put together by Woking Borough Council from Monday.

The report will look at where jobs are created, where people can shop and where houses could be built. It will also consider the attractiveness of public space.

The council produced the core strategy planning document after a consultation with the public on a draft plan.

People who would like to comment on the documents are invited to do so online at www.woking2027.info as well as at libraries in Woking, Byfleet, Knaphill and West Byfleet, and at the borough council's civic offices in Gloucester Square, Woking. Comments must be received by no later than 5pm on Friday September 23.

In addition, seminars with the council's planning policy team will take place on Thursday September 1 at 7pm at the civic offices, at 2pm on Monday September 5 at The Cornerstone Centre in Camphill Road, West Byfleet and at 2pm on Tuesday September 6 at Knaphill Methodist Church, Trinity Road. A seminar will also take place on Wednesday September 7 at 10am in Committee Room 1a at the civic offices.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact the planning policy team by emailing planning.policy@woking.gov.uk or calling 01483 743871.

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Have a say on future development of YOUR borough

RESIDENTS are being reminded not to miss the last as their final chance to comment on the council's plans for the future development of the borough got underway at the end of last month.

Woking 2027 is the council's name for the Local Development Documents – a new planning policy framework that will guide future development.

It looks at where jobs are created, where people can shop, where houses may be built and considers the attractiveness of local public space.

The nine-week consultation, which closes on Friday, September 23 at 5pm, asks residents to give their views on the updated Core Strategy Publication Document.

The revised document is the result of a preliminary consultation exercise conducted last year, which included comments taken from local people and additional research conducted by the council. Before the document can be submitted to the Government for approval in October, the council needs to know your views. You can access the Core Strategy Publication Document and its supporting documents online at www.woking2027.info or at libraries in Woking, Byfleet, Knaphill and West Byfleet.

The document is also available at Woking Borough Council's Civic Offices in Gloucester Square.

If you wish to put forward your views in writing, please contact the council for a representation form by phoning 01483 756655.

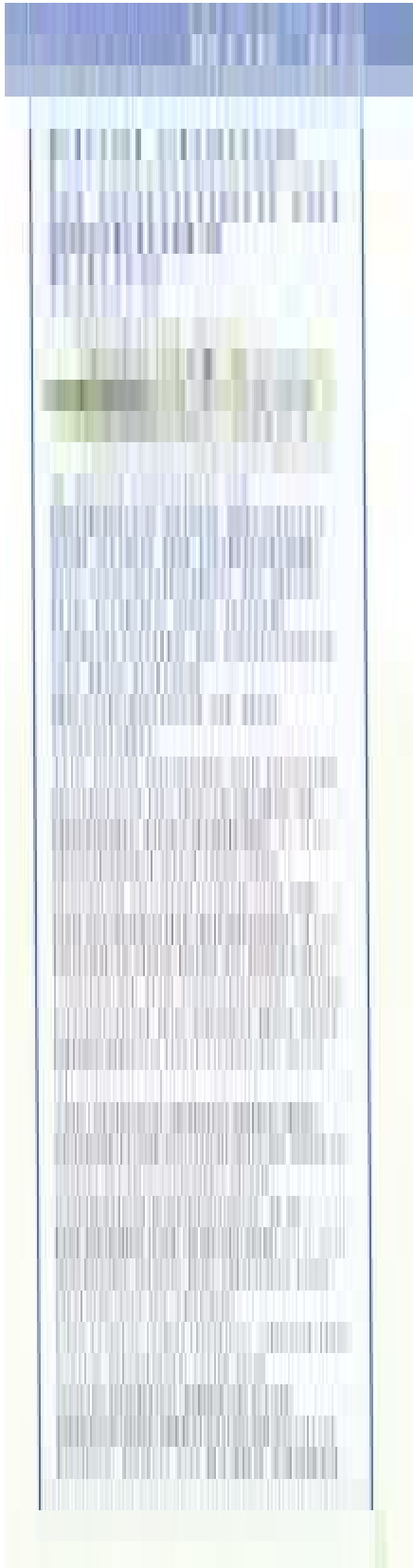
All completed forms must be returned to the civic offices no later than 5pm on Friday, September 23.

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF WOKING BOROUGH

Residents are being reminded that a series of informal seminars to discuss the Council's plans for future development in the Borough will be held during September.

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Anyone wishing to attend is asked to register by contacting the Planning Policy Team at planning.policy@woking.gov.uk or calling **01483 743871**.

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*****PHOTO ATTACHED***PHOTO ATTACHED*****

Please find the image 'Don't miss the boat!' attached for use in your publication. Photo features (l to r) Jane Robinson and Rachel Reynaud of the Planning Policy Team, with members of Woking Sea Cadets rowing into the distance.

Woking Borough Council would like to thank Woking Sea and Marine Cadets for their assistance in the creation of the photo. The Cadets are currently recruiting young people, aged between 10 and 18 years of age. Anyone interested in joining should email wokingseacadets@hotmail.co.uk

For further information, contact Woking Borough Council's Marketing Communications Manager, Andy Denner, on 01483 743026 or email andy.denner@woking.gov.uk

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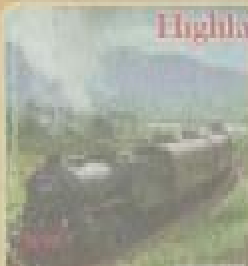
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Borough's future to be discussed at meetings

A SERIES of informal seminars are to be held across the borough to discuss Woking Borough Council's plans for future development.

The events, which are open to the public, will be to talk about key issues in detail for Woking 2027.

The planning documents will look at where jobs are created, where people can shop, where houses may be built and considers the attractiveness of public space in the area.

Speaking about the final consultation Councillor Graham Condy the council's portfolio holder for planning policy, said:

"The core strategy (planning documents being considered for the borough) is a very important piece of work which will guide development in our borough up until 2027."

"We are very keen to hear what people have to say about the final version of our plan."

Seminars will be held on Thursday September 1 from 7pm at the civic office in Clarendon Square and at the same location at 10am on Wednesday September 7. There will be a meeting on Monday September 5 from 2pm at The Cornerstone Centre, in Camphill Road, West Byfleet, and also on Tuesday September 6 from 2pm at Knaphill Methodist Church at The Broadway in Knaphill.

Anyone wishing to attend any of the seminars is asked contact planning.policy@woking.gov.uk or calling 01483 743671.

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Jane Robinson and Rachel Reynaud of the planning policy Team, with members of Woking Sea Cadets rowing into the distance.

Have your say on the future of Woking

MEMBERS of the public are being asked for opinions on the development of Woking for the next 16 years at a series of seminars across the borough.

Woking 2027 is the planning policy framework that will provide the guidelines for future development in the borough.

Among other things, the document looks at where jobs are created, where people can shop, where houses can be built and considers the attractiveness of public space.

Seminars start today (Thursday), where people have a chance to discuss the plans in detail from 7pm in committee room 1 at the council's civic offices in Gloucester Square.

Plans will be on show at The Cornerstone Centre in Camphill Road, West Byfleet on Monday September 5 at 2pm and the following day at Knaphill Methodist Church in Broadway, Knaphill, at 2pm.

The final talk is on Wednesday September 7 at 10am in committee room 1a at the council offices.

Anyone who wishes to attend is asked to register beforehand by contacting the planning policy team at planning.policy@woking.gov.uk or calling 01483 743871.

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Discussing borough's core strategy

MEMBERS of the public have aired their thoughts on the future development of Woking and the surrounding villages in a series of community summits.

As the borough prepares to hand over its plans for long-term development for government approval, residents have been giving their opinion at a week of community 'have you say' events.

Council planning staff were on hand at Knap Hill Methodist Church in Broadway on Tuesday last week to answer the questions about where jobs will be created, where people can shop, where houses may be built and what can be done to make public spaces more attractive.

The region's new core strategy, Woking2027, sets out a vision of 4,954 new dwellings to be built in the borough over the next 16 years, with new policies put in place covering the green belt, flood defences, open space, sustainable construction and other key elements of the town's infrastructure.

As well as the provision of more retail and office space, certain areas of the borough have been identified as 'priority places', with the council pledging to concentrate resources in Maybury, Sheerwater and the Lakeview Estate in Goldsworth Park.

Ernest Amoako, Woking Borough Council's planning policy manager, explained residents have just a few days left to add their opinions on the matter and highlight any areas that might have been overlooked.

He said: "The core strategy has evolved through a number of stages and we have been here a couple of times."

"Now we have sought to go back to the public and show those who are going to benefit and be impacted by it so they have the opportunity to be included in the process."

Meetings were also hosted by the planning department at the Cornerstone Centre in West Byfleet on Monday, as well as the council's civic offices in Woking town centre, with members of the public keen to find out more.

Daphna Collins, 80, who lives in Elsdon Road, Goldsworth Park, went to the meeting to get an update on how the villages near her would be changing.

She said: "I'm happy to a certain extent, but I just think there is too much being done without consultation."

"When they're planning something they need to have proper roads, schools and good bus services."

Knap Hill resident Bentley Cook, 67, said: "I'm glad with the consultation and it's limited with what you can do, but it's encouraging."

"In Knap Hill there is a fair bit of land that could be developed as a superb village centre, with a car park nearby."

The documents can be viewed online at www.woking2027.info or at Woking, Byfleet, Knap Hill and West Byfleet libraries as well as the council offices.

People have until Friday September 23, to have their views on the consultation considered.

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Double-sided posters outside and inside Civic Offices, Gloucester Square



Knaphill library display – 9 weeks



Appendix 4