

To which part of the Proposed Changes to the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) as set out in the Development Strategy Topic Paper Addendum does this representation relate?

11.0 Housing need and supply

Which part of the plan does your comment relate?

Policy

What is the reference number?

11.1 to 11.22

Do you consider the Proposed Changes to the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) would make it:

Yes No

Legally Compliant Not Selected Not Selected

Sound Selected Not Selected

Please give details of why you consider the Proposed Changes to the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 - 2038)(as set out in the Development Strategy Topic Paper Addendum) are not legally compliant or are unsound. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Proposed Changes to the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) (as set out in the Development Strategy Topic Paper Addendum) please also use this box to set out your comments.

It's inevitable that with the removal of Tudeley Village from the plan, TWBC will be required as part of the process, to look at housing site allocations to meet housing needs for the period post 2034. Hawkhurst appears to be the only settlement where the housing allocation has increased due to modifications (SLP Mod 4). TWBC needs to be transparent about the process it will use to determine future housing need.

TWBC so far, has not undertaken an assessment of housing need for individual settlements when deciding on site allocations for the new Local Plan. Instead, decisions around allocations have been driven by responses to the calls for sites. This means there has been significant development in Hawkhurst. The resulting increase in population has not been matched by infrastructure nor is there any relationship to local employment or educational opportunities. This indicates there has been no holistic approach to development especially in Hawkhurst as developers seek to profit from housebuilding which has little benefit to local families and local workforce urgently seeking more affordable housing.

The result of this in Hawkhurst is to encourage an increasingly ageing population through the lack of state secondary schooling, poor public transport, a choked and a congested road network getting worse with every development. Public parking in Hawkhurst is challenging (and getting worse) and the sewage and freshwater infrastructure can hardly cope with the houses already here. There needs to be recognition that the vast majority of residents of Hawkhurst are reliant on private cars. Cramped parking provision results in cars and vans parking on the roads.

How can TWBC's planning department be trusted to ensure that future housing allocations in Hawkhurst will be based on genuine local need when to date TWBC has ignored completely the

views of Hawkhurst residents who now feel extremely disillusioned and very cynical about housing planning decisions.

Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to the Proposed Changes to the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) Incorporating the Proposed Changes set out in the Development Strategy Topic Paper Addendum, legally compliant or sound, having regard to the Matter you have identified at Section 5 (above) where this relates to legal compliance or soundness. You will need to say why this modification will make the Proposed Changes to the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) 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.

By ensuring a holistic approach to site allocation of housing that is related to local needs for affordable housing, employment and transport needs. None of these factors seem to be taken into account when allocating potential future sites for housing.

If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the examination hearings stage when it resumes?

No, I do not wish to participate at the examination hearings