



**Tunbridge Wells
Borough Local Plan (2020 – 2038)**

Representation Form

Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Ref: (For official use only)

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:	Proposed Changes to the Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan (2020 - 2038): Response to Examination Inspector's Initial Findings, Received November 2022 and Supporting Documents, including Sustainability Appraisal
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Completed forms must be received at our offices by **midnight Monday 26 February 2024**

We encourage you to respond online using the consultation portal. Please note you do not have to sign in to respond via the portal: <https://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/kse/>

Alternatively, you may email or scan forms to: LocalPlan@TunbridgeWells.gov.uk or send them by post to: Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, PLANNING POLICY, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS

Please note that representations must be attributable to named individuals or organisations. They will be available for public inspection and cannot be treated as confidential. Please also note that all comments received will be available for the public to view and cannot be treated as confidential. Data will be processed and held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

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PART B – YOUR REPRESENTATION
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Name or Organisation	Rother District Council
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3.	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?	
Chapter and (if applicable) sub heading	15.0 - Proposed Strategic Policy Revisions	
Policy		
Paragraph number or appendix	15.1 – 15.3	

4.	Do you consider the Proposed Changes to the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) would make it: (please tick as appropriate)				
4.1	Legally Compliant	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.2	Sound	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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Rother District Council (RDC) has had regular Duty to Cooperate meetings with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) to discuss the progress of our respective local plans and to address any emerging or evolving cross-boundary strategic planning matters. RDC were content that these were addressed in the Submission Local Plan. The proposed changes now being consulted on do not change our position.

It should be noted that RDC is about to commence consultation on the Regulation 18 version of its Local Plan 2020-2040. The Development Strategy indicates that at this stage, we consider that between around 5,000 and 7,000 dwellings could be built in Rother within the plan period. This compares to a local housing need figure of around 14,500 dwellings. We will therefore need to ask whether neighbouring planning authorities can assist in helping Rother meet its unmet local housing needs (at this stage, we consider that we can meet our employment need). We note that the proposed changes now being consulted on significantly lower your Local Plan's housing supply.

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.

6. 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.

The text box will automatically expand if necessary.

None

7.

**Please use this box for any other comments you wish to make.
The text box will automatically expand if necessary.**

None

8.

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



Yes, I wish to participate at the examination hearings

9.

If you wish to participate at the examination hearings stage once it resumes, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

N/A

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 hearings stage once it resumes.

Sustainability Appraisal

10.	To which part of the Sustainability Appraisal does this representation relate?	
Chapter and (if applicable) sub heading		
Policy		
Paragraph number or appendix		

11.	<p>Please use this box for any comments you wish to make about the Sustainability Appraisal.</p> <p>The text box will automatically expand if necessary</p>	
<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>		

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at later stages.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he identifies for examination.

Signature		Date	12 April 2024
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