

Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan

Notice of Main Modifications Consultation under Section 20(7c) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Part 6 (Section 20) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council submitted its emerging Local Plan for Examination in November 2021, since then an independent Planning Inspector has been examining the Plan on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Stage 1 and 2 Hearing Sessions took place in 2022, and Stage 3 Hearing Sessions were held in June and July 2024, followed by a Public Consultation in September – October on a suite of new evidence base documents. A final Hearing Session was held in November 2024.

The Council is now consulting on proposed 'Main Modifications' to the Pre-Submission Local Plan, these being needed to make the Plan 'Sound' and allowing Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to proceed to adopt the new Local Plan in due course. The proposed 'Main Modifications' are accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment and other supporting consultation documents.

The consultation documents and the Statement of Representations Procedure, can be viewed via the consultation portal <https://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/kse/> or on the Council's website at <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan>

The consultation period runs from **Monday 17th March until midnight on Wednesday 30th April 2025**, during which time representations may be made. Representations must be made in writing as set out below (under heading 'How can I respond?') and received within the consultation period.

The consultation documents (hard/paper copies) are available for public inspection during the consultation period at:

- **The Amelia Scott, Mount Pleasant Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1AW**, which is open from 9am-6pm (Monday to Wednesday and on Friday), 9am-8pm on Thursday, 9am-5pm on Saturday and 10am-4pm on a Sunday (Telephone 01892 526121).
- **All libraries across Tunbridge Wells borough and with all parish and town Councils in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. Please see the Council's website for full details.**

Representations can be submitted as follows:

1. Online at <https://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/kse/>
2. By e-mail to localplan@tunbridgewells.gov.uk (a downloadable form is available)
3. By post to Planning Policy, Planning Services, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS

Further details are available on the Local Plan pages of the Council's website, as above. If you have any queries or are seeking assistance, please email localplan@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or telephone 01892 554056.