

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?

4.0 Paddock Wood strategic growth

Which part of the plan does your comment relate?

Paragraph

What is the reference number?

4.57

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

Yes No

Legally Compliant Not Selected Selected

Sound Not Selected 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.

There has been a local referendum held by the residents of Paddock Wood, and we have been quite clear in our support for the "Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan" however the proposed changes make no reference to this at all.

These proposals aim to push ~50% of the planned growth in residences within Tunbridge Wells Borough in to Paddock Wood, and surrounding areas. While also ignoring the guidance the same residents have given through their positive voting for the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan.

I do not believe it is a sound idea to continue to remove green spaces from our town, without replacing these with Sporting and leisure facilities. And yet this new proposal aims to reduce or remove the Sports hub that was initially planned. A typical bait and switch (and not for the first time).

I have lived in Paddock Wood with my family for 10 years now and the facilities available for sport, social and leisure activities are either being reduced, removed or under invested in. Meanwhile more homes are being added, and the existing infrastructure is under increasing strain.

We must build the infrastructure first, and then the homes to follow - I have little or no faith the promised infrastructure will follow, once the homes are built.

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.

Build the sports hub, and leisure facilities as initially indicated, and in full.

Deliver the infrastructure as detailed in the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan. This will enable the proposed growth in residences to be achieved without reducing the experience and available facilities for the existing residents.

Please use this box for any other comments you wish to make.

Paddock Wood is a fantastic town, and I have no doubt that if done properly, can be grown and developed for the benefit of all. However, this current proposed change, does nothing for the existing residents of the town and should be resisted in full until changed.

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

Yes, I wish to participate at the examination

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

I am losing faith in the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council leadership, and their ability to grow the town of Paddock Wood in a way that doesn't negatively impinge on the quality of life that the existing residents.