

Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan (2020 - 2038)

Representation Form

Please use a separate sheet for each representation

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(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

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.uic/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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First Name	Janet	
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PART B - YOUR REPRESENTATION (Please use a separate sheet for each representation)

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Name or Organisation	Hawkenbury Allotment Holders' Association	
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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?			
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Pol	icy	AL/RTW19		
	agraph number or endix	number or 64 + Examination Document TWLP/092 paras 4 - 6		

Do you consider the Proposed Changes to the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) would make it: (please tick as appropriate)			lan		
4.1	Legally Compliant	Yes	No		
4.2	Sound	Yes	No	x	1

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.

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Part B Representation Form
Proposed Changes to the TW Borough Local Plan (2020 – 2038)
Response to Examination to Inspector's initial Findings
3. Policy AL/RTW19 Paragraph Number 64 – plus
Examination Document TWLP/092 paras 4 - 6

Para 5 (on to pp 3 7 4 if necessary)

Despite the Hawkenbury Allotment Holders' Association having put in an objection to the previous consultation, it evidently came as a surprise to council officials that "the allotments which run parallel to High Woods Lane are within the Council's ownership and leased to the Hawkenbury Allotment Holders' Association. This has opened an opportunity for widening the road." But the land in question is not vacant. In 1895, the owner of the Dunorlan Estate offered the land to the new Council for the allotments they were then (as now) required to provide. In 1938 HAHA was formed and gradually took on total management of the site's ca 300 plots. The lease has been regularly renewed, most recently until 2029.

The allotments – fully occupied and with a long waiting list provide valuable healthy outdoor exercise and produce for gardeners, a majority of whom are of pension age. They are proud of their 100-year old hedge and the bird life it nurtures; equally if not more significant than the oak tree which has been carefully considered.

We certainly support the creation of the football pitches for the town's youngsters. But we feel strongly that elderly allotment-holders should not have to forfeit their beloved plots and see their hedge carved up.

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.
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No, I do not wish to	X	Yes, I wish to participate at

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

I wish to record my concern that this major proposal was not signalled in view of the

I wish to record my concern that this major proposal was not signalled in view of the devastating change it involves. Rather it was added as item 64 in a very long document. As a body for whom this is a devastating proposal we should at the very least have received advance notice rather than come across it in a late paragraph in a 19-page document.

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 Sustai	nability Appraisal does this representation relate?
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11. Please use this box for any comments you wish to make about the Sustainability Appraisal.

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After this stage, fur	ther submissions will be	only at the request of t	he Inspector,

based on the matters and issues he identifies for examination.

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