



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

**Main Modifications Consultation
Representation Form**

**Please use a separate form/sheet for each
representation/main modification**

Ref:

(For official
use only)

We welcome your comments on the Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation.

The consultation also includes a number of other documents as listed in Box 1 below upon which representations can be made, including an updated Sustainability Appraisal and updated Habitats Regulations Assessment.

Completed forms must be received at our offices by midnight on **Wednesday 30th April 2025**.

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 print them off and send them by post to: Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, PLANNING POLICY, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS

Please refer to the [Guidance Note on Making Representations](#) for further information. The Guidance Note explains the soundness tests and statutory plan making requirements relevant to this consultation.

PART A – CONTACT DETAILS

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.

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent Details (if applicable)
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PART B – YOUR REPRESENTATION

(Please use a separate form/sheet for each representation)

1.	Name of the Document to which this representation relates (please tick):
X	Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications
	Sustainability Appraisal (Part 2)
	Habitats Regulations Assessment (Part 2)
	Schedule of proposed Map Changes (Policies Map/Inset Maps)

2.	To which part of the document listed in Box 1 above does this representation relate to?
If Main Modification (please quote number e.g. MM1)	MM16
Chapter and (if applicable) subheading	
Policy/Paragraph number	

3.	Do you consider the Main Modification / document on which you are commenting, makes the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) (please tick or cross as appropriate):
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3.1	Legally Compliant	Yes	X	No	
3.2	Sound	Yes	X	No	

4.	<p>Please give details of why you consider the Main Modification/document not to be legally compliant or sound. Please be as precise as possible and provide evidence to support this.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of a main modification/document, please also use this box to set out your comments.</p> <p>The text box will automatically expand if necessary.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>We note that MM16 confirms that the strategy of the TWBC plan provides for a housing supply for the first 10 years of the plan period with employment and other development including necessary supporting infrastructure, but with a requirement for an early review of the plan to include ways of meeting identified unmet needs. We note the deletion of one of the two strategic sites (Tudeley Village) and the reduction in the developable area (and capacity) of the other strategic site (Paddock Wood), and the subsequent reduction in the identified housing supply. We note that any early review of your plan will be undertaken in accordance with the new NPPF (2024) including its provisions around development in the Green Belt.</p> <p>We also note TWBC's response to our formal request for assistance in meeting RDC's unmet needs with respect to housing (dated 22 July 2024) which confirms that TWBC is currently unable to meet its own housing needs in full and is not in a position to assist RDC in accommodating any of our unmet housing need. We are keen to continue regular discussions with TWBC to support both of our plan-making processes</p>	

5.	<p>If you do not agree with the proposed Main Modification/document, please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the Matter you have identified at Section 4 (above) where this relates to legal compliance or soundness.</p> <p>Please be as precise as possible.</p> <p>The text box will automatically expand if necessary.</p>
N/A.	

6.	<p>Please use this box for any other comments you wish to make.</p> <p>The text box will automatically expand if necessary.</p>
	N/A

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification.

7.	Please tick this box if you wish to be kept informed about the Inspector's Report and/or adoption of the Local Plan	X
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Signature		Date	25/4/25
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Closing date for responses: midnight on Wednesday 30th April 2025