

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?

15.0 Proposed strategic policy revisions

Which part of the plan does your comment relate?

Map or Figure

What is the reference number?

Revised map 28

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.

Please see my comments under "other comments" below

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.

Please see my comments under "other comments" below

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

In 2019, in the context of the original map and plan for the strategic development of the area to the North West of Paddock Wood I mentioned to the then Head of Planning Mr Baughan that I opposed the plan, and was very concerned because my house was right in the middle of the development area and yet was a tiny excluded island that was not itself part of the development area.

Mr Baughan suggested that, while I could still oppose the plan, I could offer my house (where I have lived since 1993) and land as part of the development area, which would enable compulsory purchase, and thus protect the value of my house. I followed his suggestion, and in the version of the plan that went before the Inspector, my house was included within the boundaries of the development area.

I now observe that, in the very latest version of the plan (revised map 28 Paddock Wood and East Capel Strategic Plan), my house and land is once again excluded from the development area, and is a tiny island within it. No-one from TWBC has informed me about this latest change, or discussed it with me.

While the proposed plan no longer surrounds my home with housing developments, a new secondary school is proposed to be built in what is currently open fields right behind my house, and a major new access road to the new housing will pass directly alongside my house and garden, in what is currently open fields. While the latest version of the Plan is silent about how construction traffic will enter the development area, I assume this road will also be used by a lot of construction traffic during development. Both the road and the school will very significantly impact the current character and ambience of my house. While it may take many years for there to be certainty about whether the school will be built, the possibility of the build has an immediate impact on the value of the house.

The revised plan that is now going before the Inspector, if adopted, would lead to a major diminution in the value of my house. In this context, while I continue to oppose the plan, I request that my house is reinstated within the development area so that its value can be protected through compulsory purchase.

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:

Because TWBC have not reached out to me to explain why they have made the recent changes which directly impact my home, it seems that my participation is the only way to get their attention and get the matter properly discussed.