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Dear Mr Hone

Thank you for consulting us on the above.

Our comments relate to following proposed change:

- Revision of the strategic policy STR/SS 1: The Strategy for Paddock Wood and land at east Capel, including a reduction in the amount of residential housing growth by approximately 1,000 dwellings, with all housing being on Flood Zone 1 and employment land on Flood Zone 2, along with a reduction of employment provision, and reconfigured sport and recreation provision and secondary school education provision (as set out at Appendix D of the Development Strategy Topic Paper Addendum).

We have no objection to the revised policy STR/SS1, requiring all allocation for residential development around Paddock Wood to be within Flood Zone 1 and all employment development to be within Flood Zone 2.

We have no comments on the other proposed changes.

Kind Regards,

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Dear consultee

Update: Consultation extended to midnight Friday 12 April 2024 *- Public Consultation on Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's Response to the Inspector's Initial Findings Letter on the Examination of the New Local Plan

Following the Local Plan examination hearing sessions (March to July 2022) for the Tunbridge Wells Submission Local Plan, the Inspector wrote to the Borough Council setting out his [initial findings](#) in November 2022.

Having considered the initial findings, the Council is proposing that the examination of the Local Plan be progressed through a **Revised Development Strategy to the Tunbridge Wells Submission Local Plan (SLP)**, to include the following changes:

- Proposed removal of the strategic policy STR/SS 3: The Strategy for Tudeley Village from the Local Plan.
- Revision of the strategic policy STR/SS 1: The Strategy for Paddock Wood and land at east Capel, including a reduction in the amount of residential housing growth by approximately 1,000 dwellings, with all housing being on Flood Zone 1 and employment land on Flood Zone 2, along with a reduction of employment provision, and reconfigured sport and recreation provision and secondary school education provision (as set out at Appendix D of the Development Strategy Topic Paper Addendum).
- At Hawkhurst it is proposed to revise site allocation policy number AL/HA 5: Land to the north of Birchfield Grove, to include housing, and land safeguarded for primary school expansion (in accordance with a planning committee resolution on application reference 22/02664/HYBRID).
- Also at Hawkhurst, the Council proposes the removal of site allocation policy number AL/HA 8: Limes Grove (March's Field) from the Local Plan. This site was proposed for employment use in the Submission Local Plan.
- Progression of a 10 year housing land supply position including the requirement for an immediate review of the plan.

Further details about the Revised Development Strategy and the Council's full response to the Inspector's Initial Findings Letter can be viewed, together with associated Evidence Base and other supporting documents, including a Sustainability Appraisal Addendum, on the Council's website at <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan>.

Public Consultation

We are inviting people to comment on the Council's response to the initial findings, including the revised development strategy, through a **public consultation** which began on **Monday the 15 January and closed on Monday 26 February 2024*** - **This closing date has been extended.**

*As a result of some internal database issues identified by the Council the public consultation period is being **extended until midnight on Friday 12 April 2024** so that all relevant parties have the opportunity to respond to the Council's Response to the Inspector's Initial Findings letter.

As there is no change to the information contained in the consultation, all representations made between 15 January and 26 February 2024 will be taken into account and passed on to the Inspector - there is no need for these to be re-submitted. Following the extended deadline of Friday 12 April 2024, any further representations received in response to the consultation will also be taken into account and passed on to the Inspector.

The consultation documents are available on the Council's consultation portal <https://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/kse/> and the Council's website <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan>.

Paper/hard copies are also available for public inspection during the new, extended consultation period (ending Friday 12 April 2024) 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).
- **Capel Parish Council**: Capel Village Hall, Falmouth Place, Five Oak Green, TN12 6RD which is open from 10am – 12pm on Tuesday and Thursday (Telephone 01892 837524).
- **Paddock Wood Town Council**: The Podmore Building, St. Andrews Field, St. Andrews Road, Paddock Wood, TN12 6GT which is open from 10am-3pm Monday to Friday (Telephone 01892 837373).
- **Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Parish Council**: The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook, TN17 3HF which is open from 10am–12pm Monday to Friday (Appointments can be made outside of these times by prior arrangement by calling 01580 713112).

Representations/comments can be submitted on-line, via email or by post.

Further details about the consultation and how to submit a response can be found on the Council's website <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan> and clicking onto Consultation on the Council's Response to the Inspector's Initial Findings.

To ask any questions or find out more about the consultation, please contact LocalPlan@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

Yours Faithfully



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