

Submission 35-1

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?

8.0 Overview and Conclusions

Which part of the plan does your comment relate?

Paragraph

What is the reference number?

4.62

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

Yes No

Legally Compliant Selected Not Selected

Sound Not Selected Selected

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To say that Paddock Wood has ' a good range of existing services ' was reasonably accurate before any of the current building started.

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Paddock Wood needs investment in infrastructure before any more building takes place.

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We do have a Doctors and Dentist and a Pharmacy, however, with the building that is currently taking place they already cannot cope for the existing population and they are not accepting any new patients.

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

No, I do not wish to participate at the examination hearings

Submission 35-2

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4.0 Paddock Wood strategic growth

Which part of the plan does your comment relate?

Paragraph

What is the reference number?

4.59

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Yes No

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The revised strategy for sports and leisure provision in Paddock Wood is unsatisfactory and does not reflect the reality of use in Paddock Wood nor the aspirations developed by the community and Town Council through the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood plan which has passed its referendum. The Borough have failed Paddock Wood in the past and they are doing again now. Little consultation has taken place with the full Paddock Wood Town Council at its monthly meetings.

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The latest suggestions of building a swimming pool at Putlands, turning part of the rugby pitch over to a car park make no sense. Ever since the Athletics track was built we have flooding to the North of the site making the piece of land between the athletics track and Stace Cottages impassible during much of the winter. Any further construction in the area constrained by Putlands and Putlands Field will exacerbate the flooding issues and is not acceptable.

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Swimming pools are being closed in many areas, we already have pools at Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Cranbrook. How will any swimming pool be funded and what costing have been done?

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Submission 35-3

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5.0 Transport related matters

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Paragraph

What is the reference number?

5.15

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The public transport network with the exception of the railway is almost non-existent. The Town of Paddock Wood is virtually cut off from Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Maidstone should you wish to travel by bus. Tunbridge Wells keep promoting their venues like The Amelia Scott, The Assembly Hall, Trinity Theatre, however there is no chance of Paddock Wood residents attending unless they travel by private car as the bus service ceases long before the show you might want to attend ends. It's also not possible to use the train to go to the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury for an evening show as the last train leaves before any evening show has ended.

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We all accept that there is a climate change emergency and a need to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Building say a further 3035 new homes in Paddock Wood without investment in a robust, frequent and reliable public transport service is only going to add to global warming and considerable increased congestion on our roads. It already can take 45 minutes to get to Tunbridge Wells from Paddock Wood and the additional housing will only increase the problem.

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Paddock Wood has no night time economy with the exception of 2 local pubs The John Brunt and The Foresters which are all within walking distance for residents. Without huge improvement to local transport older residents who perhaps no longer have access to a car or do not drive will become increasingly isolated.

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