



**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.

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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):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability Appraisal (Part 2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Habitats Regulations Assessment (Part 2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	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)	MM257
Chapter and (if applicable) subheading	Local Plan Appendices
Policy/Paragraph number	Appendix 4: Glossary – Vision and Validate

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):				
3.1	Legally Compliant	Yes		No	
3.2	Sound	Yes	✓	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>
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We welcome a definition of 'Vision and Validate' in the glossary.

The definition is broadly correct and the proposed modification, in principle, ensures the Local Plan is consistent with national policy, in this case the Department for Transport Circular 01/2022: Strategic road network and the delivery of sustainable development (December 2022).

However, the proposed definition does not fully capture how validation should apply in the production of a vision-led approach to development. In the interest of clarity, we suggest the definition of 'Vision and Validate' is amended slightly to:

*'Vision and Validate' involves identifying a vision for transport movements, and ~~proving~~ through **demonstrating via evidence gathering at the planning stage, and monitoring during the delivery stages**, that this vision takes place. Vision and Validate enables measures to be appropriately focussed towards the delivery of sustainable development, at the appropriate intervention times.*

Additional definition: 'Monitor and Manage'

The glossary does not provide a definition of 'Monitor and Manage' but this term now features in several places in the Local Plan. The glossary would benefit from a definition of 'Monitor and Manage' to help readers of the Local Plan understand what it means. We have suggested the following definition for inclusion in the glossary:


Monitor and Manage

'Monitor and Manage' is the process by which the need for, and timing of, transport improvements necessary to support developments can be re-appraised during the implementation of the Local Plan. This is undertaken via the periodic collection of data from development sites as they are built-out ('Monitor') and using this data to check and review planned transport improvements in terms of their appropriateness and phasing ('Manage').

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>
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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>
	<p>No other comments.</p>

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.	<p>Please tick this box if you wish to be kept informed about the Inspector's Report and/or adoption of the Local Plan</p>	
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Signature		Date	30/04/25
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

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