

# ITEM 10 – APPENDIX E

## WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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**Title:**

**CONSULTATION FROM GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ON THE LOCAL  
PLAN STRATEGY AND SITE ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Robert Knowles]  
[Wards Affected: All]**

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**Summary and purpose:**

Guildford Borough Council is consulting on issues and options for its new Local Plan. The purpose of this report is seek approval from the Executive to the proposed response to the consultation.

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**How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:**

The new Local Plan for Guildford and its policies have the potential to impact on Waverley and in turn on the Council's corporate priorities.

**Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**Legal Implications:**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

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**Introduction**

Guildford Borough Council is consulting on issues and options for its new Local Plan. Views are being sought on a range of matters at this early stage in the development of the Plan. The consultation runs from **1<sup>st</sup> October to 29<sup>th</sup> November**.

There are a number of matters on which views are sought but which the officers do not consider have any potential effects on Waverley. In deciding whether or not a response is required, officers have had two matters in mind:

- Is the issue/topic something on which Guildford would be expected to liaise with Waverley under the 'duty to co-operate'. For example on matters like meeting housing needs or ensuring a consistent approach to issues affecting both Councils such as the approach to SANG provision and policies for the SPA; and

- Matters where development individually or cumulatively may have a direct impact on Waverley.

## **Background**

This consultation is one stage in the development of the new Local Plan for Guildford. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) for Guildford, which sets out the project plan for the development of the new Local Plan, says that this will be produced in two stages:-

1. The Local Plan Strategy and Sites
2. The Local Plan Development Control Policies

This consultation is for the issues and options for the Local Plan Strategy and Sites. The intention is that there will be a further consultation on a draft Plan in May/June 2014, followed by formal Publication (which triggers a further consultation on the soundness of the Plan) in October 2014. Guildford expects to submit the Plan for Examination in January 2015 with adoption anticipated to be in September 2015.

## **The Issues and Options consultation**

The consultation document contains 41 questions covering a range of matters from questions about the broad location of development as well as some specific sites, to detailed questions regarding matters such as the approach to delivering affordable housing. In many cases the questions are quite broad in scope and are seeking views on a range of ways in which issues should be addressed. For example, options on the approach the Council should take in relation to the supply and location of office and industry.

As explained above, it is not necessary for Waverley to comment on all matters. Many do not have implications for Waverley and should properly be left for Guildford to decide on. Attached as Annexe 1 is the suggested response to those questions where officers believe some sort of response is needed.

Going forward, officers believe that it is essential to work closely with Guildford as the respective Local Plans are developed. This will be particularly important when Guildford carries out the work to identify the objectively assessed need for housing and to consider how this fits with the housing needs within Waverley and Woking, the other authorities within the West Surrey Housing Market Area (HMA).

## **Conclusions**

Members are asked to endorse the comments set out in Annexe 1 as the Council's response to the consultation.

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## **Recommendation**

That the Executive agrees the response to the consultation from Guildford Borough Council as set out in Annexe 1 to this report.

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**Background Papers**

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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