

Don't Let Local Plan Wreck Guildford!

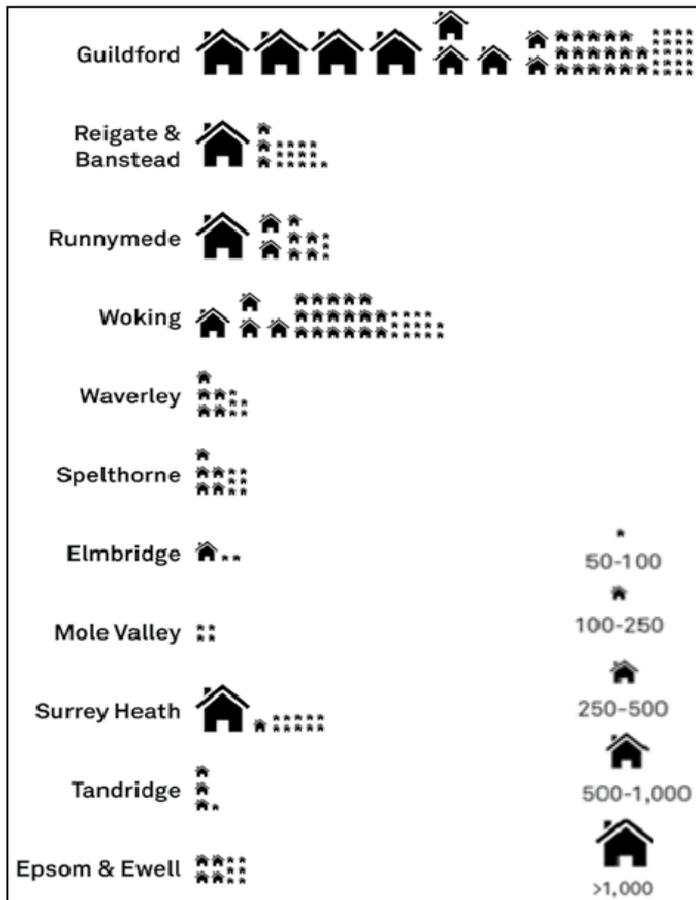
**Guildford to expand by a quarter
13,860 new homes
40% increase in retail space**

Loss of Countryside - Town Cramming - Congestion - Sprawl

Broken promises to protect Green Belt
Unconstrained housing target
Transport Infrastructure – too little too late
Flawed evidence used to justify overexpansion
Wasted opportunities for brownfield development

Is this the Plan you want for Guildford?

GBC consultation until 18 July 2016 - Find out how to respond overleaf or at www.guildfordresidents.co.uk



All parties promised to “protect Green Belt” in the election. So why are our Councillors proposing 2000 homes on Gosden Hill beyond Burham, 1800 on Blackwell Farm beyond the hospital, 2000 at Wisley, 1100 in Normandy, 400 at Send in addition to over 3000 in the town in our Local Plan? The town would start at Nutbourne Fruit Farm on the A3 and extend further along the Hogs Back on A31.

Councillors told us “the housing target will come down when constraints are applied”. So why has our Council, unlike others, chosen not to constrain the overall housing target to protect the character of our gap town set in the Surrey Hills?

Now we are promised “no developments without infrastructure” but this is unenforceable. The cumulative effect of planned growth means congestion would get worse, even with the highway schemes in the Plan.

Why So Much Growth in Guildford?

Source: Identified Housing Sites - Surrey Infrastructure Study
Data as provided by Local Authorities for study published in 2016

Have your say on the Local Plan proposals

In a hurry? Just write to say...

- **You support the Guildford Residents Association (GRA) response and oppose Guildford expanding by a quarter.**

You could add...

- **Flawed evidence is exaggerating the need for expansion as shown clearly by the GRA report on housing.**
- **Expansion should be constrained to protect the character of town and country in our congested gap town.**
- **It is unacceptable that, unlike other places, Guildford is choosing not to constrain its overall housing growth.**
- **Allowing Green Belt development to pay for transport schemes will simply generate yet more traffic from more homes, fuelling congestion.**
- **You oppose unjustified Green Belt development.**
- **It is irresponsible to squander every last resort greenfield site in a single Plan, robbing future generations.**
- **Brownfield opportunities are being ignored – we need homes in the centre (not 40% more shops), much more accommodation on campus for students, and homes for the elderly to free up family houses.**
- **Transport evidence is not yet fit for use and major transport issues are unresolved eg another river crossing, a central bus facility.**
- **The Plan is not ready for an inspector.**

Please respond by 18 July 2016

Option 1: Comments by email to localplan@guildford.gov.uk

Option 2: By post to Local Plan Consultation Team, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Guildford GU2 4BB

Option 3: By online questionnaire, go to www.guildford.gov.uk/newlocalplan click on "Have your say", then "Online Questionnaire: Proposed Submission Local Plan: strategy and sites", then type comments in the box below each question. *Tip: You need to register your name, email and address to complete the questionnaire*

Want more ideas for your response?

Go to www.guildfordresidents.co.uk

See GRA "Ideas for your Response". These follow the format of the questions in the online questionnaire. These headings could also be used in a letter.

Tip: To make your response more effective, use headings for each separate point you make and state clearly for each point if you object or support what the Plan proposes.

Guildford Residents Association comprises 26 RAs and 4 Parish Councils