

Last Chance to Act!

Save Guildford from Bad Plan

Too much development - More congestion

Too little student campus accommodation

- **Plans to expand Guildford by 20 to 25% appear to be based on an error.**
- **Compelling evidence by a respected national expert, who worked for the Government, shows Guildford has greatly over-estimated its population growth.**
- **This means we do not need to sacrifice so much Green Belt or to allow town cramming.**
- **If the Council persists in releasing so much Green Belt for development, we will be asked to provide for Woking's unmet housing needs – sacrificing our Green Belt to protect Woking's!**



Yes, we need a Plan ASAP but not one based on flawed figures, inadequate infrastructure and destruction of Guildford's green character

Ask Council to sort out its Plan

How to Make a Difference

**Please ask the Council to sort out the problems quickly!
Make a response to the final Local Plan consultation.**

In a hurry? Just write to say...

- In view of **flawed new evidence**, Guildford's proposal for more than **12,426 homes (plus a buffer of 1,155 homes) is excessive** and will result in **needless loss of Green Belt and green character, and increased congestion**, that cannot be justified in our heavily constrained borough.

You could add...

- There is evidence Guildford's **population growth is overestimated by about 40%** because of under-recording of students leaving at the end of their studies.
- If the Council fails to **apply Green Belt protection** or **constrain expansion to reflect widespread, legitimate environmental and transport constraints**, the 2017 Plan will cause harm to the qualities that underpin the economic success of Guildford and aggravate congestion.
- **Allocating too much land for development in the 2017 Plan** will also result in Guildford being required to provide **homes for Woking on our Green Belt** which is **folly given the constraints in Guildford**, a gap town with constricted roads set in the Surrey Hills AONB.
- Even taking account of all the proposals in the 2017 Plan, **congestion** which is already severe is **set to get worse** over the plan period.
- The revised proposal that **only 60%** of full time Guildford based University students will be provided with **accommodation on campus** puts **unnecessary pressure on housing stock in the town**. An 80% target could help by **freeing up affordable homes relatively quickly**.

Please respond by noon 24 July 2017

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

Option 2: By post to Local Plan Consultation 2017, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Guildford GU2 4BB

Option 3: By online questionnaire <https://getinvolved.guildford.gov.uk/consult/ti/pslps17/viewCompoundDoc?docid=8815380> or enter "Guildford Online Questionnaire Proposed Submission Local Plan strategy and sites 2017" in your search engine. Register your name, email and address, then type comments under questions.

Want more ideas for your response?

Go to GRA Website www.guildfordresidents.co.uk

Tips: This consultation is about proposed changes and new evidence since the 2016 draft. GRA "Ideas for your Response" gives advice on the questions and our positive ideas. Using headings for each separate point you make will make your letter more effective.

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