

Guildford Executive Considers Revised Local Plan

Following the Local Plan Examination earlier this summer and subsequent comments made by the Planning Inspector, Guildford Borough Council Executive is set to consider revisions to the Guildford Local Plan at a special meeting on Tuesday 4 September. Major revisions will then be subject to another round of consultation starting 13th September.

The inspector's comments suggested an additional 550 houses needed to be delivered in the first five years of the Plan. Guildford propose to achieve this by increasing the allocation at Garlick's Arch by 50 homes and including a new site at Alderton's Farm in Send Marsh which will contribute an additional 120 homes in this timescale. Further afield there are new proposals at Flexford, Chilworth and on the outskirts of Godalming.

Over the 30year planning period the Gosden Hill Farm allocation is reduced by 200 homes to 1,800, Garlick's Arch is increased by 150 to a total of 550 and the allocation of industrial floor space at Burnt Common is increased to 14,800 sq meters. Wisley Airfield which is offering to fund the proposed North facing slip roads at Burnt Common is still in the Plan.

There are new commitments in the Plan to consider the impact of any delay to the delivery of the A3 widening through Guildford on which many of the schemes depend and a revised policy for the town centre.

Crucially from our perspective following intensive lobbying by the Parish Council the proposals now include a £1m developer funded contribution for traffic management and environmental improvements in West Clandon. If this proposal finds its way into the final Plan due to be published in December we expect to be fully involved in working up what this would mean in practice.

You can view the agenda, report and other information for the Special Local Plan Executive meeting on 4 September at www.guildford.gov.uk/council

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