

Local Plan Inspector Questions Published

The Inspector appointed lead the public hearings into the Guildford Local Plan has published the set of initial questions and comments which come some indication of the themes likely to set the tone of the enquiry.

There is mixed news for Clandon with the inspector asking for justification of whether the quantity and mix of housing proposed was sufficient to meet needs and why Guildford had not given more specific direction to parishes as to how much housing should be provided in their neighbourhood.

He does however query why Guildford is maintaining so much office and retail space within the conurbation in the light of the accelerating move to on-line shopping suggesting that there could be a case for change of use to help meet housing needs on brownfield land within the town.

The questions are available at

<http://www.guildford.gov.uk/newlocalplan/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=27281&p=0>

When the Planning Inspector has completed the examination, he will produce his report and recommendations. Guildford will then consider any changes that have been recommended and the full Council will be asked to decide whether to adopt the new Local Plan. They hope this final stage for the plan will be achieved by the end of 2018.