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### **Site Allocations Development Plan Document**

We are preparing the Guildford Development Framework (GDF), which will be the new plan for the future use of land and buildings in the borough and will gradually replace the Guildford Local Plan. As part of this process, we are currently developing a Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) which will allocate future development sites in the borough. We are required to produce the Site Allocations DPD, to show how we intend to meet our housing allocation (currently 316 new homes a year) and other land use needs to meet the future needs of the workforce and community.

### **How the sites were identified**

The 'early stakeholder and community engagement' stage of the preparation of the Site Allocations DPD took place between November 2006 and May 2007. We asked the public and organisations to suggest sites to us that they believe have development potential, between now and 2018, for housing, employment, retail, leisure, community facilities, any other land use or a mix of these. We received many site suggestions.

### **Let us hear your views**

All site suggestions are listed in the Site Allocations Issues and Options consultation paper, which is available for full public consultation from 21 November 2007 to 30 January 2008. During this period, you have the opportunity to comment on the sites that have been suggested and to suggest others. More details about each site can be found in the Site Proformas (including a photo and map) and Ward Maps. You can download all the consultation material from our website from 21 November 2007 at [www.guildford.gov.uk](http://www.guildford.gov.uk) > Planning & Building Control > Consultations > Site Allocations. You can view copies at our Millmead office or at local libraries in the borough. Copies are also available on request.

It is important to point out that these sites are simply suggestions at this stage. We have not yet assessed their suitability as we want to hear your views first. We will only consider identifying a site as a 'preferred option' if it gets a positive response from the public consultation, or responds well to the appraisals and tests, and complies with national and regional planning policy.

The Site Allocations DPD is a significant document for the future development of Guildford Borough. Allocating *appropriate* development sites is vital to the conservation and enhancement and meeting the needs of this attractive area. It is important that we consult the public and relevant organisations on all potential future development sites in the borough at this early stage. This will ensure we later allocate only the most suitable sites and those with the greatest likelihood of being developed.

### **What happens next?**

We will take into account comments received through the public consultation, as well as regional and national planning policy, various site appraisal processes and evidence of need in the borough for different types of land use. We will then develop a list of sites as our 'preferred options', and consult again. After this, the final list of sites will be submitted to the Government for examination. 'Allocated' sites are those identified in a Development Plan Document for (re)development. The timetable for this work is set out in the Local Development Scheme, which is available on our website ([www.guildford.gov.uk](http://www.guildford.gov.uk)).