

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you have responded to Local Plan consultations previously or are on our Local Plan database, we are writing to you to request any additional comments you may have on the Main Modifications to the Draft Mole Valley Local Plan and associated documents.

What are Main Modifications?

Since February 2022, the Local Plan has been under examination by a Government-appointed Planning Inspector. The Inspector has recommended a number of Main (material) Modifications to the Draft Local Plan to make the plan sound and now it is necessary to consult on these modifications.

Are there any other types of Modifications?

Yes. There are four other lists of modifications:

1. Changes to the Policies Map (General)

These are changes to the designations on the map, which accompanies the Draft Local Plan

2. Changes to the Policies Map (Mineral and Waste Sites)

These are waste and mineral sites, decided by Surrey County Council, which the county council has asked to put on our map. As they are not Mole Valley's designations, we cannot change them so this list is just for information only.

3. Changes to the Sustainability Appraisal

These are changes to the document, which accompanied the Local Plan

4. Additional Modifications

These are minor changes and mainly comprise typographical errors.

What is being consulted on?

All lists of modifications and Council's Note 35 are under consultation. A Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan Main Modifications, a Habitats Regulations Assessment and an Equalities Impact Assessment on the Local Plan Main Modifications are also available for consultation.

What is Council Note 35?

Council Note 35 comprises new revisions to the Plan following changes to planning legislation, policy and guidance and updated histories on planning permissions and applications.

Can I comment on parts of the plan that are not modifications?

No. This consultation is only about modifications and Council's Note 35. Any comments about the rest of the plan or general comments on sites, policies or the plan will not be considered by either the Inspector or the Council.

The Inspector will also not be considering the Changes to the Policies Map, the Changes to the Sustainability Appraisal or the Additional Modifications.

When does the consultation take place?

The consultation takes place from **Friday 1 March 2024 to 5pm on Tuesday 23 April 2024.**

Where can I view the lists of modifications?

The Main Modifications and the lists of other modifications can be found at www.futuremolevalley.org

Paper copies of the lists of modifications will be lodged at the Council offices in Dorking and local libraries.

Mole Valley District Council Offices

Mon-Fri: 9.00-14.30

Pippbrook, Dorking, RH4 1SJ	(please make an appointment if possible)
Ashtead Library Woodfield Lane, Ashtead, KT21 2BQ	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10.00-13.00 and 14.00-17.00 Sat: 9.30-17.00
Beare Green Village Hall Merebank, Beare Green, RH5 4RD	Mon: 14.00-14.30
Bookham Library Townshott Close, Great Bookham, KT23 4DQ	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10.00-13.00 and 14.00-17.00 Sat: 9.30-17.00
Dorking Library St Martin's Walk, Dorking, RH4 1UT	Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.30-17.30 Tues, Thurs: 9.30-19.00 Sat: 9.30-17.00
Leatherhead Library The Mansion, Church Street, Leatherhead, KT22 8DP	Tues-Sat: 9.30-17.00

The details for principal offices and libraries are correct as of February but may change due to circumstance. If you are having trouble viewing a hard copy of the documents, please email: planning.policy@molevalley.gov.uk or phone 01306 885001.

How to I respond?

To make a representation on one of the modifications:

- Please send an email or email with attachment to planning.policy@molevalley.gov.uk
- Please send a letter to Planning Policy, Mole Valley District Council, Pippbrook, Dorking. RH4 1SJ.

When making a representation:

- Please make clear which modification number you are commenting on
- Please remember to base your comments on the Government's test of soundness:
 - Is the modification positively prepared?
 - Is the modification robust (based on evidence)?
 - Is the modification effective (deliverable)?
 - Is the modification consistent with national planning policy?

What happens to the representations?

The Inspector will ask the Council to comment on the representations and then the representations and Council comments will be sent to the Inspector for her final consideration.

Consultation Information Arrangements

Any responses received to the consultations will be held electronically for the purposes of meeting the Council's duties arising from reporting consultations. Consultation responses will be made public but your personal data, other than your name or the name of the person you are acting for, will not be made public. Consultation responses will be kept for two years post adoption of the plan.

Consultation responses and your personal data will be passed to the Planning Inspectorate and a Programme Officer. The Programme Officer works for the Planning Inspector who will examine the plan. The Programme Officer may contact you using the personal information you have provided.

Yours faithfully

The Planning Policy Team

Mole Valley District Council

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