

Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan Focused Consultation

Representor index

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Bodies, associations and businesses are listed by their name – not the name of their spokesperson, chair or managing director.

Where a landowner or developer has used an agent, the agent is named in brackets.

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R1	Westcott Village Forum
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Comment Number	Representor Number	Respresentor	Representation
C1	R1	Westcott Village Forum	<p>Thank you for your email and the attached letter from the Examiner, Mr Andrew Mead.</p> <p>We note the contents of the letter from the examiner and understand these changes to be a legal requirement. As such we have no further comments to make other than to acknowledge them.</p> <p>The Examiner’s letter will be published on the Village Associations website with a closing date for responses of 5pm on Monday 30th March. We note, and will draw attention to, the paragraph regarding repeat representations.</p>
C2	R2	Mole Valley District Council	<p>Thank you very much for giving Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) the opportunity to comment on any effects on the Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan that may occur from the recent publication of The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Commencement No. 11 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulation 2026.</p> <p>New Legal Compliance Requirements</p> <p>1. <i>The plan must be designed to secure that the development and use of land in the neighbourhood area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change</i> MVDC considers Policy WNDP8 contributes to, and ensures, the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change within the Westcott Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>2. <i>The plan must be designed to take account of any local nature recovery strategy under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021 that relates to all or part of the neighbourhood plan area.</i> The Surrey Local Nature Recovery Strategy is currently in its Pre-Publication period which gives Supporting Authorities, such as MVDC, a chance for final comments. MVDC considers Policy WNDP10 gives sufficient protection to existing nature and biodiversity designated sites that appear on the MVDC Policies Map through the first bullet point.</p>

		<p>However, the policy may need to reference the Areas that Could Become of Importance for Biodiversity (ACIBs) that are set to be designated through the emerging Local Nature Recovery Strategy. There are a number of these designations across the Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan area and the ACIBs are essentially buffers to the existing Policy Map nature and biodiversity designations and/or watercourses.</p> <p>The taking account of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy in full could be achieved by additional bullet point to Policy WNDP10, which reads:</p> <p>New development must preserve and enhance the Neighbourhood Area’s biodiversity through the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ensuring Areas that Could Become of Importance for Biodiversity, as identified in the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, are not compromised in this aim by new development</u> <p>New Basic Condition Requirements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The making of the neighbourhood development plan would not result in the development plan for the area of the authority proposing that less housing is provided by means of development taking place in that area than if the neighbourhood development plan were not to be made.</i> <p>The Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan is not proposing less housing than the MVDC Local Plan because Policy WNDP1 is based on the Local Plan housing trajectory for the area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Council agrees with the Inspector regarding the new Basic Condition on Environmental Assessment Reports. Namely, that until such time as a completed framework for the implementation of Environmental Assessment Reports is in place, compliance with this new Basic Condition cannot be assessed. <p>If the Inspector has any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
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