

Compton Parish Council Local Plan Sub Committee Report - March 11 2022

Local Plan DMPs

The Regulation 19 consultation on Guildford Borough Council's Development Management Policies (Part 2 of the Local Plan) closed on February 18. The Local Plan Sub-Committee submitted Compton PC's response (attached – Annex A). This was an update to Compton's response to the Regulation 18 consultation on the DMPs.

AONB boundary review

Following stakeholder engagement in January 2022, the next steps and indicative timescales for each are as follows:

- May 2022 – Natural England will conduct a technical assessment to consider whether candidate areas meet “natural beauty criterion”
- June 2022 – NE to decide if qualifying areas are “desirable”
- Sept 2022 – NE will propose revised boundaries
- October 2022 – Consultation between NE and the AONB board, with involvement of some local officers. There will be no formal consultation, but it is possible that some comments may be submitted from parish councils to AONB Board)
- November 2022 – NE directors to give approval for statutory public consultation
- March 2023 – Statutory and public consultation
- May 2023 – Assessment of consultation
- June 2023 – Draft Order and approval of formal 28-day notice period 28 day notice period when public representations will be allowed on the Draft Order.
- August 2023 Submission to Secretary of State

James Henry, Chair of Wanborough Parish Council, has written to the Local Plan Sub-Committee chair to say that Wanborough PC has supported Compton's argument for an extension to the AONB boundary on the northern slopes of the Hog's Back and has responded to NE's public engagement exercise with a similar message to Compton's. The Guildford Residents Group response also supports Compton's case, highlighting the scenic beauty of Blackwell Farm and noting that the infrastructure on which development of this land is contingent, is no longer part of the Government highway programme.

GRA meeting

The Local Plan Sub-Committee chair attended the Guildford Residents Association Meeting on 25 January 2022 held on Zoom. Notes of the meeting are attached (Annex B).