

AGENDA ITEM 8 - SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD)

AMENDMENT

Cllr Bowes will PROPOSE and Cllr Bittleston will SECOND that Resolve (ii) of Agenda Item 8 be amended as follows:

- (ii) **Save as for proposal sites GB9 (Land north east of Saunders Lane), GB10 (Land to the north west of Saunders Lane) and GB11 (Land rear of 79-95 Lovelace Drive) which are not to be released from the Green Belt in order to be safeguarded for future development needs or otherwise, and save that as for proposal site GB7 (Nursery Land adjacent to Egley Road), development is to be focused to the south end of the site, leaving the north end, beyond the playing fields of the Hoe Valley Free School and colored green on the attached plan, as open space not to be developed, the draft Site Allocations DPD (Appendix 5) and the accompanying revised Sustainability Appraisal report and the Habitats Regulations Assessment (copies are in the Members' Lounge) be supported for the purposes of Regulation 19 consultation to give the public an opportunity to make formal representation.**

REASONS FOR THE AMENDMENT:

1. As noted within the Green Belt Review, this location is sensitive to development as “there is a risk the integrity of the gap between Woking and Mayford will be compromised” (para.4.3.14).
2. The Green Belt Review advised that the school buildings should be “located to the north, adjacent to the main urban area of Woking, leaving a wide landscaped verge along Egley Road, and retaining open fields to the south, closer to Mayford ... thus maintaining their openness”.
3. Planning permission has been granted on part of the site for the erection of a new secondary school and leisure centre, formation of an 8 lane athletics track and sports pitches (PLAN/2015/0703). That permission has now been implemented.
4. The actual orientation of buildings pursuant to that permission has resulted in buildings to the south of the playing fields. It is therefore logical to encourage development to the south of the site and leave the north of the site to maintain the integrity of the gap between Mayford and Woking and the separate identities of these distinct settlements within the Borough.
5. Mindful of the advice within the Green Belt Review that “separation on [Parcel 20's] northern side may be achieved through the masterplanning process and local green space policy” (para.7.2.3.), we are of the view that this amendment would reflect the advice within the Review in light of the situation on the ground which has resulted from the implementation of PLAN/2015/0703.