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Matter 1 – Question 12 – Statement of Community Involvement

Note on Hard-to-Reach Groups

At Regulation 18 the Council used a range of consultation methods including drop-in sessions, exhibitions, social media and webinars with the intention of reaching a range of audiences. This is set out in detail in the Consultation Statement, 2024 (Ref [CD5a](#)).

In addition, the Council wrote a specific letter to all hard-to-reach groups. This letter is appended at Annex 1 to this note, with the list of organisation to which it was sent appended at Annex 2. This list included all those organisations listed in Appendix 1 (Equality Groups) of the Statement of Community Involvement as well as a number of additional organisations.

As identified by the Inspector and set out at Paragraph 3.7 of the Council's Regulation 22 [Consultation Statement Update](#) (Document reference CD6a), prior to the Regulation 19 consultation, officers liaised with the Council's Community Development Manager to confirm contacts for hard-to reach groups.

The Regulation 19 Local Plan was made available in an accessible on-line format and supporting documents included an accessibility statement advising that alternative formats could be available on request. As set out in the Consultation Statement Update, a range of methods were used to raise awareness of the Regulation 19 Publication. This included use of social media, YouTube videos, deposit of paper copies across the Borough, press releases and information on the e-newsletter.

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Annex 1 – Regulation 18 letter to hard to reach groups



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By email

26 April 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Draft Surrey Heath Local Plan: Preferred Options (2019 – 2038) Regulation 18 Consultation

Surrey Heath Borough Council is producing a new Local Plan that will guide development in the Borough up to 2038. The plan sets out the Council's preferred planning policies to guide the amount and location of new homes and employment development up to 2038, and covers matters including the Green Belt, design and heritage, climate change and biodiversity

The Council is consulting on the Draft Surrey Heath Local Plan: Preferred Options (2019-2038) **until 12:00 noon Monday 09th May 2022.**

You are being contacted as your organisation represents a group that is traditionally under-represented in formal planning consultations and we are keen to hear your views on the Draft Local Plan.

Please find attached a summary of the policies within the Draft Local Plan. You can also view a video recording of our planning officers providing an overview of the Draft Local Plan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLoUNAm53iM>.

Planning Officers will be holding a virtual webinar and Q&A on Thursday 28th April at 7pm with a focus on Environment, Green Belt and Countryside, and Design/Heritage:

- [**Zoom Link 28 April**](#)

The documents published for consultation include:

- Draft Surrey Heath Local Plan: Preferred Approach Options (2019-2038)
- Mapping Booklet
- Interim Sustainability Appraisal, and

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- Non-Technical Summary of the Sustainability Appraisal

If you would like to comment on the 'Draft Surrey Heath Local Plan: Preferred Options (2019 – 2038)' or any of the supporting documents, please visit the consultation homepage at <https://surreyheathplanningpolicy.inconsult.uk/SHLP18/consultationHome>. This will provide information on how to comment online. Please use the 'Online questionnaire' to respond to the consultation.

Alternatively, you can let us know your views by emailing **planning.consultation@surreyheath.gov.uk**, or by returning the paper questionnaire that is available on our consultation website by post to:

Planning Policy and Conservation,
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Paper copies of the consultation documents will be available to view at the Council offices main reception at Surrey Heath House, or within the Bagshot, Camberley, Frimley Green and Lightwater libraries during normal opening hours.

If you are unable to view the Draft Local Plan either online or at any of the above locations, please contact the planning policy team via email at planning.consultation@surreyheath.gov.uk or telephone the customer contact centre on 01276 707100.

We will consider all comments submitted to us and your comments may be published with your name, but not personal details, such as email or postal address. Please note that verbal or anonymous comments cannot be taken into consideration.

If you no longer wish to receive these notifications in the future, please email us at planning.consultation@surreyheath.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Planning Policy Team

Planning Policy and Conservation Team,

Planning Services

Finance and Customer Services Directorate

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Annex 2 – Organisations in receipt of the Regulation 18 letter to hard-to-reach groups

Churches together

Churches@GU16

Bengali Welfare Association

Nepalese Buddhist Community Centre UK

The Buddhist Community Centre UK (BCCUK) Youth Association

Surrey Heath Sikh Association

Surrey Faith Links

Tringhams West End Day Centre

Age Concern - Frimley & Camberley

University of 3rd Age

Tomlinscote School Student Representatives

Kings International College Student Representatives

Collingwood College Student Representatives

Surrey Heath Youth Council

Disability Initiative

Your Sanctuary

Bagshot Women's Institute

Gay Surrey

OutlineSurrey

Pride in Surrey

Blackwater Valley Countryside Trust

Blackwater Valley Alzheimer's Society

Surrey Gypsy & Traveller Communities forum

Irish Traveller Movement in Britain

Traveller Law Reform Project

One Voice 4 Travellers

Friends, Families and Travellers

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The Gypsy Council

National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups

NW Surrey Association. of Disabled People

Surrey Coalition of Disabled People

Surrey Heath Talking Newspaper for the Blind

The Royal Association for Deaf People

Surrey Deaf Forum

Sight for Surrey

Surrey Deaf Children's Society

British Deaf Association

Surrey Disabled People's Partnership

Active Surrey (SCC)

LinkAble (Disability Charity in SH)

SeeAbility (Royal School for the Blind)

Surrey Young Carers

Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum

Tamu Nepalese Community Centre