

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) has started work on the preparation of a new Local Plan, which will guide future development in our Borough up to the year 2033.

The first stage in this process is the publication of an Issues and Options document, which TWBC are consulting on for six weeks, **from Tuesday 2 May 2017 to Monday 12 June 2017**. This consultation document sets out the Council's initial thoughts about what a new Local Plan should contain and the issues it should address. There is a set of questions that run throughout the Issues and Options section which also sets out a number of possible options for where and how the future growth of the Borough might be located.

This is an opportunity for residents of Pembury to have a say in the preparation of the new Local Plan. **Please be aware that Option 4 is particularly relevant to Pembury.**

You are therefore invited to submit your views on the following consulting documents:

- TWBC Local Plan: Issues and Options
- Interim Sustainability Appraisal

The Issues and Options document is supported by a number of evidence studies, which can be viewed at www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/localplan under the heading 'Evidence Studies'.

The consultation documents can be viewed and commented on online at <http://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk> or the documents and accompanying response forms can be downloaded at www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/localplan. For those without a computer you can access documents at Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells or at all libraries in the Tunbridge Wells Borough area.

The Borough Council will also host a series of exhibitions during May. The dates and venues for these are as follows:

Wednesday 10 May – Matfield Pavilion, The Green, Matfield – 4pm to 7pm

Thursday 11 May – Unit 9, Royal Victoria Place, TW - 4pm to 7pm

Friday 12 May – Vestry Hall, The Old Fire Station, Cranbrook, - 4pm to 7pm

Saturday 13 May - Unit 9, Royal Victoria Place, TW – 10 am to 2pm

Representations can be returned as follows:

1. Online at <http://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk>
2. By e mail to planning.policy@tunbridgewells.gov.uk
3. By posting to Planning Policy, Planning Services, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS

Representations must be made in writing (including electronically) and received by **5pm on Monday 12 June 2017**. All representations will be considered in the preparation of the next stage of the new Local Plan.

If you need any further information or assistance, please phone the Planning Policy team on 01892 554056 or e mail planning.policy@tunbridgewells.gov.uk