

## **Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Adoption Statement for the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan 2020-2038**

### **Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)**

### **Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (As Amended)**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and pursuant to Section 23(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 that the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan 2020-2038 was formally adopted by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

The adopted Local Plan which covers the period 2020-2038, is a strategic document setting out the vision, objectives and spatial planning strategy for the Borough of Tunbridge Wells up to 2038 and contains policies to facilitate sustainable development. The Policies Maps illustrate geographically the application of the policies in the adopted Development Plan. The Tunbridge Wells Local Plan 2020-2038 replaces the saved policies of the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan (2006), the Core Strategy (2010), and the Tunbridge Wells Borough Site Allocations Local Plan (2016).

The Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and was subject to an independent examination conducted by Planning Inspector Mr Matthew Birkinshaw BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI who was appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector's Report was published on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025, which confirmed that, subject to a number of Main Modifications, that the Local Plan is legally compliant and sound.

Pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 the Adopted Tunbridge Wells Local Plan 2020-2038 incorporates the Inspectors' Main Modifications, as well as additional modifications made by the Council which (taken together) do not materially affect the policies of the Local Plan.

Copies of this Adoption Statement, the Local Plan 2020-2038, Policies Map, the Sustainability Appraisal, and Inspector's Report are available to view at <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan>

All of these documents are available to view as paper copies on request (Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm) at: Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Monson Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Any challenge pursuant to Section 113 must be made on the

grounds that (a) the document is not within the appropriate power and/or (b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application should be made promptly and no later than the end of the six week period starting from the adoption date of the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

For further information, please contact the Planning Policy Team by emailing [localplan@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or by post to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Monson Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS.

In accordance with the regulations a copy of this Adoption Statement has been sent to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Date of notice: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025.