

Compton Parish Council Local Plan Sub-Committee

January 2026

Surrey Hills National Landscape Boundary Extension

The deadline for final representations on the Surrey Hills boundary extension ended on January 14. Compton PC made a representation for the land west of Blackwell Farm on the Hog's Back to be reinstated in the boundary. This land had been included in Natural England's first report, but then excluded in its later report (Deletion 15) due to a planning application to Guildford Borough Council (24/P/00441) for a solar farm.

Solar Farm Planning Application

Scottish Southern Electric's solicitors have confirmed that, subject to agreeing the terms of the Consent Order, on a without prejudice basis, they do not intend to contest Compton PC's legal challenge of GBCV's decision to approve planning permission for the solar farm west of Blackwell Farm. (24/P/00441). This means that all the parties to the judicial review claim have confirmed that the planning permission will be quashed subject to agreeing the final terms of the Consent Order. This information was passed onto Natural England on January 14 as an addendum to Compton PC's representation on the boundary review.

Local Plan timetable

GBC has now published an updated schedule for its review of the Local Plan, which can be found on the Council's website at www.guildford.gov.uk/lds. Key dates are as follows:

- Now – August 2026 – Evidence-base gathering, early engagement with relevant internal and external stakeholders, drafting of the plan, sustainability appraisal and governance processes.
- September – October 2026 - Consultation on a new draft of the Local Plan (minimum six weeks) (Regulation 18)
- November 2026 – March 2028 – Analysis of representations, preparation of submission plan, sustainability appraisal, governance processes
- Spring 2028 – Pre-submission publication and consultation (minimum six weeks) (Regulation 19)
- Autumn 2028 – Submission to the planning inspectorate for Examination (Regulation 22)
- Winter 2028/2029 – Examination in public – hearings (Regulation 24)
- Mid 2029 – Anticipated adoption of the revised Local Plan (Regulation 26)