Building a Better Future Plan - Representation Form

Part A - Personal Details

Please indicate whether you are completing this form yourself or if you are an agent completing this on behalf of a client
I am completing this form myself

Part A - Personal Details (Completing form on own behalf)

Please provide the following personal details. Please note that these details are required for all representations and your information will be shared with the Planning Inspectorate. The personal data you provide will be used to ensure that representations comply with government guidance and that they can be used as part of the Local Plan examination process. More information on how we use your personal information can be found as part of the 'Planning Policy' privacy notice is available here.

Title	Mr
First Name	Richard
Last Name	Pratt

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Please provide the following details where applicable and/or relevant
No Response

Part A - Personal Details (Agent on client's behalf)

If an agent is appointed, please provide the following information: Please note that these details are required for all representations and your information will be shared with the Planning Inspectorate. The personal data you provide will be used to ensure that representations comply with government guidance and that they can be used as part of the Local Plan examination process. More information on how we use your personal information can be found as part of the 'Planning Policy' privacy notice is available here.
No Response

Please provide the following information about the client for whom you are completing this form on their behalf
No Response

Part B - Your representation(s)

Which part of the Building a Better Future Plan does your representation relate to?
Please provide as much detail as possible.
If you wish to make a change to the Policies Map, please comment on the corresponding p olicy, and explain what change you would wish to make. If you would be helpful if you could show this in visual form
A full list of policies and allocations can be found in the contents page(s) of the Publication Plan - you can access this document here.

Policy Number	The Core Strategy (2011)
Allocation Number	-
Paragraph Number	-
Page Number	-

Do you consider the Local Plan is ...
(Please select as appropriate)

	Yes	No
Legally compliant	X	
Sound	X	

Please give details of why you consider the Building a Better Plan is not legally compliant o r is unsound. Please be as precise as possible.
If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan, please also use this box to set out your comments.

No Response

Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally c ompliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have ide ntified above.
You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or so und. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

No Response

If you wish to upload any documents to support your representation, please do so below. Please note that there is a maximum file size of 50MB and you can upload a maximum of 1 0 files to include with your form.

- File: 2026 07 30 Personal Plan for Hayling Island.pdf - Download

Examination Hearing Session Invitation

If your representation / representations are seeking a modification to the plan, do you consi der it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?
Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in exa mination hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to p articipate.
No details on the examination hearing session(s) have yet been determined and will be ma de available upon the submission of the Building a Better Future Plan to the Planning Inspe ctorate.

No, I do not wish to participate in examination hearing session(s)

Examination Hearing Session Invitation (2)

You indicated that you wish to participate in the examination hearing session(s). Please out line why you consider this to be necessary.
Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear th ose who have indicated that they wish to participate in examination hearing session(s). Yo u may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the m atters and issues for examination.

No Response

Future Notification

Do you wish to be notified of any of the following milestones in the Building a Better Future Plan process?
These milestones include:

The Local Plan has been submitted for examination
The publication on the Inspector's Report
The adoption of the Local Plan

If you indicate that you wish to be notified, the email address you provided in Part A of the f orm will be used by the Council to notify you of these milestones.

Yes, I wish to be notified

Personal Plan for Hayling Island

Introduction

[redacted] and have developed a deep appreciation of both its merits and its challenges. Hayling is a distinctive seaside community with several overlapping resident groups, each contributing to the island's character and needs.

Community Composition

- **Retirement Community:** A large proportion of residents are retired, ranging from the recently retired to the very elderly, including those living in residential care homes.
- **Commuter Residents:** Many residents travel off-island daily for work, although modern working-from-home patterns have reduced this somewhat.
- **Local Workforce:** A further group works on the island itself, particularly in agriculture, leisure, hospitality, and tourism.
- **Holiday Community:** Seasonal visitors, including those staying in caravan parks and holiday centres, form an important part of the island's social and economic life.

General Planning Principles

Planning and taxation should encourage residents and visitors to enjoy Hayling Island's special characteristics: the seafront, water-sport facilities, rural walks, local entertainment, dining, and seasonal cultural events such as theatre productions.

Development and Housing

Overall Development Capacity

Hayling Island is already close to its optimal level of development in terms of dwelling units. Unlike inland towns, the island cannot expand outward without harming its interior character. The physical boundaries of the island impose strict limits.

Risks of Overdevelopment

Further large-scale development would:

- Damage the island's special nature and community identity.
- Increase traffic congestion, which already causes significant delays — especially when accidents occur on the main road, often preventing residents from reaching hospital appointments on time.

Infill Development

There may be limited scope for small infill plots, and planning permission for such sites could be reasonable. However, the existing mixture of architectural styles suggests there is little point in attempting to impose a uniform housing style.

Business Rates and Local Commerce

- Business rates should be kept low to encourage a wider range of shops, including clothing and shoe shops.
- Discounts should be considered for businesses owned and run by Hayling residents, or for shops employing a Hayling resident as manager.

Education and Leisure

- The plan emphasises the ample provision of activities for young people, using school facilities during evenings and holidays, and making full use of parks, sports clubs, and social clubs — with subsidised entry costs to encourage participation.
- The full range of leisure options should be developed and promoted: swimming, boating, kite-surfing, fishing, bathing, picnicking, country walks, cycling, and horse riding along the lanes and the King Charles III Walk (popularly known as the Hayling Billy Trail).
- Local, national, and international sporting events should continue to be encouraged, particularly at the sailing clubs and along the seafront.

Transport and Roads

Single Access Constraint

Hayling Island is served by one bridge and a limited road network. The main roads — Havant Road, Manor Road, and Church Road — carry heavy traffic most of the time and must be kept as clear as possible.

Roadworks and Obstructions

- Utility and service works should avoid obstructing traffic during peak hours (7:30–9:30 AM and 4:00–6:30 PM).
- Where unavoidable, temporary traffic lights or one-way systems should only operate outside these times.
- Ideally, works should be carried out overnight or between the stated rush-hour periods.

Cycling Infrastructure

- Cycle lanes should be added where possible to prevent traffic tailbacks caused by cyclists who cannot be safely overtaken.
- Consideration should be given to adapting the pedestrian walkways on the bridge to allow cyclists to use the existing footpaths.

Parking

- Residents should be offered reasonably priced parking permits to encourage shopping and leisure activity on the island rather than on the mainland.
- Parking tickets purchased at the seafront should allow visitors to use the main shopping-centre car parks (Hollow Lane and Mengham precinct) without an additional charge.

Public Services

Healthcare

- The island has one NHS Health Centre containing two GP practices. They generally function well, but — as across the country — face-to-face appointments are difficult to obtain and often require screening by non-medical staff.
- Hayling Island urgently needs an **Emergency Treatment Centre**, properly staffed and capable of handling first aid and minor injuries. This would reduce pressure on the Queen Alexandra Hospital A&E, which is extremely busy and serves a very large catchment area.

Water Quality and Environmental Protection

Water quality along the seafront, in Chichester Harbour, and in Langstone Harbour has become a major concern. Any long-term plan must ensure:

- Seawater is protected from contamination by chemicals, industrial discharge, and run-off from roads and farms.
- Organisations whose activities may contribute to pollution are encouraged — or required — to adopt practices that minimise environmental harm.
- Harbour and coastal ecosystems are safeguarded for residents, wildlife, and future generations.

Statement of Authorship

This plan has been designed and written by the author, who has lived on Hayling Island for nearly fifty years. It is presented with assistance from **Microsoft Copilot**, used solely to help refine wording and structure.