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	Mrs
First Name	Jackie
Last Name	Emmerson
[redacted]	

Please provide the following details where applicable and/or relevant

[redacted]

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

If an agent is appointed, please provide the following information:
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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 policy, 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	30
Allocation Number	EM08a
Paragraph Number	-
Page Number	98/253

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.

Representation to Havant Borough Council
Building a Better Future Local Plan – Regulation 19 Representation
Site Allocation: EM08a – The Horsefield, Emsworth

I object to the proposed allocation of Site EM08a (The Horsefield, Emsworth) for approximately 90 dwellings.

In my view, the proposed allocation is not justified, is inconsistent with national planning policy relating to protected landscapes, and has not demonstrated that development of this site is necessary or appropriate.

The Horsefield lies within the Chichester Harbour National Landscape, one of the country's most valued protected landscapes. The allocation of a substantial housing development on this site would fundamentally alter its rural character and would have significant adverse effects on the landscape, tranquillity and setting of the surrounding area. The Council has not demonstrated that exceptional circumstances exist to justify allocating this protected site for development, nor that such development is demonstrably in the public interest.

The Horsefield also forms an important part of the landscape setting of Emsworth and contributes to the distinctive character of the area. It provides an attractive green approach into the town and creates a visual break between built development. Replacing this open field with housing would result in an irreversible loss of this landscape character.

The site is recognised within the adopted Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan as part of the protected landscape and as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. The field supports wildlife and contributes to ecological connectivity within the wider landscape. Development risks damaging habitats, reducing biodiversity and undermining the environmental objectives that national and local planning policies seek to protect.

I am also concerned that significant infrastructure issues remain unresolved. Havant Road already experiences congestion, particularly during peak periods, and additional traffic from around 90 new homes is likely to worsen delays and create additional safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists. Questions also remain regarding highway access, drainage, flood risk, sewage capacity and the ability of local schools, healthcare services and other community infrastructure to accommodate further growth.

These matters should not be left to be addressed at the planning application stage. Allocating the site in the Local Plan establishes the principle of development before it has been demonstrated that these issues can be satisfactorily resolved.

The Council should also demonstrate that all reasonable alternatives have been fully explored, particularly previously developed (brownfield) land and less environmentally sensitive locations. Development should be directed towards sites where environmental harm can be minimised before protected landscapes are considered.

For these reasons, I believe the allocation of Site EM08a is not sound because it is not sufficiently justified, is inconsistent with national planning policy protecting designated landscapes, and has not demonstrated that environmental constraints and infrastructure impacts can be satisfactorily addressed.

I therefore respectfully request that Site EM08a – The Horsefield, Emsworth, is removed from the Local Plan.

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.

None.

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 10 files to include with your form.

No Response

Examination Hearing Session Invitation

If your representation / representations are seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider 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 examination hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.
No details on the examination hearing session(s) have yet been determined and will be made available upon the submission of the Building a Better Future Plan to the Planning Inspectorate.

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 outline why you consider this to be necessary.
Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in examination hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters 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 form will be used by the Council to notify you of these milestones.

Yes, I wish to be notified