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	Claire
Last Name	Dickinson

[redacted]

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	30
Allocation Number	EM08a
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.

The EM8a aka the Horsefield is part of the Chichester Harbour National Landscape (formerly Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). According to the www.magic.gov.uk it comprises grassland, offering some degree of carbon storage and therefore mitigation against climate change. On the southern boundary it is adjacent to a SINC, and is surrounded on the east and west boundaries by corridors which could become of particular Importance for Biodiversity (see Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (Final)) . It is immediately south of the former Roman Road, and adjacent to Warbington Villa as reported in the Historic England Publication https://historicengland.org.uk/research/results/reports/82-2015.
Under the CROW Act, the relevant local authority, must make sure that all decisions seek to further the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the AONB.
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/areas-of-outstanding-natural-beauty-aonbs-designation-and-management
The Guidance for Local Planning Authorities from the National Landscapes Association, with the National Landscapes Planning and Placemaking Panel states that
'Paragraph 189 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024 sets out that 'great weight' should be given to conserving and enhancing landscape and scenic beauty in National Landscapes, which (along with National Parks and the Broads) 'have the highest status of protection in relation to these issues
Whilst the latest version of the NPPF published this month does not contain paragraph 189, it gives similar commentary about the weight that should be placed 'on conserving and enhancing the natural beauty'. Furthermore, it goes onto state that 'Proposals for major development within Protected Landscapes should be refused other than in exceptional circumstances, and where it can be demonstrated that the development is in the public interest.' This is reinforced in Havant's own Policy 30 on Nationally Protected Landscapes. It goes on to note under how the policy will be implement that ' The undeveloped character of the harbour is rare on the south coast' and ' particularly vulnerable to visual intrusion from inappropriate development, both within or adjacent to the boundary, which can often be seen from significant distances across inlets, the main harbour channels, or open countryside.'
Given the overwhelming response to the proposals to develop the Horsefield on the last round of consultations, it seems surprising that this is considered to comply with NPPF HC2: b, as clearly the community felt extraordinarily moved to save the open vistas towards the coast and maintain green space between Havant and Emsworth.

This development will increase traffic, noise and light pollution also affecting nearby wildlife and disturbing the tranquillity beyond the road corridor in this area. In fact, it is noted in the Chichester Harbour AONB Landscape Character Assessment 2019 that here 'have been important indirect effects such as increases in traffic on the A27 trunk road, and the A286 and A259 main roads, which have locally reduced tranquillity.' On one hand we are stating that we are seeking to restore our natural world and increase biodiversity and yet continue to erode the space for nature between Havant and Emsworth. We had first hand experience of foxes being displaced when the development at the west end of Emsworth began.
Sustainable development is 'a development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' (Brundtland Report 1987). We should be preserving the landscape characteristics for future generations which make up the Chichester Harbour National Landscape Designation, including as stated in Chichester Harbour AONB Landscape Character Assessment 2019 that specifically relating to the Horsefield:
• The flatness of the landform, unusual among AONBs, accentuates the significance of sea and tide and of distant landmarks across land and water.
• The very special sense of peace and tranquillity, largely engendered by the gentle way the AONB is used and closeness to nature that is experienced.
This document goes on to state that:
Potential urban extensions round Chichester, Fishbourne, Southbourne,
Emsworth, Havant and other smaller settlements could result in:
• Loss of distinctive settlement identity;
• Erosion of rural character;
• Noise and light pollution;
• Visual intrusion and loss of important views;
• Disturbance to wildfowl;
• Water quality impacts from additional nutrient loadings; and
• Loss of tranquillity and of a sense of wilderness
Havant's own commentary on how their Policy 30 will be implemented go on to say 'The conservation and protection of Chichester Harbour National Landscape also include its setting.'
Given that Havant's own documentation suggests that this site is not suitable, it makes it even more surprising that this site made it onto the allocation for development and that the decision for allocation could in any way be considered in the public interest. refer to Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) | June 2026. accessed at
https://www.havant.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-06/%28HS05%29%20Strategic%20Housing%20and%20Economic%20Land%20Availability%20Assessment%20%28SHELAA%29.pdf.Given the overwhelming response to the proposals to develop the Horsefield on the last round of consultations it seems surprising that this is considered to comply with NPPF HC2: b, as clearly the community felt extraordinary moved to save the open vistas towards the coast and maintain green space between Havant and Emsworth.

Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above.
You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. 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.

EM08a should be removed from the allocation due to the importance maintaining the setting of the Chichester Historic Landscape. This allocation does not align with national or local (Havant's) policies, and if allowed to stand, it will continue to erode the unique character of this landscape through direct and indirect effects and reduce space for wildlife. Allowing the allocation to remain may be in violation of the local authorities' duties under the CROW Act

Remove the phrase 'where allocated within this Local Plan or' from Policy 30

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 f orm will be used by the Council to notify you of these milestones.

Yes, I wish to be notified