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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Inclusion of the Horsefield (Site EM08A) in the Local Plan, May 2026

I write to express my profound concern and opposition to the decision to include the Horsefield, south of the Havant Road (site EM08A) within the Havant Borough Council (HBC) Local Plan. I live directly opposite this area which, under the Local Plan, now has 90 houses allocated to it.

My opposition is based on two arguments:

1) The proposal is neither sound nor legally compliant. There are two reasons for this:

   - The Horsefield lies inside the Chichester Harbour National Landscape and HBC has a legal duty to further the conservation and enhancement of this landscape; and
   - National Planning Policy paragraph 190 lays down a national test which states that major development can only be granted if there are exceptional circumstances and unless it is shown to be in the public interest; no such case has been made by HBC and no evidence produced to support that what it proposes satisfies the National Planning exceptional test criteria.

   If protected land such as the Horsefield can be allocated for development without meeting the criteria of the national test, the same reasoning can be applied to other protected sites across the borough.

2) HBC's action in including the Horsefield in the Local Plan sets a precedent elsewhere affecting the National Landscape of Chichester Harbour. Along with most residents of this area, for me the maintenance of the natural beauty of the area is a major concern and one that reflects my living with a terminal cancer diagnosis. As it is, the Horsefield is one of the very few pieces of undeveloped land immediately to the south of and bordering the A259 between the road's junction with the A27 at the Emsworth turn-off and Fishbourne roundabout near Chichester. Development along the length of the A259 over the last ten years has

already significantly eroded the natural landscape and impacted on both the scenic beauty of the area and local wildlife. Repeated failures to address the congestion caused by this development is now placing an unsustainable strain on both the landscape and local infrastructure, notably the road network, especially the A259. Building on the Horsefield will further increase the traffic problem, including air pollution, thereby endangering the health of residents and those who visit the area for recreational purposes.

For these reasons, I urge HBC to think again: to remove EM08A from the site allocation in the Local Plan and to remove the phrase "... other than where allocated within this Local Plan or ..." from Policy 30.

Yours faithfully,



Clive Barnett