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Dear Sir/Madam

The Horsefield (Site 08A)

I write to protest about the allocation of 90 houses on the Horsefield site in Emsworth. You will know that this site is located in the Chichester Harbour National Landscape and was formerly classified as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The National Planning Policy requires that any building within a National Landscape be substantiated through the demonstration of exceptional circumstances. No such demonstration is provided in the proposed Local Plan.

Rather, HBC have rewritten Policy 30 (Chichester Harbour National Landscape) to avoid this necessity. This is deceitful and against the spirit of National Landscape designation. Should this rewriting be allowed, it will open the door to developments elsewhere within this National Landscape without having to address the requirement to demonstrate 'exceptional circumstances'.

I request that EM08a is removed from the site allocation and that the section 'other than where allocated within this Local Plan or' on page 253 is deleted.

Chichester Harbour is valued by the local community for many reasons including the landscape that surrounds it which is why it has a special designation. Watering down the requirements for development in this area is the thin end of a very large wedge that developers will soon exploit.

Yours sincerely

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