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Dear Sir/Madam

**The Horsefield Emsworth Site EM08a**

I am appalled and shocked that HBC's Local Plan has the temerity, audacity even, to consider allocating 90 houses on the above land within the Chichester Harbour National Landscape.

I draw your attention to page 98 of HBC's Local Plan where it refers to site EM08a The Horsefield, Emsworth. HBC's Local Plan in no way demonstrates **exceptional circumstances** required by the National Planning Policy for **major development.**

Secondly, rewriting Policy 30 (Chichester Harbour National Landscape) so that sites can be allocated **without meeting the National Planning exceptional circumstances test** is underhand as well as showing total disregard for an area within a National Landscape.

With immediate effect please would you:

- remove **Site EM08A** from the site allocation
- remove the phrase **"other than where allocated within the local Plan or"** from Policy 30

Why am I concerned and why do I care? [redacted] and am extremely concerned with the way HBC's Local Plan attempts to take over areas of the Chichester Harbour National such as The Horsefield to build 90 houses. Equally this applies to other protected land that falls under the Chichester Harbour National Landscape around the Borough including Hayling Island and the Harbour shoreline.

The Chichester Harbour National Landscape is of great importance not only to and for wildlife but also for the local community that benefits greatly from it. The Horsefield is a classic example. Taking away natural corridors for wildlife and losing far too much that is precious and important for nature's survival has consequences far beyond what we can imagine. Climate change demands we protect nature, conserve and enhance, not ride rough shod over it. HBC has a legal duty and a duty of care.

I say again, remove EM08A from the site allocation and the phrase highlighted above from Policy 30 without delay. HBC's Local Plan is most certainly not "Building for a Better Future" if it disregards its legal and moral duty.

Yours faithfully

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