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	Valerie
Last Name	Saunders

[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	X
Page Number	X

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 or 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.

I consider the Plan to be unsound in its proposed allocation of the Horsefields for development. As a long-standing local resident, I am extremely concerned that insufficient weight has been given to the value of this undeveloped green space and the contribution it makes to the landscape, character and environment of Emsworth.
I am particularly concerned that the Horsefields allocation was introduced at a very late stage in the process. This raises questions about whether such a significant change received the same degree of scrutiny, assessment and meaningful public consideration that would reasonably be expected for a site of this sensitivity. I also understand that some members abstained when the matter was voted upon, which further concerns me given the significance and permanent consequences of allocating this land for development.
I do not believe it has been adequately demonstrated that development of the Horsefields is necessary when there are other opportunities for housing within the wider borough. Before valuable greenfield land is permanently lost, greater priority should be given to brownfield and previously developed land, redevelopment and appropriate infill sites, together with sites already allocated or proposed for housing.
I am also concerned about the cumulative effect of continuing development around Emsworth. Additional housing brings additional traffic and pressure on roads, healthcare, schools, drainage and other local infrastructure which is already under considerable pressure.
The environmental consequences also require much greater consideration. Once an established area of open countryside and wildlife habitat is built upon, it cannot simply be replaced elsewhere. Development would permanently alter the character of this part of Emsworth and potentially affect wildlife and ecological connectivity.
I therefore do not believe that allocating the Horsefields represents the most appropriate strategy when reasonable, less environmentally damaging alternatives have not been sufficiently exhausted or prioritised. The late inclusion of the site also gives me serious concern as to whether the allocation has been sufficiently justified, scrutinised and assessed. For these reasons, I consider this element of the Plan to be unsound.

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.

I consider the necessary modification to be the removal of the Horsefields from the Local Plan as a site allocated for housing development.
Housing requirements should instead be met by giving proper priority to brownfield and previously developed land, suitable redevelopment and infill opportunities, existing housing allocations and other sites where development would cause less environmental and landscape harm.
I also believe that the Council should demonstrate that these reasonable alternatives have been properly assessed and, where appropriate, exhausted before additional sensitive greenfield land around Emsworth is allocated for development.
This modification would make the Plan more sound because it would ensure that the strategy represents an appropriate and justified approach to meeting housing need while protecting important landscape, wildlife habitat, ecological connectivity and the established character of Emsworth.
Given that the Horsefields were introduced at a very late stage in the plan-making process, I believe their removal is particularly appropriate unless and until the site has been subject to the same robust assessment, scrutiny and consideration of reasonable alternatives as other proposed development sites.
Suggested modification: Delete the Horsefields housing allocation from the Local Plan and retain the land as undeveloped green space. Housing provision attributed to this site should be reconsidered through brownfield, previously developed, already allocated or other demonstrably less environmentally damaging sites.

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.

No, I do not wish to be notified