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 an agent completing this form on behalf of a client

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.
No Response

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.

[redacted]

Job Title	Deputy Clerk
Organisation	Southbourne Parish Council

[redacted]

Please provide the following information about the client for whom you are completing this f orm on their behalf

Title	n/a
First Name	Southbourne
Last Name	Parish Council
Organisation (if applicable)	Southbourne Parish Council

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	NA
Allocation Number	NA
Paragraph Number	NA
Page Number	NA

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.

SPC objects to the Plan on grounds as being unsound and not legally compliant, in respect of the inclusion of the Horses Field site at Emsworth in the allocation for housing development.
Not sound
Inclusion of this site (and the associated change in wording of Policy 30) is not 'sound' as it is in fundamental conflict with the National Planning Policy Framework – specifically Paragraphs 188-190 (unchanged in new NPPF – Policy N4). Paragraph 190 states that:
'When considering applications for development within National Parks, the Broads and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, permission should be refused for major development other than in exceptional circumstances, and where it can be demonstrated that the development is in the public interest.'
The presumption of refusal of applications within the Chichester Harbour AONB (now National Landscape) should have prevented the inclusion of the Horses Field site in the Local Plan housing land allocation without evidence of 'exceptional circumstances'. No such evidence has been provided. The additional wording in Policy 30 negates theclear policy intent.
While any developer of the Horses Field site would still have to justify the clear breach of the NPPF in any planning application, the allocation of the site in the Local Plan would clearly make this much easier for them to do so.
Not legally compliant
The inclusion of the Horses Field site also fails the test of legal compliance in that it was only included at the last minute (May 2026) and was therefore not part of the earlier consultation on the Draft Plan. Interested parties have not been afforded the normal opportunity to consider and comment on the inclusion of this site, as required by law.
SPC's interest
SPC's interest in the future of this site (which is within a mile of the Parish Council boundary) is that large areas of Southbourne Parish also lie within the Chichester Harbour National Landscape. Sites south of the A259 (Main Road) have been the subject of planning applications in the past which have been refused on grounds of incompatibility with the NPPF. Inclusion of the Horses Field site within the Havant Local Plan housing site allocation, and any successful application that followed, would set a precedent that would undermine the ability of Chichester District Council (and Inspectors on appeals) to refuse future speculative applications for major housing developments within the National Landscape areas of Southbourne Parish.

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

No Response

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 1 0 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.

Yes, I 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.

To further explain our comments.

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

Yes, I wish to be notified