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	Fiona
Last Name	Cruickshank

[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	-
Allocation Number	2
Paragraph Number	-
Page Number	95-97

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.

1. Rare bats present on site
I object on ecological grounds. The council's evidence clearly says that Bechstein bats are recorded as present on and around the site. These Bats are one of Britian's rarest species, protected at European level. However, the allocation downplays this noting bats being only "potentially" present. The ecology chapter contains no bat assessment for the site. This is not justified by the evidence and is inconsistent with the protection this species requires. It is shocking that the plan ignores the presence of Bechstein bats. I have lived on this lane most of my life and have witnessed firsthand the decline in local wildlife and their habitats, particularly with the previous Redlands Grange residential development. We should be protecting our local habitats and species; the site is unsuitable and should be removed in order to protect these Bats.
Legally compliant — No (Habitats Regulations point) · Sound — No

2. Landscape on the edge of the National Park
I object on landscape grounds. The site is immediately south of the South Downs National Park. It receives one of the most negative landscape assessments of any allocated site in the Council's own appraisal. In 2015 a study the Council commissioned rated this land at the lowest possible capacity to absorb development and recommended that no part of this land be taken forward for growth. The allocation is not justified. The landscape character will be changed beyond recognition, what makes Long Copse Lane so unique will be stripped away. It is not a suitable site.
Legally compliant — Yes · Sound — No

3. The plan relies on improvements it doesn't actually require.
I object to Allocation 2 on the grounds that the plan is not effective. The allocation only requires the developer to 'explore opportunities' for transport improvements, when the Council's own Sustainability Appraisal states that sustainable transport improvements must be provided for this site to be acceptable. This wording of 'exploring opportunities' secures and guarantees nothing. The plan therefore cannot be delivered on the basis on which it was assessed, and should be found unsound unless these requirements are made binding. Proper walking, cycling and bus links from the site to Emsworth must be agreed to, currently the developer could decide against developing these links and still comply with the plan. This is unacceptable for future users of the site and current local residents, as cars will be used more if the alternative, more sustainable options are not provided. This makes the area less safe for all and less sustainable as a development.
Required: Legally compliant — Yes · Sound — No

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.

That the allocation is removed from the plan.

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 consi der 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 exa mination hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to p articipate.
No details on the examination hearing session(s) have yet been determined and will be ma de available upon the submission of the Building a Better Future Plan to the Planning Inspe ctorate.

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 out line why you consider this to be necessary.
Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear th ose who have indicated that they wish to participate in examination hearing session(s). Yo u may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the m atters 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.

Yes, I wish to be notified