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	Mr
First Name	NICHOLAS
Last Name	HEDGES
[redacted]	

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.
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 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	-
Allocation Number	EMO8a
Paragraph Number	-
Page Number	98

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.

The Horsefield (EMO8a). The National Landscape framework was written with the intent of protecting those areas of the British landscape which are considered to be of exceptional value, as a visual landscape and to the wildlife that inhabits it. Chichester Harbour is designated a National Landscape and The Horsefield falls within that designated landscape.

The Council within "Building a Better Future" have made Allocation 3 - EM08a-Horsefield, a site for a proposed 85-90 houses against the National Planning Policy Framework for major developments within National Landscapes. For planning permission to be granted for a site within the National Landscape, HBC would required to show that there are exceptional circumstances and it would be in the public interest to allow that permission. To my belief HBC would not be able to fulfil these requirements for a major development within a National Landscape and therefore the NPPF states that planning permission should be refused.

With this logic, allocating this site EM08a, which lies within the National Landscape would never be permitted. I do not believe that a major development on the Horsefield would be in the public interest, it would be detrimental to the National Landscape, the wildlife which uses the Horsefield and the adjacent fields and any benefits of 85 houses are far out weighed by the impact on this National Landscape. In short this Allocation 3 EM08a - Horsefield is contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework and would not be permitted. By allocating the EM08a-Horsefield HBC is also showing that it has not discharged its duty and responsibility to protect and maintain the "National Landscape".

The site EM08a has previously been discounted by the councils very own Sustainability Appraisal, as being "undeliverable", as recently as February 2026, and in all previous versions of this plan and also within the body of this version. Its appears to me that by the council inserting EM08a-Horsefield into the plan at such a late date in May 2026, by not making the allocation public until the 23rd June, with the Council planning meeting on 1st July and the full Council vote on the 15th July, was done with the intention to for it to go unnoticed and be railroaded through. It should also be noted that the full Council vote was rushed through, as Councillors wanted to get away to watch England in the World Cup Semi Final!

The Council made no attempt to engage in the required consultations with the general public, neighbours of the site who would be affected or the any of the relevant consultees, especially the Chichester Harbour Conservancy, who were all under the impression EM08a had been and was discounted, all I believe with the intention for it to go unnoticed.

In my opinion these actions suggest the inclusion Allocation 3, EM08a-Horsefield, is not legally compliant with the requirement of the NPPF and is therefore unsound.

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.

For the local plan to become "Sound", Allocation 3 EM08a-Horsefield should be removed. This would bring the Havant Boroughs plan Building a Better Future, in-line with the NPPF and the councils own Sustainability Appraisal which states the Allocation EM08a-Horsefield is not sustainable.

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