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	Richard
Last Name	Smith

[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:
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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 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	EM08a
Allocation Number	.
Paragraph Number	-
Page Number	Page 98 + Page 253

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 site (EM08a) sits inside the Chichester Harbour National Landscape. The current legislation requires the authorities to protect, conserve and enhance this land. The National Planning Policy says that development should be refused unless there are exceptional circumstances and it is in the public interest.
I do not believe that Havant BC has shown, or made any effort to show, exceptional circumstances or that it is in the public interest. I believe that Havant BC has breached this requirement on page 98 and page 253. In both cases, the inclusion of the Horsefield site is 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 strongly believe that it would be wrong to allow HBC to allow, or even encourage, development of land within the Chichester Harbour National Landscape. There are several reasons:
1 There has been extensive development of farmland along the A259. This is removing land which was formerly used for growing crops or farming animals at a time when national food production has been reducing yet we require more food.
2 We are increasingly removing land that was not only being farmed, but supported wildlife, but without providing alternatives for the wildlife.
3 Currently, local sewage systems are unable to cope with the developments that have already taken place. Some developments are having to use septic tanks and regular emptying as they are unable to connect to the sewage system. The area including Horsefield is already unable to accept new connections to the sewage system.
4 Sections of the land around the harbour, and close to Horsefield have already been designated to allow for coastal erosion. Homes built on Horsefield risk being within an area that is subject to a medium to high risk of flooding.
5 At a public meeting held on the 24th June 2025 at Warblington School, although mainly called with regards to the impact of the 2000 home planed for “Southeigh Village”, Cllr Phil Munday reiterated that HBC would not allow any development south of the A259 due to the flood plain. It seems HBC have again gone back on this promise, as they have for Link Road and the Warblington Crossing Gates.
On the 22nd June 2025 an email was sent out following a full Council meeting on 18th June 2025, with the title, Nature Emergency declared by Havant Borough Council, on behalf of the Cabinet Lead for Climate Emergency, Councillor Grainne Rason. It seems that with EM08a, and the proposed Southleigh Village, all this is put to the side and forgotten, while you concrete over our fields. Perhaps Councillor Rason can clarify where the Council stand with regards to the Biodiversity Strategy?

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.

- File: Nature Emergency email - 22nd June 2025.pdf - Download

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.
Yes, I wish to be notified

Nature emergency declared by Havant Borough Council

Following a Full Council meeting on Wednesday 18 June, Councillors passed a motion to declare a nature emergency as it recognised the local, national and international pressures placed on flora, fauna and habitats.



Orchids growing in Havant thanks to a relaxed mowing regime.

Already committed to action via a Biodiversity strategy launched this year to help address opportunities for nature recovery, enhancement and protection, the motion was raised by the Cabinet Lead for Climate Emergency, Environment & Water Quality, Councillor Grainne Rason.

As part of the nature emergency motion, Councillors also approved supporting work to embed nature recovery, adopting nature-based solutions where viable, supporting habitat restoration, improving river health, promoting best practice and expanding opportunities for residents to access the borough's natural assets.

Following the motion's adoption, Councillor Rason said "I'm delighted to see Councillors recognise the importance of our natural landscape and the role we must play to protect and improve it. The council is already working hard in a number of ways to support, manage and enhance the borough's natural assets – be it through the implementation of our Biodiversity strategy, or through best practices for planning reflected in our emerging Local Plan. Cherishing the natural assets we have and ensuring their value is recognised throughout future decisions, policies and strategies made by the council is a further – and most welcome - sign of commitment."

To find out more about the council's commitment to the environment, view the Climate and Biodiversity strategies at **https://www.havant.gov.uk/climate-and-biodiversity-strategies** .