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	Sue
Last Name	Talbot

[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	Policy 30
Allocation Number	Allocation 3
Paragraph Number	4.299
Page Number	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 allocation of the Horse's Field (Ref. EM08) for housing development is unsound because insufficient weight has been given to the protection of the Chichester Harbour National Landscape (NL). This site forms part of a well established patchwork of fields and hedgerows which provide an important buffer between the waterside and the built up area of Emsworth. This site, and many other similar sites south of the A259 many of which lie within the NL in Chichester District, are vulnerable to development. The boundary of the then AONB (now NL) was set at national level in 1964 to protect the precious asset of the Harbour for the future against precisely this situation. The Harbour is now under greater pressure than ever before and protection is essential to conserve its character and quality. The site adjoins the Brook Farm Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and an area identified In the Solent Wader Brent Goose Strategy, both of which are vulnerable to the impact of residential development including domestic cats.

The NPPF (Dec 2024) paras. 188 and 189 require that "great weight should be given to conserving and enhancing landscape and natural beauty in National Parks, the Broads and National Landscapes which have the highest level of protection in relation to these issues". The proposed site (around 90 dwellings on 3.5 ha) is major development as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) 2010 and therefore according to the NPPF permission should be refused "other than in exceptional circumstances, and where it can be demonstrated that the development is in the public interest". No exceptional circumstances have been put forward by Havant Borough Council, nor is it in the public interest to undermine the protection of a National Landscape.

Policy 30 and para.4.299 of "Building a Better Future" page 253,set out in fact most of the reasons why the Horse's Field should not be developed with multiple references to government policy included as footnotes. Policy 30 then conflicts with itself by making an exception for land allocated in the Plan.

The sustainability appraisals of this site (Appendix D, No 14, site EM08) confirm the "uncertainty or unknown" effects of developing this field. It is also acknowledged that "It is not possible to mitigate for the loss of 'openness' when development takes place" (Appendix E, site EM08a). While noting that there is potential to mitigate harm, the appraisal in Appendix E recognises that there is a potential impact on the NL designation, and this would in itself result in a significant change in character locally, likely to be perceived as negative.

There is clearly serious doubt as set out in the Local Plan about the impact that development of this site would have. In the circumstances and on balance it is not appropriate to allocate this site thereby putting the conservation and enhancement of the NL at risk.

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.

Modify the Local Plan "Building a Better Future" as follows:-

Modify Policy 30, page 253, by deleting "other than where allocated in this Local Plan or" and substitute "except".
Delete Allocation 3 - Land South of Havant Road (Horse's Field) pages 98,99 and 100 and all references in the Sustainability Assessments
Modify Figure 10 page 87 and the Policies Map to delete allocation 3

These modifications will ensure that proper protection is given to the National Landscape in accordance with government policy. thereby making this aspect of the Local Plan sound.

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