Planning Inspectorate

Planning Inspectorate c/o
QUADIENT
69 Buckingham Avenue
Slough, SL1 4PN

Customer Services: 0303 444 5000
email: plans.admin@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

David Hayward
Strategic Planning Manager
Havant Borough Council
By email:
david.hayward@havant.gov.uk
planning.design@havant.gov.uk
cc
localplansupdatesdl@communities.gov.uk

Your Ref: Pre-examination checklist

Our Ref: PINS/X1735/429/7

Date: 30 October 2026

Dear Mr Hayward

Havant Building a Better Future Local Plan: matters to address before submission for examination

Thank you for completing the pre-examination checklist which we received on 23 October 2026.

Based on the answers that you provided to the checklist questions and a review of the explanations for some of the answers and relevant parts of documents referred to, I recommend that you address the matters set out in the attached Annex before submitting the Havant Building a Better Future Local Plan for examination.

Once you have addressed the matters I have identified, I suggest you submit the Plan and other documents under regulation 22 as soon as possible. When you do so, please provide a brief written explanation of what you have done to address each of my recommendations and list any documents you have added or changed.

When you have submitted the Plan and other documents under regulation 22 we will seek to appoint an Inspector (or Inspectors) to conduct the examination in accordance with the timescales set out in the Service Level Agreement.

The completed checklist that we received on 23 October 2026, this letter and Annex, and your written description of the actions taken to address my recommendations should be published on the examination website in due course along with the Plan and other submission and supporting documents.

Please note that this is not an assessment of whether the Plan satisfies all relevant legal requirements and is sound as that will be determined by the examining Inspector(s) who will take account of all the Council's evidence, representations made under regulation 20, and any further information gathered during the examination. It is also possible that the examining Inspector may have concerns about procedural matters, the scope of the plan, or evidence that I have not identified from the pre-examination checklist.

disability confident EMPLOYER

Yours

Louise Crosby

Inspector

Havant Building a Better Future Local Plan: recommended actions before submission

Checklist Question	Recommendation	Reason for recommendation
Q2.3 – 2.6	**Maintaining Effective Cooperation** The statement of cooperation and the statements of common ground as referred to in the Council's response to Q2.3 - Q2.6 should be updated and finalised by the time that the Plan is submitted for examination. Q2.6 does not refer to East Hampshire Council, but a SoCG with this Council is important given the response to Q2.5 [**CR1**].	The Government announced on 27 November 2025 that the duty to cooperate under section 33A of the 2004 Act would be abolished early in 2026 for local plans being prepared under the current system, including those at examination at that point. However, Inspectors are still expected to examine plans in line with NPPF policies on maintaining effective cooperation.
Q2.18 and 2.19	**Regulation 22 Consultation Statement** The Regulation 22 Consultation Statement should be finalised by the time the Plan is submitted for examination [**CR2**].	The checklist responses to these questions advise that the Council is aware of the need to provide a summary of representations made under Regulation 20 along with the Council's response to each and that these will be available prior to submission.
Q2.20 and 2.21	**Representations** All representations made under regulation 20, including those in response to previous consultations carried out under regulation 19, should be submitted and published on the examination website so that they can be considered by the Inspector **[CR3].**	Regulation 23 of the 2012 Regulations states that the person appointed to carry out the examination must consider any representations made in accordance with regulation 20.
Q3.5	**Housing Topic Papers** The Housing Topic Papers should be submitted with the other supporting documents when the Plan is submitted for examination. This should include all of the housing land supply information referred to in Q3.5 **[CR4].**	The Council advise that a Housing Supply Topic Paper and a Housing Allocations topic Paper are being prepared to address important housing matters.
Q3.25	**Landscape** The Council should ensure that their landscape evidence is robust and is able to support the	The Council in answer to Q2.5 talk about Allocation 3 and Policy 30 and the effect the proposed development would have on

	policies and allocations in the Plan **[CR5]**.	Chichester Harbour National Landscape.
Q3.27	**Other Soundness Issues** The Development Strategy Topic Paper referred to in this section should be submitted with the other supporting documents when the Plan is submitted for examination **[CR6]**.	The Council advise that a Development Strategy Topic Paper is being prepared to address important strategic matters.