Outlook

enterered 11.9.26
Ref: 305933053

## Response to Local Plan Pre-Submission Consultation, HBC Planning Services

[redacted]

**Date** Fri 2026-09-04 09:08

**To** Planning Policy and Urban Design <planning.design@havant.gov.uk>

**CAUTION:** This email came from outside of the council - only open links and attachments that you're expecting.

To the Planning Policy Team:

I wish to register my strong objection to the inclusion of The Horsefield in HBC's Local Plan. This land lies within the Chichester Harbour National Landscape boundary and should not be used for housing development.
To be clear:
1 National Landscapes are protected by law and can only be built upon in exceptional circumstances and when the rest of our country is covered in housing. No exceptional circumstances have been shown to exist.
2 It appears that 'goalposts have been moved' in order to try and persuade the public and the decision makers that development can go ahead. To remove the requirement for land within the National Landscape to pass the 'exceptional circumstances' test is an overturning of the law.

To allow the precedent of housing on this site would effectively open the door to further development on other land within the Chichester Harbour National Landscape. This would be a disaster for all concerned. Not just for local residents like myself who daily enjoy the natural beauty of the area and all that it has to offer on land and sea, but also for visitors who similarly enjoy its wide open land- and water-scapes. Chichester Harbour is already a highly managed and overcrowded area; further development is likely to reduce its appeal to visitors, at great cost to local businesses. No one wants to live beside or visit a polluted backwater, plagued by a need to deal with ever-increasing amounts of sewage and hemmed in by urban development.

Please remove the Horsefield from the Local Plan and ensure that Chichester Harbour National Landscape remains fully protected from any future deveopment.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Sorensen

[redacted]