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In answer to your Havant Borough Council Represention Form regarding Publication Building a Better Future Plan (Regulation 19) papers

For my Representation:

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL
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PART A, 1 To confirm: I am completing this form myself via letter

Section 3. 2 Personal Details (Completing form on own behalf)

Mrs Lynn Hedges

[redacted]

Sections 3.3 / 4 Personal Details – **NOT APPLICABLE**

Section 5 – **NOT APPLICABLE**

6. Which part of the Building a Better Future Plan does your representation relate to?

Policy Number: Policy Number 3 EM08a - Horsefield
Allocation Number: 3 EM08
Paragraph Number:
Page Number

7. Do you consider the Local Plan is:

Legally Compliant: **NO**

Sound: **NO**

8. Please give details of why you consider the Building a Better Plan is not legally compliant or 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 (EM08a). The National Landscape framework was written with the intent of protecting those areas of the British Landscape which are of exceptional value as a visual landscape and to the wildlife that inhabits it, i.e. its environment. Chichester Harbour is designated a National Landscape and The Horsefield clearly falls within this designated Landscape.

The Havant Borough Council, within its "Building a Better Future", have made Allocation 3 - EM08a-Horsefield, a site for a proposed 85 houses/dwellings against the National Planning Policy Framework for major developments within National Landscapes. For future planning permission to be granted for a site within the National Landscape, HBC are obliged 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. HBC has obviously shown no effort whatsoever to fulfil these criteria, looking at your own paperwork

With this reasoning, allocating this site EM08a - Horsefield, which lies within the Chichester Harbour 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 Chichester Harbour National Landscape, the wildlife which uses the Horsefield (including Protected Brent Geese and Curlew) and the adjacent fields and any benefits of 85 houses are far outweighed 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 has also clearly displayed that it has not discharged its duty and responsibility to protect and maintain the "National Landscape".

The site EM08a-Horsefield has previously been discounted by the council's very own Sustainability Appraisal, as being "undeliverable", as recently as February 2026, and in all previous versions of this plan and within the body of this version.

It 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 of June, with the Council planning meeting on 1st July and the full HBC Council vote on the 15th of July, was done with the total intention for it to go unnoticed and be pushed 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!

HBC has made no attempt to complete Due Process by, e.g. engaging with the required consultees, 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 – Horsefield had been and was discounted – all, I seriously believe, with HBC' utter intention for it to go unnoticed.

You have been totally underhand in your dating, wording, decision making in your hope, clearly, that you had planned to submit at last minute all the paperwork for the Building a Better future. Interestingly, I note that Minutes of certain minutes are still awaited on the HBC Meeting for public consumption.

9. Please set out the modifications 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.

For the local plan to become "Sound", Allocation 3 EM08a-Horsefield must be removed. This would bring the Havant Borough's plan 'Building a Better Future', in-line with the NPPF and the council's own Sustainability Appraisal which states the Allocation EM08a-Horsefield is not sustainable. Other than EM08a – Horsefield which must be removed for Legal Compliance and Sound judgements, I have no issue with remainder of your 'Building a Better Future'.

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.

All said in the above writing.

8. Future Notification

Do you wish to be notified of any of the following milestones in the Building a Better Future Plan Process?

- **The local Plan has been submitted for examination**
- **The publication on the Inspector's Report**
- **The adoption of the Local Plan**

If you wish.....YES, I wish to be NOTIFIED.

NB. I feel that you have made this form – obviously legally required? – but unnecessarily complicated asking paragraph number and Page number – this is totally dependent on the Application (e.g. Windows and which version or Apple), mobile phone or Laptop, which version of software you use and whether you are using Apple apps or MS Edge, MS Explorer or which version of updates any app is on.

This has been written on Tuesday 8th September 2026 and hand delivered by myself on Monday Wednesday 9th September 2026 to Havant Borough Council, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, PO9 2AX.