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Please note that by completing and submitting this questionnaire, you are consenting to being kept informed of further formal stages of the Horsham District Local Plan, including all matters relating to the Local Plan Examination following submission. Please ensure you have read and understood the Privacy Statement above.

If you do not consent to this, you will waive your opportunity to be directly invited to participate in the Local Plan Examination, and you will need to rely on yourself checking the Local Plan website (horsham.gov.uk/localplan) should you wish to be involved further.

Do you consent to being kept informed of further formal stages?

You must provide an answer to this question.

Yes

No

Your Representation

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPERATE QUESTIONNAIRE (FORM) FOR EACH REPRESENTATION, INDICATING WHICH SECTION OF THE REGULATION 19 LOCAL PLAN OR RELEVANT SUBMISSION DOCUMENT YOUR COMMENT RELATES TO.

TO SAVE YOUR RESPONSE, PLEASE PRESS 'FINISH'. YOU WILL THEN RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL. SHOULD YOU WISH TO UPDATE YOUR COMMENT AT ANOTHER TIME (WITHIN THE PERIOD OF REPRESENTATION) PLEASE CLICK ON THE 'VIEW YOUR RESPONSE' LINK CONTAINED WITHIN THE CONFIRMATION EMAIL.

1)

To which part of the Local Plan or submission documents does this representation relate?

Paragraph (e.g. '4.35') Policy (e.g. 'Policy 21') Policies Map

Sustainability Appraisal Habitats Regulations Assessment

1 a)

Please state the policy, paragraph or inset map to which your representation relates.

You must provide an answer to this question.

Strategic Policy HA3 - Land North West of Southwater

2)

Do you consider the Local Plan is:

- Legally Compliant - Yes Legally Compliant - No Sound - Yes
- Sound - No Complies with the duty to co-operate - Yes
- Complies with the duty to co-operate - No

3)

Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is not sound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with its duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Please provide a summary of any attachments, such as supplementary evidence, that you submit alongside your representation.

You must provide an answer to this question.

Once again, HDC has identified Southwater as a convenient dumping ground for huge scale housing development. The once small rural village has been subjected to 40 plus years of continuous large scale housing development and remains a building site with almost 300 homes already approved but still to be built by HDC's favoured developer, Berkeley Homes which in recent years has deliberately slowed build rates and now stopped building to avoid oversupply and protect its profit margins, subjecting the village to even more years of building disruption.

The village footprint has trebled in size since the mid 1980s and with the proposed extension of the village BUAB in the draft plan will have more than quadrupled. The village population has grown correspondingly.

The houses which are being built do not address local housing needs – they are very largely unaffordable for those in the local area and are being marketed by the developers as far afield as mainland China.

The designation of Southwater as a Strategic Site conflicts with the following spatial objectives set out in the plan Page 19 Table1);

Objective 1- the plan fails this objective. The overdevelopment of Southwater will not as required “*deliver a thriving community with a strong sense of place*”. Quite the opposite.


Objective 3 - the plan fails this objective. The overdevelopment of Southwater by transforming almost 300 acres of agricultural land into housing and related development will not as required “*..preserve the unique landscape character and the contribution this makes to the setting of rural villages*’ nor will it “*ensure that new development minimises the impact on the countryside*”. Quite the opposite.

Objective 4 - the plan fails this objective. The overdevelopment of Southwater will not as required “*safeguard and enhance the environmental quality (of the village) nor will it maintain or enhance ecosystem services, or deliver biodiversity net gain*”. Quite the opposite.

Objective 10 - the plan fails this objective. The overdevelopment of Southwater will not as required “*respect the scale*” of the existing village, nor will it in the hands of the developers proposed “*deliver the requisite range of housing*”. Quite the opposite.

Southwater should not be designated as a Strategic Site in the plan for the reasons set out in pages 17-24 of the consultation response attached.

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 [Southwater growth.pdf](#)

4)

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 in response to Q3. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination)

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.

Please provide a summary of any attachments, such as supplementary evidence, that you have submitted alongside your representation.

Please note: *In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.*

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the independent Inspector, based on the matters and issues they identify for examination.

You must provide an answer to this question.

Southwater should not be designated as a Strategic site in the plan and should be removed. The development proposed fails to meet and conflicts with the spatial objectives set out in the plan and is therefore not sound.

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«No files»

5)

If your representation is seeking a modification to the Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

Please note: While this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

- NO - I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s).
- YES - I do wish to participate in hearing session(s).

6)

If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary.

If you do not wish to participate, please reply 'N/A'.

Please note: The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

You must provide an answer to this question.

This Consultation response process is not easy or straightforward and its complexity discourages a very great many affected residents from communicating their views on issues which will massively impact on them. Their views should be publically heard in the process and evaluated on their merits by the Inspector whose decisions will impact on, in the case of Southwater alone, in excess of 12,000 residents.

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