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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.

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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 9 (paras 5.30 - 5.38 and CH2 para 2.9) Water Neutrality (and non-compliance with Habitats Regulations)

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.

See pages 3 - 15 and page 16 under "para 2.9 Water Neutrality" in the submission attached which is prepared and filed on behalf of Save Rural Southwater and the Stammerham Amenity Association whose statements of interest appear on pages 2 and 3 of the document.

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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.

The only way this policy can be rendered legally compliant and sound is by ;

- requiring LPAs to establish and implement a proper and effective water neutrality strategy which complies with the requirements of the Habitats Regulations, and
- substituting a realistic water use target for any new development in the draft plan. A target which is evidence based, using actual consumption experience from recent new developments of which there are countless across the district, and
- requiring LPAs to strictly apply the policy through (a) rigorous scrutiny of applications and supporting actual water use evidence, (b) actual post build water use monitoring and (c) enforcement for non-compliance with water use targets, duties already delegated to them by NE but which are not currently being observed by LPAs.

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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.

Water Neutrality is critical to the sustainability of water supply in the SNWRZ. The current HDC approach and the provisions in the draft plan are fundamentally flawed and fatally undermine the clear objective of ensuring water neutrality. This puts the entire SNWRZ from Chichester to Crawley at immense risk of water supply failure. The Plan simply cannot endorse this most fundamental flaw on which the entire plan is founded.

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