



**Horsham  
District  
Council**

## Representation Form

### Billingshurst Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) - Regulation 16

#### Billingshurst Neighbourhood Development Plan

*In light of recent announcements regarding COVID-19, Horsham District Council to reviewed its protocols regarding the consultation process for neighbourhood plans, a number of which were published for public consultation shortly before the government imposed the nationwide lockdown.*

*In order to continue to progress neighbourhood plans, we have made a decision to continue with the consultation process with measures we feel are in accordance to the government guidelines.*

Billingshurst Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNP). The Plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally. In accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended), the BNP and associated documents will go out to consultation:

**Wednesday 17 June to Wednesday 12 August 2020** for 8 weeks inviting representations on the draft submission plan, basic conditions statement, consultation statement and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening opinion. Supporting Background Papers are for information purposes only.

Copies of the BNP Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Horsham District Council's website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planningpolicy/planning-policy/currentconsultations>

Documents will not be made available in deposit locations due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. If local residents have difficulty in engaging online we have provided a telephone number and email address below. Members of the public are encouraged to leave their details for an officer to contact them back if they need further information.

Email: [neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk) – [SAS@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:SAS@southdowns.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01403 215398

**All comments must be received by Midnight on Wednesday 12 August 2020**

**There are a number of ways to make your comments:**

1. Please use the above web address above to make your representation online ; or
2. Complete this form and email it to: [neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk) ; or
3. Print this form and post it to: Neighbourhood Planning Officer, Horsham Council, Parkside, Chart Way, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RL

All comments will be publicly available, and identifiable by name and (where applicable) organisation. Please note that any other personal information provided will be processed by Horsham District Council in line the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulations. Horsham District Council will process your details in relation to this preparation of this document only. For further information please see the Council's privacy policy: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/privacy-policy>

**How to use this form**

Please complete Part A in full, in order for your representation to be taken into account at the Neighbourhood Plan examination.

Please complete Part B overleaf, identifying which paragraph your comment relates to by completing the appropriate box.

<b>PART A</b>	<b>Your Details</b>
<b>Full Name</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Address</b>	WYG Group, 90 Victoria Street, Bristol
<b>Postcode</b>	BS1 6DP
<b>Telephone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Email</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Organisation (if applicable)</b>	WYG Group on behalf of Arunway Ltd
<b>Position (if applicable)</b>	Director
<b>Date</b>	07/08/20

**PART B**

**To which part in the plan does your representation relate?**

Paragraph Number: numerous		Policy Reference:	numerous
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**Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this plan? (Please tick one answer)**

Support

Support with Modifications

Object

Comment

**Please give details of your reasons for support/opposition, or make other comments here:**

**The Parish Council should be congratulated on preparing a thorough and impressive draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. It is well presented and focussed on neighbourhood level matters. As a key local land owner and developer, Arunway would like to offer the following comments that we hope will assist the advancement of the plan.**

**The general objectives (1-6) at Para 2.2 of the Neighbourhood Plan are supported.**

**We support the aims, on page 12, to diversify the shops and services in the village and agree that a strategy to attract more restaurants and cafés is sensible given the inevitable ongoing contraction of the physical retail market. However, we do note that policy BILL7(B) is now out of step with the subsequent changes to the use classes order. The Council should consider whether this policy can be effective given the implications of Class E.**

**Whilst we note that the Neighbourhood Plan supports the retention of existing retail facilities, it does not take the opportunity to offer explicit support for new shopping provision that meets a locally identified need. Currently, the majority of Billingshurst's convenience shopping needs are likely being met outside of the immediate area. Through the Neighbourhood Plan's vision, there is potential to offer support for proportionate improvements in local provision in and around the village.**

**We support the concept of changes to the BUAB in BILL1, however this should reflect recent planning permissions and developments that are onsite such as that to the South West of Platts Roundabout and north of Hillands Roundabout.**

**We support the early review of the Neighbourhood Plan to reflect the emerging housing requirements of the Horsham Local Plan.**

**We note and support the Neighbourhood Plan's aspirations (P27) for the provision of public green space. New housing developments should maximise opportunities to create attractive green living spaces. As stated, new housing developments should create and provide easy access to habitats and wildlife. Support for developments that provide easy access to community assets, such as country parks and green spaces, could be strengthened in Section 6.**

**We note and support the aspirations for improved accessibility to neighbouring parishes such as Wisborough Green. Arunway supports that objective and notes that there will be opportunities to realise the aspirations of this objective through appropriately selected extensions to Billingshurst that could be delivered at a strategic level. Such extensions should also seek to deliver the benefits of biodiversity net gain on site so that the residents of Billingshurst can benefit from the effects of it in situ. We accept that this is outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan, but the acknowledgement of these aims in plans at all levels helps establish the parameters of good planning.**

**What improvements or modifications would you suggest?**

**Review Policy BILL7(B) to reflect changes to the Use Classes Order – Class E**

**We would like to see some acknowledgement in BILL7 (or in the wider Economy chapter) that there is scope to improve provision of local retail facilities to meet everyday convenience shopping needs that do not rely on potentially unsustainable trips outside of the area.**

**Revise the BUAB in Policy BILL1 to reflect planning permissions that have already been granted outside of the proposed BUAB (the mixed-use developments to the South West of Platts Roundabout and North of Billingshurst).**

**The table on page 36 should recognise the importance of access to informal recreation facilities such as locally accessible country parks and wildlife, recognising that informal recreation is as important as formal recreation facilities for many.**

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

If you have additional representations feel free to include additional pages. Please make sure any additional pages are clearly labelled/ addressed or attached.

Do you wish to be notified of the local planning authority's decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Plan (General) Regulations 2012 in relation to the Billingshurst Neighbourhood Development plan?

Please tick here if you wish to be to be notified: