

HDLP Inspector hearings Written Statement -

Hearing Day 3 Thursday 12 December 2pm (Week 1)

Matter 3 Climate Change and Water - (SAA Consultation response 1191959).

Submitted and to be presented on behalf of Stammerham amenity Association (SAA)

SAA contends the plan is not "sound" because the electronic form provided by the HDC for members of the public to make comments as part of the Regulation 19 process requires an answer to one of the following questions:

Legally Compliant – Yes

Legally Compliant – No

Sound – Yes

Sound – No

Complies with the duty to cooperate - Yes

Complies with the duty to cooperate - No

It is possible that a resposdee, through a lack of technical knowledge, is unable to answer any of the above then they cannot progress any further through the form thereby denying them the ability to comment on the draft Local Plan. If this argument is accepted, then the whole local plan consultation should be considered as flawed.

As a second point raised under this response is the need for the HDC to require that any planning application submitted in accordance with this Plan must include a plan to demonstrate how water neutrality will be achieved in respect to their application and how, during the life of the Plan, effective their plan has been in achieving water neutral.

How such wording can be introduced into the plan I leave to the Inspector to agree with the HDC.