



**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 – 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 ; 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.

PART A	Your Details
Full Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Postcode	[REDACTED]
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position (if applicable)	
Date	08/07/2020

PART B

To which part in the plan does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number: 9		Policy Reference:	Local Green Spaces
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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:

I would like to add my strong support for the Parish Council's wish to have 16 open spaces around Billingshurst designated, under the NPPF, as Local Green Spaces.

Residents of Billingshurst, including myself, are concerned with the rate of development. Hundreds of houses are currently nearing completion on the east side of the village where I live. Around 1,200 further dwellings are planned and in consultation. Various commercial schemes have been approved and are in construction, or will be soon.

We all realise that with a growing population, new housing is inevitable and we rely on the good judgement of the planning authorities who make important decisions on our behalf.

The designation of Local Green Spaces is vital as without additional protection, planning consent may more readily be granted for development on these green 'breathing spaces'. Once they are gone they are gone. When that happens, everyone's quality of life is that much worse.

I hardly need to state that these small green spaces help maintain a healthy environment for residents. The benefits include: a greater sense of mental well-being; natural habitat is provided for a range of small creatures and helps protect their future; reduced pollution due to the natural 'sink' for emissions as trees absorb nitrogen dioxide, carbon dioxide and particulates.

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

Suggested Modification:

There is a small open space half way along Broomfield Drive. It has a large willow tree on it. This space has not been included for designation as a Local Green Space on the Billingshurst Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031 and I would like to see it added, for all the reasons stated above.

Thank you for your consideration.

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 notified: