



**Horsham
District
Council**

Representation Form

Southwater Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031

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

Southwater Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan (SNP). 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 SNP and associated documents will go out to consultation (**Friday 7 June to Friday 19 July 2019**) for 6 weeks inviting representations on the draft submission plan, basic conditions statement, consultation statement and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

Copies of the Southwater 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>

Hard copies of the documentation are available upon prior request for inspection at **Horsham District Council offices**; Parkside, Chart Way, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RL between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Please see Public Notice for other locations and opening times.

All comments must be received by 5:00pm on Friday 19 July 2019

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
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Position (if applicable)	
Date	19/7/2019

PART B

To which part in the plan does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number:	5.1 – 5.6	Policy Reference:	SNP5, SNP6
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Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this plan? (Please tick one answer)

Support Support with modifications Oppose Have Comments

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

The low-density suburban housing that now characterises much of Southwater village means that, within the current settlement boundary, there exist numerous parcels of land left vacant by housing-estate developers that, though often of low environmental quality or amenity value, the Plan has nonetheless designated as 'Local Green Space' (Policy SNP5), or as 'Local Community Space' (Policy SNP6). This is ostensibly because such spaces are 'demonstrably special' or otherwise 'considered important' to the local community (# 5.3, 5.5), though experience suggests that such designations are often pursued by neighbouring residents who do not wish to see new housing built near their properties ('NIMBYism'). It may therefore be asked how actively – and responsibly - used by local residents many of these parcels of land actually are, despite being presumably maintained at public expense, whereas had they not been designated some at least could have been released to contribute towards Southwater's non-strategic housing allocation in place of (some at least of) the open fields around Great House Farmhouse that have been allocated by Policy SNP2. Some designated spaces that come to mind as being mainly scrub-woodland and/or grassland that could otherwise have been released for housing include Blakes Farm Field Bund, Larkspur Way Open Space, Charlock Way Open Space, Castlewood Road Bund, East of Easteds Lane, Corfe Close Open Space and Roman Lane/Turners Close Open Space.

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

Some of the local green and community spaces designated by Policies SNP5.1 and SNP6.1 should be re-considered in order to determine whether some at least could not be released for housing, specifically: Blakes Farm Field Bund, Larkspur Way Open Space, Charlock Way Open Space, Castlewood Road Bund, East of Easteds Lane, Corfe Close Open Space and Roman Lane/Turners Close Open Space. Although the

larger sites among them might be thought the most attractive to commercial housebuilders, given that the Parish Council's 'Call for Sites' exercises allowed any sized site to be put forward so long as it could accommodate one residential unit, the smaller sites among them could still be allocated for self-build housing (in line with NPPF para. 61).

(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 (as amended) in relation to the Southwater Neighbourhood Development plan?

Please tick here if you wish to be notified: