



Appendix C: Summary of Representations made on the focussed consultation of the Pulborough Neighbourhood Development Plan (PNDP) regarding water neutrality.

1. This document provides a summary of the representations submitted for the focussed consultation PNDP held between **27 August 2024 to 8 October 2024** regarding the introduction of water neutrality measures to the Pulborough Neighbourhood Development Plan (PNDP) to ensure the Pulborough Neighbourhood Plan is compliant with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).
2. Set out below is a summary of the issues raised in the representations.

| Ref Number | Full Name | Policy | Support/Objection /Comment | Summary of Comments | Response |
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| PUL1 | Surrey County Council | Water Neutrality | No further comment | n/a | No further action required. |
| PUL2 | Rob Aylott | n/a | Comments | Plan states that to be an identified site it must satisfy Water Neutrality but gives no evidence as to how this can be achieved. Also states that commercial/industrial sites have greater difficulty achieving Water Neutrality with no evidence to back this up. | The Council has worked with Southern Water, Natural England, Crawley Council and Chichester Council to develop a wider strategic solution to water neutrality. The policy-led solution is supported by Natural England and called Part C and is available to view on the Council's website. https://www.horsham.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/120397/EYP-JBAU-XX-XX-RP-EN-0004-A1-C02- |

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| PUL3 | Environment Agency | Water Neutrality & alignment with Strategic Policy 9 | Support | Support of the policy and other areas also proposing the same | No further action required. |
| PUL4 | Historic England | n/a | Comment | General advice and guidance for the development of the neighbourhood plan with regard to the historic environment and area's heritage assets | No further action required. |
| PUL5 | National Highways | n/a | Comment | No Comments to Raise | No further action required. |
| PUL6 | West Sussex County Council | n/a | Comment | No Comments to Raise | No further action required. |
| PUL7 | Henry Adams | Policy 1, 6, and 16 | Support | Support policy 1 and 6 relating to 26 houses at land at Highfields, natural residential infill location, and no known impediments to development at the site. In relation to policies 6 and 16 support enabling off-setting, or if not required, utilising no more than 110 ltrs of mains water per person per day. | No further action required. |
| PUL8 | South Downs National Park | Policy 16 Policy 2,3,4,5a,5b,6,7,8,9,13 | Comments | The Authority requests that a similar criterion (water neutrality) is added to NDP Policy 9 (Pulborough Garden Centre, Stopham Road) as any development to intensify or extend the existing garden | Added to Policy 9 as criterion viii: <i><u>All development within the Sussex North Water Resource Zone (WRZ) will need to demonstrate water neutrality</u></i> |

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| | | | | <p>centre, and the facilities of its ancillary uses, will need to demonstrate water neutrality.</p> <p>Support is given to Policy 16: Water Neutrality and the SDNPA acknowledge water neutrality is an important cross boundary issues for all affected LPAs across the Water Resource Zone North.</p> | <p><i><u>through water efficient design and offsetting of any net additional water use of the development. All proposals should look to be compliant with the Horsham Strategic Policy 9: Water Neutrality - Horsham District Local Plan (2023-2040).</u></i></p> <p>The additional criterion has been added to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and to implement one of the recommendations as advised in the Appropriate Assessment (AECOM June 2024)</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| PUL9 | Southern Water | Comment. | Support with modifications | Support the policy with amended wording to 7.2 around the supply of the Sussex north WRZ | Agreed change for the purpose of clarification to reflect the fact that Sussex North WRZ is not wholly supplied by groundwater (it is also supplied by surface water abstracted from two separate locations. |

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| | | | | | <p>4.68 Horsham District lies within the Sussex North Water Resource Zone (WRZ). This WRZ is supplied from groundwater abstraction, from the Folkestone bed of the Lower Greensand/Wealden Greensand semi-confined aquifer, on the River Arun, close to Pulborough.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>4.68 Horsham District lies within the Sussex North Water Resource Zone (WRZ). This WRZ is partly supplied from groundwater abstraction, from the Folkestone bed of the Lower Greensand/Wealden Greensand semi-confined aquifer, on the River Arun, close to Pulborough.</p> |
| PUL10 | Natural England | General | No comment on Water Neutrality Policy or HRA. | Standing Advice Given on Biodiversity, habitats, protected landscapes and green infrastructure provision. | No further action required. |