



**Horsham
District
Council**

Representation Form

Ashington Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031

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

Ashington Neighbourhood Development Plan

In light of recent announcements regarding COVID-19 Horsham District Council has 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 restart with the consultation process with measures we feel are in accordance to the government guidelines.

Ashington Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANP). 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 ANP 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 full Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

Copies of the ANP 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]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position (if applicable)	
Date	10.08.20

PART B

To which part in the plan does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number:	8	Policy Reference:	Site Allocations
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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 object to the large number of dwellings being added to a village which has:-

- a) limited amenities – no doctors or dentists surgery, limited parking for shop (already parking is strewn all over surrounding roads)
- b) few employment opportunities (most people commute in cars to other locations)
- c) poor transport links (if not in a car) – hourly bus to Worthing and Horsham which starts too late for workers and finishes too early in the late afternoon
- d) crowded road internal infrastructure (particularly Rectory Lane) and very busy roads out of the village (Billingshurst Road).

The development of 225 homes would add far too many people and cars and needs into an area which is not able to sustain such expansion.

I note that in Horsham's Regulation 18 Site Assessment Report a further 400 homes were suggested north of Rectory Road (their reference number SA085, SA539, SA524, SA790, SA520). This would be an absurd increase to road existing road use on existing busy and dangerous roads (Billingshurst Road and Rectory Lane) and ridiculous pressure on the existing amenities (such as they are). I presume that these are not now under consideration – but if they are I would have major objections.

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

In any case, I would suggest that stock should be taken of the existing economy in light of the COVID-19 outbreak and the effect it is having. It is not very clever to make decisions of this sort of magnitude now in an environment where we have no way of knowing what the future holds.

I can understand the development of ASH10 the Chanctonbury Nursery Site, as this is effectively a brownfield site and is a pocket of land between other residential areas. It would need improvement of paving on Rectory Lane for safer pedestrian use and an alternative vehicular route in (other than Rectory Lane). Also provide pedestrian links through the adjoining residential estate to tie this area in with the village. Even 75 dwellings is a lot.

I believe, if so much development is really necessary then other stand-alone areas, where their own infrastructure and amenities could be developed, should be used rather than impinge and adversely affect existing residents in a small village. OR a total review of access routes (possibly addition) in, out and through Ashington would be necessary together with a vast increase in amenities.

(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 Ashington Neighbourhood Development plan?

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