



**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](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk) – [SAS@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

<b>PART A</b>	<b>Your Details</b>
<b>Full Name</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Postcode</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Telephone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Email</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Organisation (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Position (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Date</b>	10 August 2020

### **PART B**

**To which part in the plan does your representation relate?**

Paragraph Number:		Policy Reference:	
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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:**

**Much time and energy has gone into this plan and those responsible are to be congratulated, but trying to read it all and then answer point by point suggests that only very committed locals will comment in detail. So, the following comments range widely but are, to my mind, important considerations.**

**Given the current pandemic and the fact that no-one is sure when/if it will end and its long term impact on all aspects of public, professional and private life, it seems unlikely that the content of this plan remains pertinent. For instance if more people work from home or in shared local working spaces, this creates a new level of future need.**

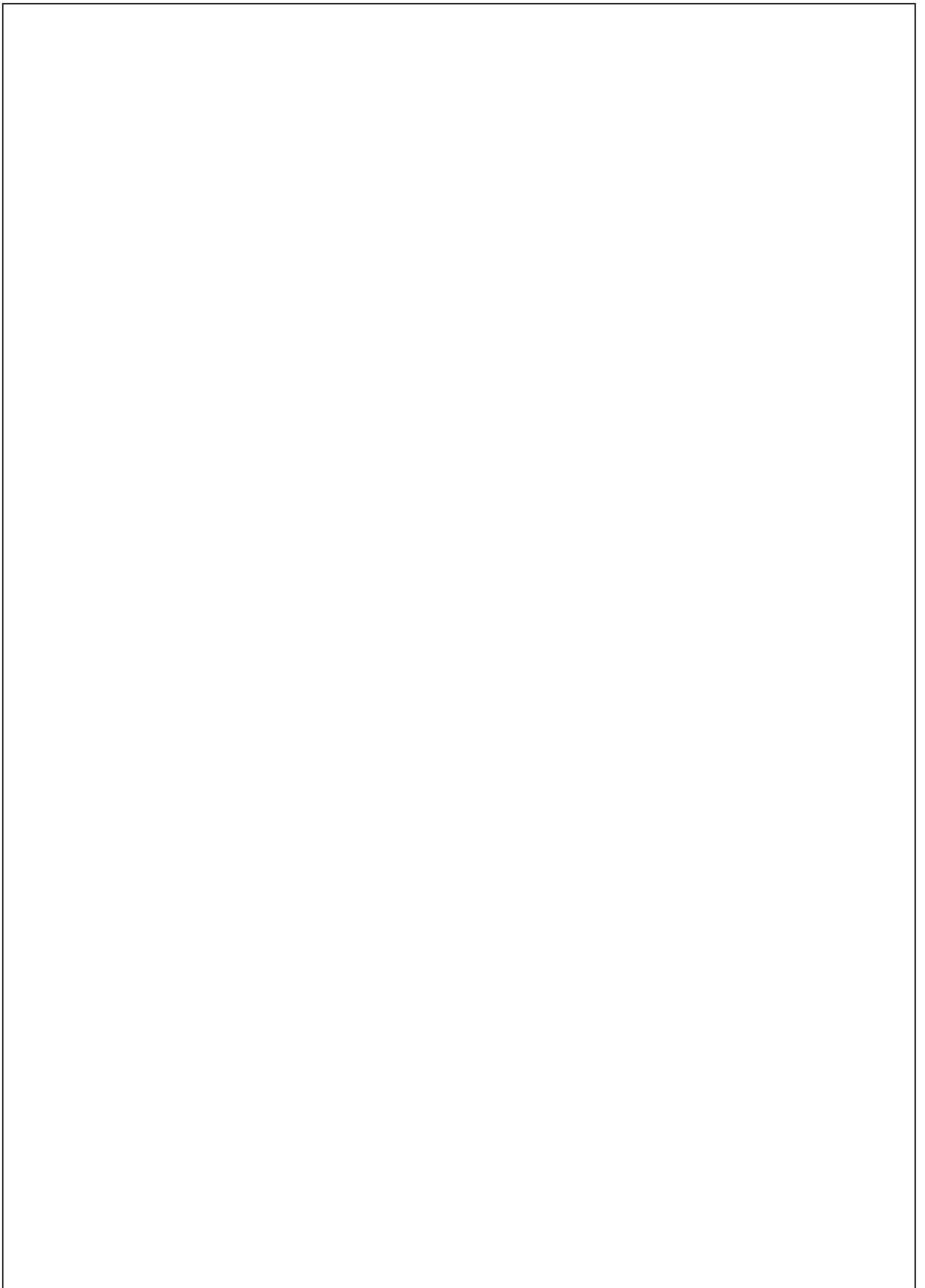
**Added to that the fact that the Conservative government appears to have thrown all sound planning laws out of the window in the mad pursuit of 'Build, build, build' it is depressing to consider the mayhem that property developers will cause not just in Billingshurst but throughout England.**

**There is a shortage of water, too much building takes place on flood plains, the infrastructure is weak in terms of schools, medical centres and opportunities for arts and recreational benefits – the list is endless and developers who should be made, by law, to fund such necessities and activities are protected by interested parties in government.**

**Billingshurst has much to offer its residents but suffers from being just outside the national park, having a railway station that is a magnet for non-residents, and, if one is honest, for not being a fashionable village/town like Petworth and Midhurst.**

**What improvements or modifications would you suggest?**

**See above; a change of government would be helpful but is unlikely in the near future.**



(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 Billingshurst Neighbourhood Development plan?

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