



**Horsham  
District  
Council**

## Representation Form

### Horsham Blueprint Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031

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

#### Horsham Blueprint Neighbourhood Development Plan – Regulation 16 Consultation

Horsham Blueprint Business Neighbourhood Forum (HBBNF) has been preparing a Horsham Blueprint Business Neighbourhood Plan (HBBNP). The Plan sets out a vision for the future of the unparished area of Horsham 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 HBBNF and associated supporting documents will go out to consultation from **14 September 2020 to 2 November 2020** for 7 weeks inviting representations on the draft submission plan, basic conditions statement, consultation statement and the Sustainability Statement and HRA screening assessment. Copies of the Horsham Blueprint Business 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. This will be on a message service where 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 2 November 2020**

There are a number of ways to make your comments:

1. Please use the above web address to view the documents online ; or
2. Complete this form and email it to: [neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk) ;

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>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Organisation (if applicable)</b>	n/a
<b>Position (if applicable)</b>	n/a
<b>Date</b>	01/11/2020

## **PART B**

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

Paragraph Number:	8.20	Policy Reference:	HB11
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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 description of Muggeridge Field (Site F24) in the Green Spaces Review document.

The description originally said,

*“This field is located off Athelstan Way. Whilst it is crossed by footpaths, in itself it is not felt to be suitable for Local Green Space designation.”*

Following a comment made by West Sussex County Council (WSCC) in the regulation 14 consultation, the description for Muggeridge Field was amended to say,

*“This is a field located off Athelstan Way owned by West Sussex County Council who have confirmed that it is bound by stock proof fencing and private land signs. **In accordance with the West Sussex PROW mapping system, iMaps, neither permissive paths nor formal public rights of way are located within the site.** Whilst it is not felt to be suitable for Local Green Space designation, it is included as an important part of the Area’s green infrastructure network.”*

It is simply not true to say there are no public rights of way over Muggeridge Field. There has always been a public bridleway along the west side of the field and it is very popular with the local community. This public right of way is marked on Ordnance Survey maps and is also marked on the West Sussex PROW mapping system. There are no site boundaries marked on the maps other than natural field boundaries and the public right of way is marked as being inside the boundary of Muggeridge Field.

In the Horsham District Council Regulation 18 Site Assessment Report (Feb 2020), which is part of the draft Horsham District Local Plan 2019-2036, the Muggeridge Field site (SHELAA Ref: SA060) includes the public bridleway. So why should it be excluded in the Green Spaces Review document?

The Site Assessment Report shows that the western boundary of the site is on the natural field boundary. Therefore, the public bridleway runs through the site. This is confirmed in the text which says, *“The landscape is highly sensitive to development, particularly in the north of the site, with sloping topography increasing the visual impact of any development on views **from popular Public Rights of Way, in particular one which runs along the western edge.**”*

The stock proof fencing referred to by WSCC was erected around part of the field. It is adjacent to the public bridleway but does not include it. The Local Green Spaces review has been amended to say that the field is bound by stock proof fencing. This changes the boundary of the field to exclude the public bridleway. This amendment misrepresents the nature of the site and is inconsistent with the Site Assessment Report and the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). The amendment shouldn't be permitted.

I also object to the fact that the representations made about Muggeridge Field in the regulation 14 consultation by local residents were not properly considered. As a result, Muggeridge Field wasn't fairly assessed for designation as a Local Green Space.

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

The description for Muggeridge Field in the Green Spaces Review document needs to be changed to give a fair and accurate representation of the site that is being considered as a Local Green Space.

I would suggest a description that is consistent with the Horsham District Council Regulation 18 Site Assessment Report (Feb 2020) but with additional text regarding the public bridleway and the representation made by WSCC in the regulation 14 consultation, i.e.:

*“The site is a large open grassy field which rises to the south. It adjoins residential development to the north and east, and is bounded by mature trees to the east and west. The southern site boundary is more open, and is connected to the land at Chesworth Farm which is used extensively for informal recreation. There is a public bridleway along the western side of the field but there are no public rights of way over the area of the field that is bound by stock proof fencing and private land signs.*

I also want Muggeridge Field to be fairly assessed for designation as a Local Green Space, taking into account the representations made about it in the regulation 14 consultation and the representations made about it in the regulation 16 consultation.

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 Horsham Blueprint Neighbourhood Development plan?

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

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