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**Sent:** 24 October 2024 11:18  
**To:** neighbourhood.planning  
**Subject:** RE: West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 Consultation

Good morning

Thank you for consulting Surrey County Council on the West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan.

Please note that we have **no comments** to raise.

Kind regards

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**From:** neighbourhood.planning <neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 18 October 2024 08:17  
**Subject:** West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 Consultation

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Dear Stakeholder,

West Chiltington Parish Council has prepared West Chiltington Neighbourhood Development Plan (WCNDP). The Plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally.

The issue of water neutrality has impacted on the progression of the plan since September 2021 with the issue of the Position Statement from Natural England. This explained that it could not be concluded that extraction was not having an impact on the Arun Valley Sites and that new development must not add to this impact. Given the high level of regulatory protection afforded to the Arun Valley Sites as a result of their designation, this requires local planning authorities to demonstrate that development plan documents or planning decisions will not have an adverse effect on the sites. To meet the legal requirements placed on plan makers, any Neighbourhood Plan that is not yet made must be able to show that it will not have a negative impact on the protected sites in the Arun Valley. Without considering Water Neutrality, any

neighbourhood plan that reaches this stage in the process would not meet the Basic Conditions. Therefore, Horsham District Council has undertaken alongside Crawley Borough Council and Chichester District Council extensive work on Water Neutrality on a strategic scale which will allow development to proceed under strict conditions which will meet the legal thresholds as stipulated by the Habitat Regulations (2017). The Council has worked with West Chiltington Parish Council to commission further Habitats Regulations Assessment work to develop a framework to allow West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan to proceed onto the next legislative stage.

In accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended), the West Chiltington Neighbourhood Development Plan and associated supporting documents will go out to consultation from **18 October 2024 to 29 November 2024** for 6 weeks inviting representations on the draft submission plan, basic conditions statement, consultation statement, SEA/AA and HRA assessments. Copies of the West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Horsham District Council's website and at selected deposit points.

Representations are invited between **18 October 2024 to 29 November 2024** for 6 weeks. To view the plan, accompanying documents and to download the comment form please view here:

<https://strategicplanning.horsham.gov.uk/WestChiltingtonReg16/consultationHome>

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 (01403 215398), **West Chiltington Parish Office**, The Parish Office, Church Street, West Chiltington, RH20 2JW, Opening 10am-1pm Tues & Wed (01798 817434). **West Chiltington Village Hall**, Mill Road, West Chiltington, RH20 2PZ.

**There are a number of ways to make your comments:**

1. Download and complete the comment form available from the web link above and email it to: [neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk) ; or
2. Print the comment form available to download by clicking on the link above and post it to: Neighbourhood Planning Officer, Horsham Council, Parkside, Chart Way, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RL.

**All comments must be received by 5:00pm on 29 November 2024**

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