

RUSPER DEVELOPMENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Your letter dated 24 February 2020 refers to the above plan and the opportunity to make representations on the NDP by 13th April 2020.

We would refer, in particular, to the Parish's Council Local Green Space allocation and in particular Map reference 6 in paragraph 5.1 of Appendix D

You will be aware that we have been in correspondence with Horsham District Council over the past 2 years regarding part of this proposed space which is reflected under Title No: WSX287217 – the site is included in the Council's SHELAA plan.

The site was extensively used for inert tipping of waste from the development of Crawley New Town, resulting in poor soil conditions and scrubland vegetation in an uneven terrain. Whilst the site was levelled with planning permission in 1989 and cleared some 12 years ago there is evidence of concrete slabs protruding from the surface. The site has therefore been fenced in.

We attach a response submitted to Rusper Parish Council under Regulation 14. We previously requested meetings with the Members to discuss further. These were ignored with the Parish then deciding to include the above Title Number in the Local Green Space Report of the NDP. It is acknowledged that part of the space could be considered as Local Green Space but CERTAINLY NOT, the land under Title Number WSX287217.

Given the nature of the site and historic background, as reflected in our response under Regulation 14, the land shown under Title Number WSX287217 should be removed from the NDP.