

**Examination of the Horsham District Local Plan: Hearings April 2026**

<b>SUBMISSION</b> by N C Friswell on behalf of Horsham District Scouts	
Preamble	<p>I am not a professional planner but I have been a Member of the Horsham Forest Neighbourhood Council for some years.</p> <p>I am also a lifelong Scout so I have personal experience of the needs and aspirations of Young People.</p>
Existing Policies	<p>I am concerned that although the Horsham Local Plan includes Policies 27 and 28 regarding Wellbeing and Community Facilities, these are not being adequately enforced in practice with regard to planning for the needs of Young People who will be living on new developments.</p> <p>A recent example is the approval for over 400 new homes where the developer made no proposals for community facilities and the Council did not make any demands either. As a result there could be 200 Young People living there with no indoor community facilities for recreation or social activity.</p>
Proposals	<p>It is proposed that <b>Policy 27 (3)</b> be amended by the addition of <b>'(e) Communal and Social Facilities for Young People.'</b></p> <p>and</p> <p>that <b>Policy 28</b> should specifically require that <b>on every housing development of over 100 new homes there should be provided indoor accomodation for Young People to socialise.</b></p>
Comment	<p>It is no good having a good Plan if it is not implimented. The wording should be such as to result in the Plan being adhered to at all stages in the planning process.</p>

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