



**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 – 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 ; 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.

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

PART B

To which part in the plan does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number: 9.3		Policy Reference:	Local Green Spaces
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Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this plan? (Please tick one answer)

Support

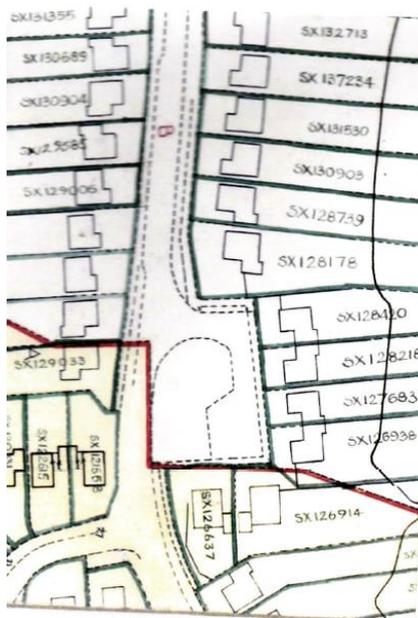
Support with Modifications /

Object

Comment

Please give details of your reasons for support/opposition, or make other comments here:

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?



Designation of Local Green Space in Billingshurst

We should like to request an amendment to the Billingshurst Neighbourhood Plan under the Regulation 16 consultation. Specifically, we would like the parcel of land in Broomfield Drive in front of house numbers 42 to 52 to be designated as a Local Green Space in order to give it some measure of protection from development. The land in question is the 'inverted comma' shaped land in the lower centre of the plan view (left).

Featuring an attractive willow tree, the land has been used by generations of children as a play area since the Broomfield Drive estate was built about 50 years ago – the area can be easily supervised by parents from the surrounding houses. A photograph taken in the 1980s showing a child playing on part of the land is provided below.

This piece of land has also been used by the local community for parties or events on a number of occasions, including during the Jubilee celebrations in 2002 and 2012. As an informal open space, it provides a visual amenity that contributes to residents' wellbeing. It also helps to ensure an acceptable level of housing density in this part of the village.

We are particularly concerned about the possible sale of this land for development as a similar small plot of land in Maple Road, which adjoins Broomfield Drive, was recently sold by auction. It appears that the land (HM Land Registry No SX103397) in Broomfield Drive is owned by the same company that sold the land in Maple Road, and may therefore also be sold.

Whereas the land in Maple Road has already been designated as a Local Green Space (No 13*) in the Billingshurst Neighbourhood Plan – a measure which we endorse – the land in Broomfield Drive does not have any protection at all. We believe that the parcel of land in Broomfield Drive is similar in size and in usefulness to the community and should therefore have the same status. We would also like the land to be considered as a potential Asset of Community Value.

As further evidence that such small plots of land may be built on, we would point to a precedent in Willow Drive (at the north end of Broomfield Drive) where a house was built on a similarly small parcel of land.

* Shown as No 13 in main Neighbourhood Plan but shown as No 11 in the supporting documentation.



(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: