



**Horsham
District
Council**

Representation Form

Southwater Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031

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

Southwater Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan (SNP). 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 SNP and associated documents will go out to consultation (**Friday 7 June to Friday 19 July 2019**) for 6 weeks inviting representations on the draft submission plan, basic conditions statement, consultation statement and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

Copies of the Southwater 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>

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. Please see Public Notice for other locations and opening times.

All comments must be received by 5:00pm on Friday 19 July 2019

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	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Email	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position (if applicable)	
Date	19/7/2019

PART B

To which part in the plan does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number:	3.2	Policy Reference:	SP1.1
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Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this plan? (Please tick one answer)

Support Support with modifications Oppose Have Comments

Please give details of your reasons for support/opposition, or make other comments here:
<p>It is my contention that the 'Core Principle' stated by Policy SNP1.1(a) may be seen to impose a pre-condition for the location of major housing development that has the effect of restricting the choice of allocation sites to just one location (cf. para. 4.11) that it is assumed will thereby support the Core Principle of 'sustainable development' (# SNP1.1(f)). The Plan's intention that proximity or access to Lintot Square should determine the location of future housing development in Southwater village is made explicit by paragraph 3.2, which states that: '...moving forward, the intention is to centre development on the service centre of Lintot Square. This Plan seeks to address this by centering development on Lintot Square.'</p> <p>The assumptions underlying this approach may however be questioned on the grounds that they over-emphasise the significance of the Square area in providing local residents with 'shops, services and facilities' - only two-thirds of whom have been found ever to use them. Thus although there are currently located in the vicinity of Lintot Square a (very small) public library, an (over-stretched) GPs' surgery plus dental practise, a dispensing chemist, three hairdressers' and two "budget" supermarkets, the sub-post office is however now located inside one of these stores, the bank branch has closed, and there is arguably an over-provision of (two) public-houses and (five) catering outlets. Given the exceptionally high levels of car ownership and usage that are admitted to exist in Southwater (para. 7.10), it is highly likely that residents of the new housing site proposed by Policy SNP2 would drive by private car to access 'shops, services and facilities' available not only in Lintot Square but further afield in Horsham or Broadbridge Heath. (Experience suggests that private-car travel would be especially likely in the case of those living in "executive" market homes or on parts of the proposed site farthest from the Worthing Road bus-stops as well as from the Square itself).</p>
What improvements or modifications would you suggest?
<p>In order to introduce greater flexibility into the criteria for selecting suitable sites for future housing development, it is desirable that paragraph 3.2 should be re-written together with Policy SNP1.1(a) in order to make plain that they are to be interpreted flexibly so as not to exclude sites that, though further away from Lintot Square, would still be able to support 'sustainable development'. In this regard it may be noted that developers Generator Group claim already to have been in discussions with the LPA over their proposals for a 500-home development on the Horsham</p>

Golf Club site near Hop Oast which, if approved under the forthcoming local plan review, would in any event seriously undermine Policy SNP1.1(a) (given the remoteness of Hop Oast from Lintot Square).

(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 (as amended) in relation to the Southwater Neighbourhood Development plan?

Please tick here if you wish to be notified: