

# View Response

## Response #1191155

From [Rusper Parish Council \(Mrs Lea...](#)

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Please note that by completing and submitting this questionnaire, you are consenting to being kept informed of further formal stages of the Horsham District Local Plan, including all matters relating to the Local Plan Examination following submission. Please ensure you have read and understood the Privacy Statement above.

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Do you consent to being kept informed of further formal stages?

You must provide an answer to this question.

☒ Yes

☐ No

## Your Representation

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPERATE QUESTIONNAIRE (FORM) FOR EACH REPRESENTATION, INDICATING WHICH SECTION OF THE REGULATION 19 LOCAL PLAN OR RELEVANT SUBMISSION DOCUMENT YOUR COMMENT RELATES TO.

TO SAVE YOUR RESPONSE, PLEASE PRESS 'FINISH'. YOU WILL THEN RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL. SHOULD YOU WISH TO UPDATE YOUR COMMENT AT ANOTHER TIME (WITHIN THE PERIOD OF REPRESENTATION) PLEASE CLICK ON THE 'VIEW YOUR RESPONSE' LINK CONTAINED WITHIN THE CONFIRMATION EMAIL.

1)

To which part of the Local Plan or submission documents does this representation relate?

☐ Paragraph (e.g. '4.35') ☒ Policy (e.g. 'Policy 21') ☐ Policies Map

☐ Sustainability Appraisal ☐ Habitats Regulations Assessment

1 a)

Please state the policy, paragraph or inset map to which your representation relates.

You must provide an answer to this question.

The representation covers the Local Plan generally, but is specifically targeted at policies affecting Rusper parish.

Notably: **Strategic Policy HA2: Land West of Ifield** and **Strategic Policy HA15: Rusper**

2)

Do you consider the Local Plan is:

- ☐ Legally Compliant - Yes    ☒ Legally Compliant - No    ☐ Sound - Yes
- ☒ Sound - No    ☐ Complies with the duty to co-operate - Yes
- ☒ Complies with the duty to co-operate - No

3)

Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is not sound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with its duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Please provide a summary of any attachments, such as supplementary evidence, that you submit alongside your representation.

You must provide an answer to this question.

Please see attached documents for Rusper Parish Council's full response.

**In summary:**

Rusper Parish Council strongly feels that the Regulation 19 version of the new Horsham Local Plan is unsound. The strategic site allocations especially, fail to be legally compliant and Horsham District Council has failed in its duty to fully cooperate when deciding upon these allocations. Horsham District Council has also failed to properly consider the made Rusper Neighbourhood Plan when assessing sites within the Rusper plan area.


The impact of concentrating the greatest level of development in the rural parish of Rusper makes little sense in general planning terms, especially in terms of the coalescence of Crawley and Horsham and the impact on infrastructure provision and most importantly the absence of any connection to a major road.

This Reg19 Local Plan and its evidence base have failings in all the issues fundamental to how the future of the District will be shaped. These provide a valid case for rejecting the current version. We recommend the Local Plan is not approved and a thorough examination is undertaken into its shortcomings.

Rusper Parish Council would like to participate in examination hearing sessions, especially those

relating to points raised in this response.

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 [Appendix H Landscape Character Assessment and Assessment Of Local Gaps In Plan Area.pdf](#)

 [Rusper\\_NP\\_Site\\_AssessmentsOct2019.ods](#)

 [BiodiversityMyth.pdf](#)

 [RPC\\_Response\\_Feb2024.pdf](#)

 [HA2 Independent Landscape Report 2024-02-20.pdf](#)

 [Rusper Parish Council Highways and Transport Technical Advice - August 2023 \(plus Appendices\).pdf](#)

4)

Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified in response to Q3. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination)

You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Please provide a summary of any attachments, such as supplementary evidence, that you have submitted alongside your representation.

**Please note:** In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

**After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the independent Inspector, based on the matters and issues they identify for examination.**

You must provide an answer to this question.

Remove Strategic Policy HA2: Land West of Ifield and Strategic Policy HA15: Rusper

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«No files»

5)

If your representation is seeking a modification to the Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

**Please note:** While this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

- ☐ NO - I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s).
- ☒ YES - I do wish to participate in hearing session(s).

6)

If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary.

If you do not wish to participate, please reply 'N/A'.

**Please note:** The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

You must provide an answer to this question.

Rusper Parish Council is the planning authority responsible for the Rusper Neighbourhood Plan and have the best local knowledge in relation to matters dealing with the Rusper area. As elected representatives for the area we are best placed to provide input and answer any questions relating to this area.

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