



Consultation on the Hungerford Neighbourhood Development Plan (Regulation 16 Consultation)

Representation Form

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Please complete online or return this form to:	By email: planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk
	By post: Planning Policy Team, Development and Housing, West Berkshire Council, Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD
Return by:	11:59pm on Friday 23 May 2025

This form has three parts:

- Part A - Your details: need only be completed once
- Part B - Your representation(s): please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make
- Part C - Notification of progress of the Hungerford Neighbourhood Development Plan

PART A: Your Details

Please note the following:

- We cannot register your representation without your details.
- Representations cannot be kept confidential and will be available for public scrutiny, however, your contact details will not be published.
- All personal data will be handled in line with the Council's Privacy Policy on the Development Plan. You can view the Council's privacy notices at <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/privacynotices>

	Your details	Agent's details (if applicable)
Title:	Mr	
First Name:*	Robert	
Last Name:*	Barker	
Job title (where relevant):		
Organisation (where relevant):		
Address* Please include postcode:		
Email address:*		
Telephone number:		

*Mandatory field

Part B – Your Representation***Please use a separate sheet for each representation***

Your name or organisation (and client if you are an agent):	Robert Barker
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Please indicate which part of the consultation documents that this representation relates to:

Policy:	Hungerford NDP Consultation Statement
Section/paragraph:	Sections 3 and 2
Appendix:	

Comments

It does not appear that the pre-submission consultation responses have had any impact on the selection of the preferred site options for new housing. This is despite a large number of respondents highlighting that the Smitham Bridge Road site has a significant number of drawbacks including an awkward access route along Church Street / Smitham Bridge Road, and known flooding/drainage issues and concerns. This site is also further from some key amenities than the alternative site east of Salisbury Road e.g. Schools and Leisure Facilities.

A number of commentators (including myself) against the original draft plan had specific concerns regarding the way individual sites had been scored and assessed and that each site should have been scored on its own merits rather than combining certain sites. It was and is still felt that this has skewed the scoring to down score Salisbury Road, which has had previous town objections (when Lancaster Gate was developed).

A significant number of the comments against Smitham Bridge relate to traffic and these appear to have been brushed aside by HTC with a comment that WBC Highways didn't object. I think the Highways team should be specifically asked to look at this again and explain why the additional traffic from a further 44 houses is not a problem given that there is on-street parking on Church Street and the junction of Church Street, Church Way, Smitham Bridge Road and Church Lane is a bottleneck.

Section 2 of the Consultation Statement doesn't appear to reference the Pre-Submission Consultation at all. Given that there were 112 detailed written responses, with a number of common themes throughout I think it would be useful to show a summary of those themes. A good number specifically relate to the Smitham Bridge Road site concerns.

PART C – Notification of progress of the Hungerford NDP

Do you wish to be notified of any of the following?

Please tick all that apply

Publication of the Examiners report / Decision to progress to referendum	Yes
Decision to adopt the Hungerford NDP	Yes

Signature	Robert Barker	Date	9/4/2025
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Your completed representations must be received by the Council by 11:59pm on Friday 23 May 2025.