



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cannot be kept confidential and will be available for public scrutiny, however, your contact details will not be published.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:*	Tim	
Last Name:*	Cundy	
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):	
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Please indicate which part of the consultation documents that this representation relates to:

Policy:	Hungerford Neighbourhood plan
Section/paragraph:	
Appendix:	

Comments

I believe a public hearing is necessary for the neighbourhood plan, given the significant impact it will have on the town and the fact that concerns raised during the consultation stage have not been adequately addressed.

I have serious reservations about the capacity of Church Street and Smitham Bridge Road to cope with increased traffic. Church Street frequently experiences congestion due to resident parking, which restricts visibility and often forces vehicles to reverse. This issue will be exacerbated by additional traffic. The proposed access point for the new housing is via a single-track road, yet the plan only references traffic measures during the construction phase, with no provisions outlined for the long term.

Smitham Bridge Road also serves an increasingly busy industrial estate, with regular movements of large lorries. Additional traffic would intensify existing pressure on this route

Environmentally, the proposed site has been assessed as having the highest impact, while the site on Salisbury Road was assessed as having the lowest. However, the presentation of this data in the planning documents is misleading, as the summary omits the overall scoring, potentially downplaying the environmental concerns.

There is also a known history of flooding on the fields behind Smitham Bridge Road, with some areas remaining waterlogged for prolonged periods in autumn and winter. This issue does not appear to have been properly addressed in the current plan.

The designation of certain 'gateways' into Hungerford is also questionable. For example, the North Standen Road route from Froxfield is a narrow, rural lane and not a practical access point for the proposed development.

The more realistic access route is from the town centre. An incident last year highlighted the limitations of this route: during a road closure at peak time, the North Standen route saw a large volume of diverted traffic, resulting in tailbacks and at least one vehicle needing to be towed after becoming stuck on a verge.

Finally, I am concerned about the use of the allotments as a bargaining tool by the landowner and

developer to secure planning permission. Decisions of this magnitude should be made based on the merits of the proposal and the needs of the community—not on the profitability for a few. As it stands, this plan appears to benefit select parties rather than addressing the broader interests of Hungerford.

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	x
Decision to adopt the Hungerford NDP	x

Signature	Tim Cundy	Date	22/5/25
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Your completed representations must be received by the Council by 11:59pm on Friday 23 May 2025.