

	<p>Consultation on the Hungerford Neighbourhood Development Plan (Regulation 16 Consultation)</p> <p>Representation Form</p> <p>Ref:</p> <p><i>(For official use only)</i></p>
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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		
<i>Please note the following:</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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cannot be kept confidential and will be available for public scrutiny, however, your contact details will not be published.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 		
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Part B – Your Representation***Please use a separate sheet for each representation***

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

Policy:	Residential site allocation at Smitham Bridge Road
Section/paragraph:	10.4
Appendix:	

Comments

The current neighbourhood development plan to develop housing on “residential site at Smitham Bridge Road” disregards both the residents who live in the west side of Hungerford and the environment due to its oversight of objective A (see below). Whilst the need to build more houses to cope with the country’s overcrowding is understood, this must be done on existing brown sites with minimal disturbance to the countryside. Building on green land risks flooding. The homes along Smitham Bridge Road are already at risk. The river has broken its banks previously and with the current fields replaced with houses, this is almost guaranteed to happen again as the excess water has no where to run to. What’s more, with more houses in the area, flooding will have a greater impact as the new residents will additionally be affected.

Another point to consider is that access to the proposed site is already difficult: imagine what it will be like with over 80 plus other cars driving the same route. Most people would enter this part of town from Church Street yet this is hardly the easiest road as it is. The pinch point between Church Street and Smitham Bridge Road is a giveaway that many drivers overlook, partly due to the fact that Smitham Bridge Road is backed up with cars parked along the edge. This practically makes the road a single carriageway and makes it exceptionally dangerous when pulling out of the side roads along this street. The alternative route of access from North Standen Road is an even trickier entry point as, before getting to a main road, drivers must navigate an assortment of sharp corners along a narrow, single-track road.

Lastly, I must ask: how will services cope with the additional residents? It is already hard enough to get a GP appointment, this will be unbearable if the surgery comes under additional strain.

Thank you for your time. I hope upon perusal of my thoughts, you will reconsider the plan to build on..., understanding that to do so will only end in disaster.

Objective A: Allocate sites to meet the housing requirements in the West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2041, where possible making best use of previously developed land and minimising encroachment into the countryside.

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	
Decision to adopt the Hungerford NDP	

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