



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cannot be kept confidential and will be available for public scrutiny, however, your contact details will not be published.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:*	Stephen	
Last Name:*	Pike	
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 (<i>and client if you are an agent</i>):	Stephen Pike
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Please indicate which part of the consultation documents that this representation relates to:

Policy:	Hungerford Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 16 Consultation)
Section/paragraph:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> land at Smitham Bridge Road: 44 dwellings (Hun7)
Appendix:	

Comments

Commentary on the Hungerford Neighbourhood Plan (Hun 7)

We are extremely disappointed that the main site for the additional 44 houses is not going to be the Salisbury Road site. That site is already developed and has the key amenities in place and seems ready to be developed further. We really do not understand why the majority of the new housing is not going to be built on this site. The arguments that it is too far from other local facilities does not seem sound when one considers the distance of the Smitham Bridge Road site to the primary and secondary schools. This new site will almost definitely result in a larger number of journeys each day to ferry children back and forth to school and use other facilities like the shops, the surgery, dentists, the library and church.

The Smitham Bridge road site on the other hand is completely undeveloped and will require extensive work to join it to amenities. It is also a flood risk location.

As a resident of Church Street, we are deeply concerned about the increased amount of traffic for both construction and the daily traffic resulting from 44 additional houses.

We already have a problem with traffic, particularly with heavy lorries accessing the industrial site on Smitham Bridge road. There has also been a huge increase in recent years in the number of van deliveries which will only further increase with 44 new houses just down the road.

This extra traffic will seriously impact people living along Church Street for the following reasons as well as increasing the risks of living along a busy route and travelling on foot and by car.

- The road is not wide enough for much of Church Street for two vehicles to pass each other. Lorries and vans regularly drive on the pavements. An increase in traffic will make this worse.
- There is only pavement on one side of the road for the majority of its length from the High Street to the proposed site.
- Parking is already limited in this area and further restrictions will make the problem worse.

- The cars and vans regularly exceed the speed limits and the frequent obstacles along the route mean that vehicles are constantly accelerating and braking which creates further safety problems as well as noise and unacceptable environmental impact.
- There are some pinch points for traffic congestion and concern, especially where cars and vans are parked on the road and at the junction between Church Street, Church Way and Parsonage Lane. It amazes me that there are no serious collisions at that junction.

We are concerned that an exponential rise in traffic will further a further impact on:

- Noise
- Pollution
- Accidents
- Speeding
- Lorries and vans
- Deterioration of the pavements.

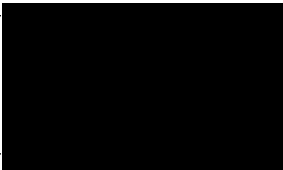
It will have a serious impact on the value of our home and the enjoyment of living in this area.

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