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To: Neighbourhood Planning
Subject: Comments on Birdham Neighbourhood Plan
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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached comments on the above draft Neighbourhood Plan submitted on behalf of the Itchenor Society.

Yours faithfully

Peter Arnold
Hon. Sec. Itchenor Society

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Representation Form

Birdham Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations
2012 - Regulation 16

Birdham Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan. The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally.

Copies of the Birdham Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the District Council's website: <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan>.

All comments must be received by 5:00pm on Thursday 12 February 2015.

There are a number of ways to make your comments:

- Complete this form on your computer and email it to: neighbourhoodplanning@chichester.gov.uk
- Print this form and post it to us at: **Neighbourhood Planning, East Pallant House, 1 East Pallant, Chichester PO19 1TY**

All comments will be publicly available, and identifiable by name and organisation (where applicable). Please note that any other personal information provided will be processed by Chichester District Council in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.

How to use this form

Please complete Part A in full, in order for your representation to be taken into account at the Neighbourhood Plan examination.

Please complete Part B overleaf, identifying which paragraph your comment relates to by completing the appropriate box.

PART A	Your Details
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Position (if applicable)	Hon Sec
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PART B

To which part of the document does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number	3	Policy Reference:	About Birdham Parish
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Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this paragraph? (Please tick one answer)

Support Support with modifications x Oppose Have Comments

Please give details of your reasons for support/opposition, or make other comments here:

1. The Itchenor Society published the West Itchenor Village Design Statement 2nd Edition (VDS) in 2012. As part of the preparation of that document it obtained agreement from the Birdham Parish Council by email dated 23rd April 2012 to the inclusion of a small area of Birdham Parish as a "Zone of influence"; this allows West Itchenor Parish Council to respond to planning applications within the zone of influence, guided by the content of our revised VDS.
2. We see a reference to this matter on page 32, in the last paragraph. However, we would suggest that this part of the Birdham Neighbourhood Plan (BNP) is not the most appropriate because although Policy 16 may apply if housing development is considered in the zone, it may be that development within Policy 15 or Policy 22 may also arise within the zone over the lifetime of the BNP. We therefore think it more appropriate to make mention earlier in the BNP. We would suggest that a mention could be made in Chapter 3 in a new paragraph 3.8, moving the SWOT analysis to paragraph 3.9. Additionally, a map of the zone could be added to Chapter 7 where all other maps are located.

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

1. We would suggest the following wording: "3.8 Any development within Birdham Parish that is adjacent or close to other Parishes must give consideration to their design statement, character appraisal or management proposal for that area and consultation must take place with them. In view of the agreed crossover between the Parishes of Birdham and West Itchenor, the West Itchenor Village Design Statement 2nd Edition 2012, "Zone of Influence", as shown on the relevant plan must be considered. (See Appendix 7)."
2. We attach a copy of the said plan showing the "Zones of Influence" and would ask that it be included in Chapter 7.

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If you have additional representations feel free to include additional pages. Please make sure any additional pages are clearly labelled/ addressed or attached.

We also have concerns regarding Policy 22.

After the first paragraph of Policy 22, (Support will be given for the conversion of existing buildings...) we would ask that the same five sentences are added as appear in Policy 15 as follows:

Policy 22 - Development for Business Use

Support will be given for the conversion of existing buildings and the small-scale development and expansion of existing business, horticultural or agricultural premises across the Parish especially those that deliver local employment opportunities subject to the following criteria:

- The proposed re-use would not have significant harmful impacts on the surrounding rural landscape and is sensitive to its setting by means of size, bulk and location.
- The proposed re-use would not have any unacceptable impact on the local road network.
- The proposed re-use would not cause any unacceptable conflict with agriculture, horticultural and other land and water-based economic and leisure activities.
- The proposals would not have any significant harmful impact on the amenities of neighbouring residents and other users.
- The buildings concerned would not require substantial rebuilding or extension.



