



Representation Form

Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review 2019-2037

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations
2012 - Regulation 16

Southbourne Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan Review. 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 Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review and supporting documents are available to view on Chichester District Council's website:

<http://www.chichester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan>.

All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on 3 June 2021.

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**

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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 to which paragraph your comment relates by completing the appropriate box.

PART A	Your Details
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PART B

To which part of the document does your representation relate?

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

Oppose X

Have Comments

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

As a resident of Hambrook for the last 3 years I have been alarmed by the number of large scale developments threatened in the local area. Hambrook is a small village so the developments would drastically change the feel of the village with huge growth. We chose to live here for its rural position not because we wanted to live in the midst of huge housing developments.

It is also served by two well known "cut through" roads, Broad Road and Priors Leaze Lane. As a resident of Broad Road I have been shocked by the amount of traffic passing down the road, often large farming vehicles, but also a huge number of cars, and the speed at which they travel, often ignoring the 30 mph flash sign at each end. We have had one cat run over on our road as a result of this careless driving. Despite many requests we have had little to try to reduce speeds that would work, for example chicanes or speed bumps. I have two young children whom I would be reluctant to allow on bikes as a result of fear for their safety. The reality of any large scale housing development is that there will be a huge increase in local traffic, resulting in potential risk to children, vulnerable adults and animals (horse riders, dog walkers) as well as an increase in pollution (noise and air). The A259 is a prime example of how local traffic has now made this road like an alternative motorway and cars run constantly along it at high speeds.

Hambrook currently has large areas of green space and viable arable land which is under threat from building. This creates a rural atmosphere and also allows a green space corridor between the two areas protected from large scale development the AONB and the Downs National Park. There are not the amenities to support huge increases in housing, and despite "promises" from developers this does not guarantee anything. Again a shop area in Nutbourne on the A259 that was potentially going to be a little local supermarket has been made into a charity shop, serving nothing to the local population at all, especially those without cars. So there is no certainty that any further local shops would be provided to serve us more locally.

The public transport links to our villages are very poor, one train an hour to Chichester or Portsmouth. The buses run along the A 259 every 20 minutes which is a long walk for many, meaning it would not be used and again people will rely on cars. It is not an option to bike ride consistently due to the concerns re safety, there is no bike lanes protected and the standard of the roads is all poor, making it hazardous to consistently use a bike, as well as the weather conditions in the UK. We have been heckled and shouted at riding with our children on the pavements along our road, as pedestrians are not accepting of bikes despite the busy roads.

Environmentally our local wildlife is threatened by building projects, there is an abundance of birds and animals living in the fields and hedgerows such as hedgehogs, deer, sparrows, starlings, robins who's numbers are threatened due to death on the roads, destruction of habitat and changes in their local environment such as the erosion of the green corridor. It is also notable that any walk around our local area litter and waste are strewn everywhere, at times including nappies and clothing; but mostly food wrappers, tin cans and packaging. Locals walk the country lanes and throw their rubbish in the verges. This is both unacceptable but also a problem that is only going to increase with more residents. There is also a large number of dog poo bags left along various footpaths without adequate bins to dispose of them.

The local area is currently not able to sustain the level of housing in terms of sewerage and waste disposal, and excess nitrates. Excess sewage is emptied in to Chichester Harbour threatening the natural habitat of many species due to pollution as well as a health threat to humans who use the harbour for swimming, sailing etc.

It is also importune to consider the impact especially over the last year that the pandemic has had on the mental health of the Nation. Having green space and somewhere to exercise safely is well known to promote good mental health and increased density o housing takes away bridleways, footpaths as well as making walking/riding/biking less possible/enjoyable

because of safety.

Finally the local GP surgeries and schools do not have capacity to increase hugely their numbers to accommodate all the new residents these developments will bring. Local council and CCGs do not have funding nor plans to increase the number of schools nor surgeries. It has recently been publicised by the Royal College of GPs that's there is not enough GPs to meet current demand especially following the pandemic. This will result in school place shortage, young people needing to travel far for schools and GPs being overwhelmed.

Until the concerns regarding waste disposal, the environmental impact and a proper survey assessing the impact on the roads from traffic are completed I and my family strongly object to these developments.

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What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

Firstly Southern Water have openly stated that they are unable to meet the demands currently of waste disposal and this needs to be investigated and considered seriously before any new developments are agreed. It is also important houses are able to be built so they are nitrate neutral.

There needs to be consultation and thought given to local public transport systems which are currently woefully inadequate for anyone to use on a regular basis especially during the day. The result is we live in a. Very car dependent area.

The roads are in disrepair and are already over used with traffic driving often too fast and carelessly. Many animals are run over and horse riders feel threatened for their safety. It is perilous to ride a bike down local roads. The impact of traffic and attempts to make the roads safer is urgently needed, with possible options for through roads such as Broad Rd been chicanes or speed bumps.

Thought needs to be given a to how to increase housing in a more sustainable and acceptable way to have less impact on our small village areas such as Hambrook. Huge estates are not the answer, smaller developments such a 4-6 houses would be much more acceptable and would fit much better with the current village feel and would allow residents to continue to live the rural life we have chosen, not that of being part of a huge urban sprawl with no character and our roads gridlocked. It would also put far less pressure on local amenities and roads.

Finally I totally object to the fact that due to the local AAOB and Downs National Park that the small corridor (26% of available land) is being ear marked for developments. I see no reason why there can't be a more even spread of housing focusing on smaller sustainable developments that increase the viability of dying villages eg in the Downs. I would urge a review of housing need in the local area especially given Brexit and the changes in local population, as the current pals are based on projections made some years ago.

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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.