

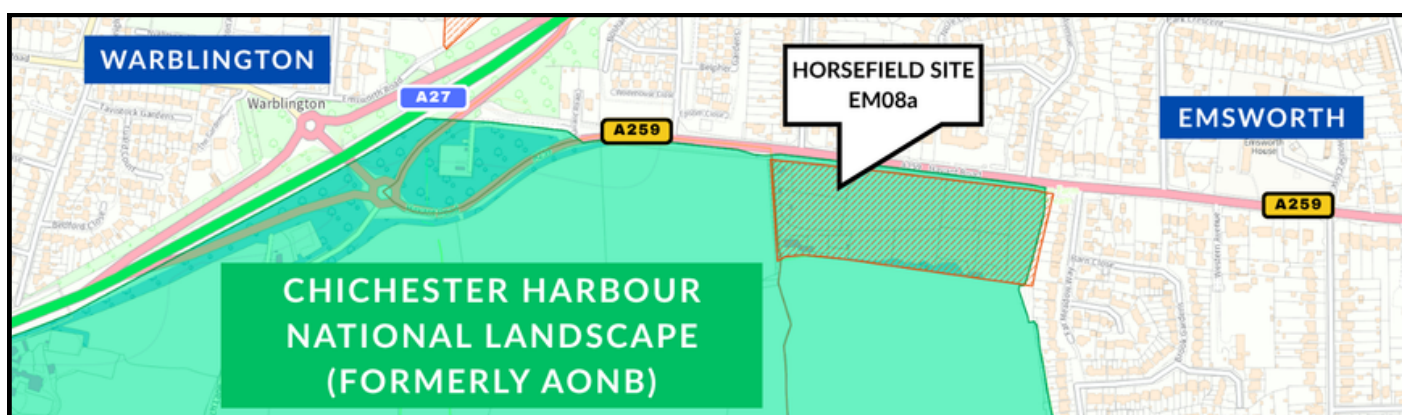


90 HOUSES PROPOSED FOR THE HORSEFIELD

ACT NOW

Havant Borough Council's proposed Local Plan allocates **90 houses on the Horsefield in Emsworth** - south of Havant Road, opposite The Ropemaker pub. The plan, *Building a Better Future*, is now out for public consultation. This is your chance to **have your say**.

CONSULTATION ENDS 5PM WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER



THE HORSEFIELD (SITE EM08A) SITS INSIDE THE CHICHESTER HARBOUR NATIONAL LANDSCAPE, ADDED TO THE PLAN MAY 2026

THE LAW PROTECTS THIS LAND

The Horsefield lies inside the Chichester Harbour National Landscape. Havant Borough Council has a legal duty to further the conservation and enhancement of this landscape.

National Planning Policy paragraph 190 says major development should be refused unless there are *exceptional circumstances* and unless it is *shown to be in the public interest*.

No such evidence has been published.

BEYOND ONE FIELD

If protected land can be allocated here without the national test being met, the same reasoning becomes available for other protected sites across the Borough - including Hayling island and the rest of the Harbour shoreline. A legal protection is only as strong as the first time it is tested.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

ENDS 5PM, WED 9 SEP

WHAT YOU CAN SAY

You may have many concerns about the Local Plan, but at this stage it can be judged only on whether it is **sound and legally compliant**. We believe the proposed Local Plan fails these criteria because:



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UNSOUND

HBC has allocated land within a National Landscape (Site EM08a – The Horsefield) without demonstrating the **exceptional circumstances** required by the National Planning Policy for **major development**.

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HBC has rewritten Policy 30 (Chichester Harbour National Landscape) so sites can be allocated **without meeting the National Planning exceptional circumstances test**.

ASK FOR THESE CORRECTIONS

1. Remove **EM08a** from the site allocation; and
2. Remove the phrase **“other than where allocated within this Local Plan or”** from Policy 30.

TELL THEM IN YOUR OWN WORDS

HBC officers will collate all responses for the Government Inspector, who decides whether the Local Plan is sound and legally compliant. Personalised responses will carry more weight than copied text. Alongside the points above and your own concerns about the Plan, you may want to highlight:

- setting a precedent to building elsewhere in the National Landscape around Chichester Harbour.
- risking the Inspector rejecting the Local Plan for such a small proportion of the housing target.
- what the National Landscape means to you.

HOW TO RESPOND

ONLINE

To fill in the Consultation Survey, scan the QR Code, or, for more information, visit the website havant.gov.uk/local_plan



Survey QR
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ON PAPER

Call HBC on **023 9244 6539** to request a paper copy of the consultation survey or collect one from Emsworth Library.

BY POST

Send your own letter to: Local Plan Pre-Submission Consultation, Planning Service, HBC, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, PO9 2AX



A View Of The Horsefield (EM08a)

READ MORE

Find additional background and more about why and how to object at savethehorsefield.co.uk



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GET INVOLVED

Do you have skills in planning, law, conservation or communications — or simply just want to help? Then please join our campaign, see below.

Need a hand, have any questions, wish to be kept informed or would like to help the campaign?
Please contact us on savethehorsefield@gmail.com or call us on **07496 067 031**.

We are a group of local residents, working to protect this part of the National Landscape for over 20 years.

