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## Seconds Out! Round One!

### If you read nothing else read this:

- The Horsham District Council Local Plan could be published as early as Autumn 2022, and will almost certainly allocate the West of Ifield site as available to be built on. **But we must all tell Horsham Councillors NOW how we feel about that.**
- There is then a 6-week consultation period in which the public can comment and make objections.
- **It is essential that we all object to Horsham District Council's allocation of the West of Ifield site.**
- See <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/objections> for assistance

**The fight to save our countryside, save our wildlife and stop our infrastructure being overwhelmed STARTS NOW!**

**Round One:** Horsham District Council's (HDC) Local Plan is the document almost certain to allocate the West of Ifield site as suitable for development. Ahead of its publication the plan must be voted through by HDC Cabinet and Full Council. We can all try to influence the voting by **writing now** to Horsham councillors explaining why WOI should not be allocated. Crawley residents should do this too.

**ACTION 1:** Everyone – including Crawley residents – write **NOW** to these people at HDC – tell them what you think and the impact of the development:

[lynn.lambert@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:lynn.lambert@horsham.gov.uk)  
[elizabeth.kitchen@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:elizabeth.kitchen@horsham.gov.uk)  
[Tony.Hogben@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Tony.Hogben@horsham.gov.uk)  
[Strategic.Planning@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Strategic.Planning@horsham.gov.uk)

Horsham residents – include your local councillors – find them here: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/council-democracy-and-elections/find-your-local-councillor>

**Round Two:** If this doesn't work the Local Plan will be published with WOI allocated, possibly as soon as this autumn. This also assumes that a solution to the Water Neutrality issues has been found, and this is the expectation.

NB there is also pressure on HDC, because all councillors face elections in May 2023, and the current leader is keen to have the Local Plan in front of a Planning Inspector before then.

**ACTION 2:** Keep checking our website, Facebook, newsletters for updates on when the Local Plan is published and the dates and process for the formal Regulation 19 consultation.

Once the plan is published what is known as a Regulation 19 consultation period starts. This is a formal stage of the process and will last for 6 weeks. This is your chance to make your views known formally to HDC and to the Planning Inspector.

NB this stage is about making sure HDC's plan is 'sound', and the most effective comments will be those focused on planning issues such as transport, housing need, heritage and landscape, water, biodiversity. For help, please see our Objections page <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/objections>. We plan to hold a public meeting at this point to provide guidance.

**ACTION 3:** Respond to HDC's Regulation 19 consultation.

**WARNING:** Homes England will be holding public consultations in the Autumn. Any responses to Homes England will NOT count as objections to HDC or the Planning Inspector. **PLEASE make sure you object to Horsham District Council's Reg 19 consultation.**

**Round Three:** The Reg 19 comments and objections are council sent to a Planning Inspector who will independently assess and examine the Local Plan. The public Examination Hearings are likely to take place several months later, and can be viewed. Some of us might be asked by the Inspector to speak and give evidence. However, no new comments on the Local Plan can be made at this stage and the decision to discuss particular topics and call certain people to speak is up to the Inspector. **The public can make no further representations after this point.**

After the Examination Hearings, the Inspector will issue their decision on whether the Plan is fit for purpose, ie. 'sound'. There is only a slim chance of appeal at this point – the Inspector would have to be deemed to have erred in law. For example, if there was a mistake in legal procedures or some vital information was ignored.

**But what of Homes England?** Well, alongside the publication of the HDC local plan, Homes England will separately be holding a further round of public consultations in the Autumn. It is vital that as many of us as possible attend to hear what they have to say and give our views on their proposals. **WARNING!!** Giving comment to Homes England is **not the same** as commenting on the HDC Local Plan and will not count as such. You need to do both. We then expect Homes England to put in an outline planning application in the spring, and we'll go into the ring again ...

**So in summary:**

1. **NOW – write to councillors about the impact of the WOI development.**
2. **OCTOBER – attend Homes England consultation sessions.**
3. **NEXT FEW MONTHS – look out for the publication of HDC's Local Plan.**
4. **Object to WOI allocation as part of the Regulation 19 consultation process. WHEN PLAN IS PUBLISHED.**

**The Regulation 19 Local Plan Process:**



**Dates for your Diary**



**QUIZ NIGHT**



**TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**8pm The Plough, Rusper RH12 4PX**

Come along with a team, test those brains and win prizes.



**FILM AND SOCIAL EVENING**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**7pm St Margaret's Church Ifield RH11 0NN**

Come and watch Operation Mince meat in great company, with a wonderful buffet!

Tickets £12.50 each, available on Eventbrite:

[.https://www.eventbrite.com/.../film-buffet-and-social...](https://www.eventbrite.com/.../film-buffet-and-social...)

Or from Martin Stone -07808 783807

This is a joint fundraiser with the church.



**FUND-RAISING WALK**

**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**

**11am The Star, Rusper RH12 4RA**

**Protect Our Parish!** A fundraising walk through much of the area to be covered by up to 10,000 houses- see what will be lost whilst raising money to help keep it.

**IFIELD SOCIETY Saturday Walks**

from the Plough, Ifield RH11 0NN at 11am

**Please donate if you can via our website**

<https://www.savewestofield.co.uk/take-action>

**And please sign these petitions**

[Stop the build of 10,000 houses across Ifield west](#) and

[Ifield golf course future development](#)