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## Horsham Local Plan – Time for action

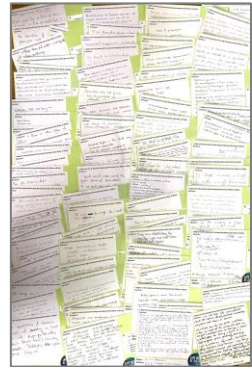
### If you read nothing else **read this**

- The Horsham District Council Local Plan is due to be voted on by all councillors on 11<sup>th</sup> December. The plan will almost certainly allocate the West of Ifield site as available to be built on. **We must all tell Horsham Councillors how we feel about this NOW**
- **Write** now to all Horsham Councillors stating your objections to the allocation and why. Save your letter for use again during the formal consultation in January
- Come to the **protest on 11<sup>th</sup> December**
- If the plan is voted in, a formal 6 week consultation period starts in January. This is when the public have the opportunity to make objections that will be submitted to a Government Planning Inspector

### Horsham Council's Local Plan is due to be published and voted on by Councillors in December.

The West of Ifield site will be allocated in the draft plan as suitable for development. But **this does not mean it is too late** to stop its inclusion, and we must all continue to work hard to stop the site's allocation.

**SWOI update:** since our AGM, SWOI has written frequently to all Horsham Councillors on a variety of topics, held meetings with Jeremy Quin and HDC Cabinet and planning officers, comprehensively responded to the Homes England Environmental Impact Assessment, protested at the Homes England and DLUHC London offices (see letter on our homepage: <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/>), as well as working on technical responses for the Regulation 19 consultation.



We presented your 5,500 signature petition to HDC, Homes England and DLUHC, and handed over around 100 postcards written by supporters at events over the summer. A **BIG thank you** to everyone for these.

### COME AND PROTEST – Horsham Council Offices. Parkside on 11<sup>th</sup> December

We'll be there from 4.30 until 6pm to coincide with Council meetings. Please do come for as much or as little as you can. The 5.30 - 6PM period is the most important to hit all full council members. The more of us there the more impact we will make



SWOI will continue to lobby HDC until they vote on the new Local Plan on 11<sup>th</sup> December, and beyond. However, **strength of numbers of objections matters**. This is why the Rookwood site was rejected. So please keep writing and objecting.

## How to Object

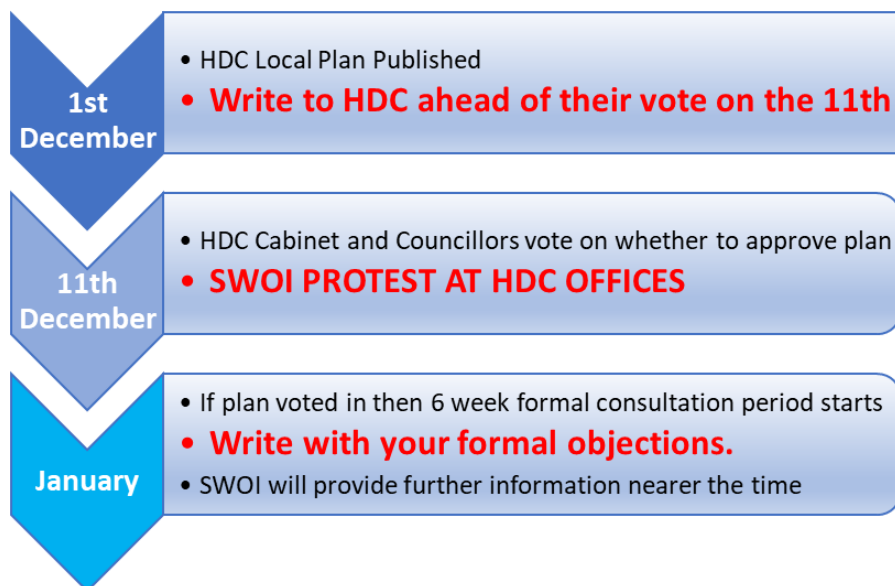
1. **WRITE** to HDC Cabinet and Councillors, copying in HDC Planning Dept (addresses at <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/take-action>) to tell them you object to the West of Ifield Site being included in the plan and why. This letter or email:
  - Should arrive at the latest by 8th December
  - Must include your name and address
  - Must include WEST OF IFIELD SITE as a heading so they know from the outset which site you are objecting to
  - Should contain the fact that you are objecting to the site allocation within the first sentence
  - Should include your reason(s) for objecting. This does not have to be complicated or technical. Just tell them how you feel. If you need inspiration on what to say or to see what others have done, please see our Objections Page: <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/objections>
  - If you can provide evidence, do – photos are great!
  - Should use respectful language!

SAVE THIS LETTER – IT  
COULD BE USEFUL  
AGAIN IN JANUARY

2. Attend the SWOI **PROTEST** on 11<sup>th</sup> December, at Horsham Council Offices. The protest will run from 4.30 until 6pm. It will be great if you can attend the whole thing, but if not please do come for as long as you can make it. Arguably the 5.30 - 6PM period is the most important to hit all full council members. **The more of us there the more impact we will make**
3. **DONATE**. To ensure SWOI's formal objections are as robust as possible, we are working with a range of professional advisors. Since our appeal in the October newsletter, through your amazingly generous donations and attendance at events such as walks, quizzes and the race night, we have raised a fantastic £1500 of the extra £6500 we are targeting for professional fees needed to fight the Local Plan. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** to all who have donated. We continue to appeal to reach our target. We know that times are hard and that not everyone is in a position to do so, but we ask, if you are able, please donate whatever you can afford. Thank you.  
  
You can donate online: (Business) Account: Save West of Ifield Number: 55426514 Sort Code: 53-50-39 <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/take-action> Or send a cheque (payable to Save West of Ifield) to: Treasurer – Save West of Ifield 46, Green Lane Northgate, Crawley, RH10 8JP
4. **SPREAD THE WORD**. Tell your friends and neighbours about what is happening and what they can do
5. **BE READY!** If the site is allocated, you will also need to make a formal objection during the 6-week consultation period in Jan-Feb.

Save West of Ifield will provide more information nearer the time on how to do this

## Key dates:



## It's Quiz-mas time!

The last quiz of the year in aid of Save West of Ifield is at The Plough & Attic Rooms Rusper on **5th December**.

Quiz starts at 8pm, but why not book for dinner first?

With a festive feel, there will be prizes not only for the winning team, but for the best Christmas jumper!

Hope to see you there – please call the Plough to book your team a table on 01293871215.

