**Representation Form** 



## Local Plan Review: Preferred Approach Consultation

The consultation on the Local Plan Review: Preferred Approach will run from 13 December 2018 to 7 February 2019. The document and more information on the consultation can be viewed on our website <u>www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanreview</u>

### All comments must be received by 11.59 pm on Thursday 7 February 2019.

There are a number of ways to make your comments:

- Comment on the document on the internet using our online consultation website <u>www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanreview</u> (Recommended)
- Complete this form on your computer and email it to us at <u>planningpolicy@chichester.gov.uk</u>
- Print this form and post it to us at: Planning Policy Team, Chichester District Council, East Pallant House, 1 East Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1TY

#### How to use this form

Please complete Part A in full. Please note anonymous comments cannot be accepted, a full address including postcode must be provided.

Please complete Part B overleaf, <u>using a new form for each separate policy or paragraph</u> that you wish to comment on. Please identify which paragraph your comment relates to by completing the appropriate box.

For more information, or if you need assistance completing this form, please contact the Planning Policy Team by email at <u>planningpolicy@chichester.gov.uk</u> or telephone 01243 785166.

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Is this the official view of the organisation named above? Yes  $\checkmark$ 

No 🗌

<sup>1</sup> Where provided, we will use Agent's details as the primary contact.

# PART B

Please <u>use a new form for each representation</u> that you wish to make. Please note anonymous comments cannot be accepted. Any personal information provided will be processed by Chichester District Council in line with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018. More information is available

at: http://www.chichester.gov.uk/dataprotectionandfreedomofinformation.

To which part of the document does your representation relate?

Page/	Policy Reference:	S8
Paragraph Number:		

Do you support, object, or wish to comment on this policy or paragraph? (Please tick one answer)

Support

Object 🗸

Have Comments

Enter your full representation here giving details of your reasons for support/objection: See attached separate full representations.

Our client owns the former Tannery site on Westgate. The site is approximately 0.66 hectares and contains a former office of 14,000sq ft converted in the early 1970's from a closed tannery business together with five former dwellings constructed during the Edwardian period presumably as part of the tannery operation. These buildings front Westgate which is the public highway.

In preparing plans Paragraph 16 of the NPPF (2018) states that plans should:

- a) 'be prepared with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development;
- b) be prepared positively, in a way that is aspirational but deliverable;
- c) be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan makers and communities, local organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers and operators and statutory consultees;
- d) contain policies that are clearly written and unambiguous, so it is evident how a decision maker should react to development proposals;
- *e)* be accessible through the use of digital tools to assist public involvement and policy presentation; and
- *f)* serve a clear purpose, avoiding unnecessary duplication of policies that apply to a particular area (including policies in this Framework, where relevant).'

In order to be sound, paragraph 35 states that plans should be:

- a) 'Positively prepared providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- *b)* Justified an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;
- c) Effective deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on crossboundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and

d) Consistent with national policy – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in this Framework.'

We are concerned that as drafted the Local Plan is unsound for the reasons set out below.

We are concerned that these policies as drafted are overly rigorous and could prevent appropriate development from coming forward.

Policies S8 and DM9 contain a general presumption that employment sites will be retained. For the reasons set out above the Tannery is no longer suitable for employment and has been marketed unsuccessfully for a number of years. The plan needs to reflect this and the conclusions in the HELAA and the site should therefore be referred to in the plan as having potential for the delivery of approximately 30 units.

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

What improvements or changes would you suggest?

The plan needs to reflect the above and the conclusions in the HELAA and the site should therefore be referred to in the plan as having potential for the delivery of approximately 30 units.

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

#### Declaration

I understand that any comments submitted will be considered by Chichester District Council in line with this consultation and will be made publicly available on their website <u>www.chichester.gov.uk</u> and may be identifiable by my name or organisation, if provided.

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