

**Brighton & Hove City Council
Proposed Modifications to the Submitted City Plan Part One
Electronic Response Form**

Consultation Period: Tuesday 4th November until midnight on Tuesday 16th December 2014

The City Council is publishing for consultation post Submission proposed modifications to the City Plan Part One.

The City Plan Part One was submitted to Government in July 2013 and is currently under examination by an independent Planning Inspector appointed by the Government to consider the 'soundness' of the Plan. The Inspector held a series of hearing sessions in October 2013. In response to the Inspector's Initial Conclusions Letter the City Council is now proposing a number of changes or 'main modifications' to the submitted City Plan Part One to address her concerns.

We are only able to accept representations on these proposed modifications. Further guidance on completing this form can be downloaded at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/planning/local-development-framework/consultation

This form has two parts: Part A – Personal Details
 Part B – Your Representation(s).

Representations should only relate to the Proposed Modifications and not other parts of the City Plan.

Part A: Personal Contact Details

Please note that you must complete Part A as anonymous forms or those that do not contain an address cannot be accepted.

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Part B: Your Representation

Please answer the questions below and clearly explain your comments in the relevant sections. Use one form per representation / comment. You may use as many additional sheets as necessary.

(Please note that the text boxes below expand as you type)

Q1a. To which Proposed Modification does your comment relate? (Please enter one modification number)

Modification Number PM064

Q1b. To which policy / section of the plan does your comment relate?

Policy / Section SA4

Q2. Do you wish to support or object to this Proposed Modification? (Please tick one box)

Support ☐
Object ☒

Q3a. Do you consider this Proposed Modification Legally Compliant? (Please tick one box)

Yes ☒
No ☐

Q3b. Please use this space to explain your answer above. (Please be as precise as possible and refer to any supporting / background document as you see necessary).

CPRE Sussex welcomes and supports paragraph 3.154's recognition that much of the city's urban fringe meets the NPPF definition of existing open space and represents a significant proportion of the city's open space resource. We also welcome and support the recognition of the biodiversity importance of the urban fringe.

However, this paragraph should also recognise that much of the land within the defined urban fringe is also of high landscape sensitivity.

This is recognised in paragraph 7.29 of the Brighton & Hove Local Plan, which states in part, "Countryside areas outside the AONB in Brighton & Hove are felt to be of exceptional quality. It is therefore felt that such areas should be afforded similar protection to other areas of exceptional landscape value which are included in the formally designated AONB. These areas have already enjoyed similar protection for many years by virtue of the policies in previous local plans."

In addition to its inherent sensitivity, the urban fringe forms the setting of the South Downs National Park. Although the National Planning Policy Framework does not specifically protect the setting of National Parks, it is clear that landscape and scenic beauty of the National Park could be adversely affected by inappropriate development within its setting. This was recognised in paragraph 7.41 of the Brighton & Hove Local Plan and in a statement by the then Planning Minister, Nick Boles, in April 2014. The then Minister referred to the Planning Practice Guidance published in March 2014, which

explains the duty of local planning authorities to "have regard" to the purpose of national parks 'in exercising or performing any functions in relation to, or so as to affect, land' in national parks. The then Minister further explained that the guidance is clear that the duty is relevant in considering development proposals that are situated outside national parks, but which might have an impact on the setting of, and implementation of the statutory purposes of, these protected areas.

It is therefore very important that particular care is taken over the design of any development proposed within the urban fringe, so that potential adverse impacts on the quality of the urban fringe landscape and the National Park are avoided as far as possible, and mitigated as far as possible where adverse impacts are unavoidable and outweighed by any benefits of the development. The design of new development should particularly seek to avoid adverse impacts on the tranquillity of the National Park through light or noise pollution. Paragraph 3.154 should highlight this importance.

Q3c. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Proposed Modification legally compliant and give your reasons. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of the proposed modifications. (Please be as precise as possible).

Q4a. Do you consider this Proposed Modification is Sound? (Please tick one box)

Yes ☒ No ☐

Q4b. If you consider that the proposed modification is unsound, please identify which test of soundness your representation relates to by placing a cross by the appropriate box.

Please	Test of Soundness
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select	
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is <u>not positively prepared</u> in that it is not prepared on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is <u>not justified</u> in that it is not the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is <u>not effective</u> in that it is not deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross boundary strategic priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is not <u>consistent with national policy</u> .

Q4c. Please use this space to explain your answer to Q4a above (Please be as precise as possible).

Q4d. If you consider the Proposed Modification unsound, please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make it sound and give your reasons. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of the Proposed Modification. Please be as precise as possible.

Q5. The Sustainability Appraisal has been updated where appropriate to reflect the proposed modifications. Do you have any comments on this document?

Q6. Do you have any further comments to make?

If you have any further queries please contact us on 01273 292505 or via email ldf@brighton-hove.gov.uk .

Thank you for taking the time to complete your representation(s).