

# Response ID ANON-UDS3-QUG5-1

Submitted to **West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan Modifications - Representations Period**  
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## Consultation Response Survey

### Part A - Personal Information

#### A1 Personal Details

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**Job title (where relevant):**

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#### A2 Client Details if applicable

**Title:**

**First name:**

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**Job title (where relevant):**

**Organisation or affiliation (where relevant):**

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### Part B - Representation

**B1 Which proposed modifications to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan does this representation relate to?**

**Modification Number:**

MM41 Policy 7a

**B2 Do you consider the proposed modification to be: (tick as appropriate)**

**Legally compliant or sound? - B2.1 Legally compliant?:**

Yes

**Legally compliant or sound? - B2.2 Sound?:**

No

**B3 Do you consider the proposed modification to be unsound because it is not: (tick as appropriate)**

B3.2 Justified

**B4 If you consider the proposed modification to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan to be unsound and/or not legally compliant, please explain why in detail in the box below. Please be as precise as possible.**

**Reasons why plan is believed to be unsound and/or not legally compliant.:**

"The Plan should show how the policies and proposals help to ensure that the social, environmental, economic and resource sustainability objectives will be achieved."

We believe that the new wording offers less protection to the environment than the previous wording.

**B5 Please explain in the box below what change(s) you consider necessary to make the proposed modification legally compliant and/or sound. Please be as precise as possible.**

**Changes needed to make the Plan legally compliant and/or sound:**

Proposed wording "the site selected represents an acceptable environmental option in comparison to other deliverable alternative sites."

Balcombe Parish Council (BPC) consider this new wording to offer less protection to the environment and that the word "acceptable" is too subjective. BPC request the original statement "the lease sensitive, deliverable location" is reinstated.

**B6 Do you consider the proposed modification to be correctly classified as a "main" or "additional" modification?**

**Please explain your reasoning in the box below.:**

**B7 Do you consider it necessary to attend and give evidence at any future examination hearings regarding the proposed modifications to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan. (Tick as appropriate)**

No, I wish to communicate through written representations

**B8 If you wish to participate at any future hearings, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.**

**Reasons why respondent wishes to attend hearing sessions:**

**Would you like to make another representation?**

Yes

## **Part B - Representation**

**B1 Which proposed modification to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan does this representation relate to?**

**Modification Number:**

MM42 Policy M7b (a) (i), (c) and (d)

**B2 Do you consider the proposed modification to be (tick as appropriate)**

**Legally compliant or sound? - B2.1 Legally compliant?:**

Yes

**Legally compliant or sound? - B2.2 Sound?:**

No

**B3 Do you consider the proposed modification to be unsound because it is not: (tick as appropriate)**

B3.2 Justified

**B4 If you consider the proposed modification to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan to be unsound and/or not legally compliant, please explain why in detail in the box below. Please be as precise as possible.**

**Reasons why plan is believed to be unsound and/or not legally compliant.:**

The Plan should show how the policies and proposals help to ensure that the social, environmental, economic and resource sustainability objectives will be achieved.

See below

**B5 Please explain in the box below what change(s) you consider necessary to make the proposed modification legally compliant and/or sound. Please be as precise as possible.**

**Changes needed to make the Plan legally compliant and/or sound:**

MM42 Policy M7b (a) (i)

Balcombe Parish Council (BPC) considers it important that surface development is located outside areas designated "Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1" and "Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)." Therefore under (i) any surface development is located outside the following areas, items (iv). Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1 and, (v). Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) should be retained.

MM42Policy M7b (c) Activity beneath or proximate to designated areas

BPC welcome the clarification that this clause applies to "designated areas, assets and habitats" as well as the "special qualities of the South Down National Park etc," but do not consider the other changes in (c) provide sufficient environmental protection. Specifically BPC are concerned that the proposed wording "proposals for exploration, appraisal and production of oil and gas, involving hydraulic fracturing, will be permitted provided that there will be no unacceptable harm to these areas" implies that there could be "acceptable harm." BPC request the original wording that "special care will be taken to avoid harm" is retained. Furthermore, BPC request that the word "demonstrate" is also retained.

MM42 Policy M7b (d) Groundwater

BPC are pleased to see the additional protection in this section and request that Zone 1 should not be removed from protection.

**B6. Do you consider the proposed modifications to be correctly classified as a "main" or "additional" modification?**

**Please explain your reasoning in the box below.:**

**B7 Do you consider it necessary to attend and give evidence at any future public examination hearings regarding the proposed modifications to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan? (Tick as appropriate)**

No, I wish to communicate through written representations

**B8 If you wish to participate at any future hearings, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.**

**Reasons why respondent wishes to attend hearing sessions:**

**Would you like to make another representation?**

Yes

## **Part B - Representation**

**B1 Which proposed modifications to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan does this representation relate to?**

**Modification Number:**

MM43 Para 6.7.11

**B2 Do you consider the proposed modification to be: (tick as appropriate)**

**Legally compliant or sound? - B2.1 Legally compliant?:**

Yes

**Legally compliant or sound? - B2.2 Sound?:**

No

**B3 Do you consider the proposed modification to be unsound because it is not: (tick as appropriate)**

B3.2 Justified

**B4 If you consider the proposed modification to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan to be unsound and/or not legally compliant, please explain why in detail in the box below. Please be as precise as possible.**

**Reasons why plan is believed to be unsound and/or not legally compliant.:**

The Plan should show how the policies and proposals help to ensure that the social, environmental, economic and resource sustainability objectives will be achieved.

See below

**B5 Please explain in the box below what change(s) you consider necessary to make the proposed modification legally compliant and/or sound. Please be as precise as possible.**

**Changes needed to make the Plan legally compliant and/or sound:**

MM43 Para 6.7.11

Balcombe Parish Council (BPC) consider the wording "least sensitive location" is required in order to provide sufficient protection for the environment and that therefore this phrase should not be deleted..

**B6 Do you consider the proposed modification to be correctly classified as a "main" or "additional" modification?**

**Please explain your reasoning in the box below.:**

**B7 Do you consider it necessary to attend and give evidence at any future examination hearings regarding the proposed modifications to the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan. (Tick as appropriate)**

No, I wish to communicate through written representations

**B8 If you wish to participate at any future hearings, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.**

**Reasons why respondent wishes to attend hearing sessions:**

**Would you like to make another representation?**

No

## **Part C - About You (The Equality Act 2010)**

**Age**

Prefer not to say

### **More questions About You**

**Gender**

Prefer not to say

**Ethnic origin**

Prefer not to say

**Religion**

Not Answered

**Do you consider yourself to have a disability\*?**

Prefer not to say