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# Gosport Local Plan 2011-2029 Publication Version Response Form

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If you would like to discuss any element of the consultation documents further then please telephone:

Planning Policy **023 9254 5228**

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**All comments and completed forms should be returned by  
22nd September 2014**

Completed forms can be submitted here or emailed to [planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk) or by post to

Planning Policy Gosport Borough  
Council Town Hall  
High Street  
Gosport  
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PO12 1EB

If you would like to make another representation on the GBC Local Plan 2011 - 2029 Publication Version, please click the Save as button to save the current representation or Submit.

You may then use the Clear form button to start a new representation.



Paper copies of the [response form](#) are available from the Council's website, in the libraries and at the Town Hall (3rd floor reception)

Comments will be considered by an inspector approved by the Secretary of State who will hold an examination into the local plan in terms of its legal compliance and 'Soundness'.

Further information on these terms is contained in the [Council's Guidance Notes](#) for making representations. Comments should focus on matters of soundness. These are defined in the National Planning Policy Framework and are reproduced below.

**Positively prepared** - the plan should be prepared based 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;

**Justified** - the plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence;

**Effective** - the plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross boundary strategic priorities; and

**Consistent with National policy** - the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the Framework.

1. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Chapter	<input type="text"/>	Paragraph	<input type="text" value="12.76"/>	Policy	<input type="text" value="LP41 &amp; LP42"/>
Policies Map	<input type="text"/>				

If you would like to make further comments on the GBC Local Plan 2011 - 2029 Publication Version, please use a separate form for each representation you wish to make.

2. Please indicate under what grounds you wish to submit your representation

- 2a Support  
*(if you have entered Support, please continue to Q8.*
- 2b Not Legally Compliant
- 2c Not Sound

3. If you consider the Local Plan is not sound, please identify which tests of soundness your response relates?

- 3a Positively prepared
- 3b Justified
- 3c Effective
- 3d Consistent with National Policy

4. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or not sound?  
*(please be as precise as possible)*

5. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, with reference to the answer you have identified in Q3.  
You will need to say why this change will make the Local Plan sound.

6. If your representation is seeking a change, can your representation be considered by written representations or do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the Examination?
- No I do not wish to participate in the examination hearings
- Yes I do wish to participate in the examination hearings

7. If you wish to participate, please outline why you consider it necessary.  
*(please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination).*

8. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan please use the space below to provide detailed comments.

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There appears to be a good appreciation of the council's obligation to fulfil the Duty to Co-operate, as demonstrated in paragraph 5.11 Infrastructure Assessment Report, where the plan states *"An important aspect of delivering the necessary infrastructure at the right place at the right time will be through partnership working with other neighbouring local authorities and statutory infrastructure providers."*

Bearing in mind the recognition of this duty, we support the aims of Policy LP41: Green Infrastructure, where it recognises the requirement for both on and off-site provision of green infrastructure in relation to biodiversity enhancement and mitigation. Similarly, we note and support the aims of Policy LP42: Internationally and Nationally Important Habitats, particularly how 'in-combination' effects are accounted for.

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9. Do you wish to be notified at the address/email stated on page 1 of any of the following:
- please tick*
- a. That the Local Plan has been submitted for independent examination
- b. The Inspector's report has been published
- c. The adoption of the Local Plan

Thank you for filling in this form please return to Page 1 to Submit and/or make another representation

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### **REP3 – (IOW Council) Section 8 continued**

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Reference needs to be made of the fact that the "interim measures" are being taken forward under the Solent Recreational Mitigation Partnership (SRMP). The interim measures package is as follows:

- a team of rangers who will work on the ground to reduce disturbance by influencing the behaviour of visitors;
- initiatives to encourage responsible dog walking and steer encourage dog owners to go to less sensitive parts of the coast;
- a monitoring scheme to track the implementation of mitigation measures and to assess their effectiveness;
- a project officer who will coordinate and help implement the mitigation measures in this document, undertake monitoring and prepare the definitive mitigation strategy;
- a pilot project to test the effectiveness of providing alternative recreation opportunities.

The pilot project is the creation of the Alver Valley Country Park in Gosport Borough. It will include picnic areas, trails, footpaths, cycleways, bridleways and interpretative facilities together with a visitor centre. These facilities and the Park's location in close proximity to the coast and proposed residential development sites means it has the potential to act as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) and lessen pressure on the SPAs. How this facility is used by the public will inform the scope and extent of other such facilities as part of the longer term strategy to manage visitor pressures on the SPAs across the Solent.

We hope you find the comments helpful and constructive and please feel free to come back to me if you wish to discuss any of the above further.

Yours sincerely

**Ollie Boulter**

**Policy & Conservation Team Leader**