

Representation Form for Local Plans



Local Plan Publication Stage Representation Form

Ref:

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official
use only)

**Name of the Local Plan to which
this representation relates:**

Rugby Borough Council Proposed
Submission Local Plan

Please return to Rugby Borough Council by 5:00pm Friday 13th March 2026
**By email to: localplan@rugby.gov.uk by post to: Development Strategy, Town
Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR**

This form has two parts –

Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each
representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal
Details*

2. Agent's Details (if
applicable)

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below (if
applicable) but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.*

Title	Mr	
First Name	Sahul Hameed	
Last Name	Abdul Kapoor	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1		
Line 2		
Line 3		
Line 4		
Post Code		
Telephone Number		
E-mail Address (where relevant)		

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation:

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

Local Plan Paragraph	I	Local Plan Policy	Climate CL2 Renewable energy and low carbon technology	Policies Map	Yes
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Site ID

4. Do you consider the Local Plan:

(1) is Legally compliant

Yes

(2) is Sound

No

(3) complies with the Duty to co-operate

No

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

I am writing to formally object to the proposed wind turbine development near Houlton, Clifton-upon-Dunsmore due to concerns regarding its potential impact on local wildlife, particularly bird and bat populations associated with the Oxford Canal corridor.

The Oxford Canal is a well-established ecological corridor that supports a wide variety of wildlife. The canal and its surrounding habitats provide feeding, nesting, and movement routes for numerous bird species including swans, ducks, geese, herons, and other waterfowl. These species regularly travel between the canal and surrounding farmland and green spaces in and around Clifton-upon-Dunsmore.

The proposed location of the wind turbine appears to lie within or close to these natural flight paths. Large turbine blades present a known collision risk to birds and bats, particularly

where turbines are located close to waterways that function as wildlife corridors. This raises significant concern regarding the potential for harm to protected and locally important species.

Under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), planning decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural environment by protecting and enhancing biodiversity and preventing harm to protected species and habitats. Development proposals should avoid significant adverse impacts on biodiversity wherever possible.

Given the proximity of the proposed development to the Oxford Canal, it is essential that a comprehensive ecological assessment, including detailed bird and bat surveys across multiple seasons, is undertaken before any decision is made. Without such evidence, the potential environmental impact cannot be adequately assessed.

In addition, the Oxford Canal and its surrounding landscape form an important natural and recreational environment valued by residents and visitors. Introducing a large turbine structure in close proximity to this corridor may also negatively affect the character and tranquillity of the area.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be reconsidered and that the potential ecological impacts be given full and careful consideration in accordance with national and local planning policy.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Propose to cancel the planning proposal and find a another suitable location in Rugby.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

Please note: In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

8. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

9. If you have used AI to produce or substantially alter your representation, please declare which tool you have used, how it was used, and what checks you have undertaken to ensure the AI-produced material is accurate.

Baseline put together by myself and used AI help to gather detailed information. Checked A direct, straight-line (as-the-crow-flies) flight path from the Oxford Canal near Hillmorton Locks to the centre of the Houlton development in Rugby is approximately 1.5 to 2 kilometres to the southeast. Birds would likely cross over the Barby Road area and the fields surrounding the former Rugby Radio Station site.

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<https://www.rugby.gov.uk/w/privacy#development-strategy>

The Planning Inspectorate's privacy notice can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices>