

Representation Form for Local Plans



Local Plan Publication Stage Representation Form

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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	Paul	
Last Name	Barber	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1	[REDACTED]	
Line 2		
Line 3		
Line 4		
Post Code	[REDACTED]	
Telephone Number	[REDACTED]	
E-mail Address	[REDACTED]	

(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	2.5	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

No

(2) is Sound

(3) complies with the Duty to co-operate

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 provide comments on the above planning application. My response relates specifically to Section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which concerns conserving and enhancing the natural environment.

Section 15 of the NPPF states that planning decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and minimising impacts on

biodiversity.

The proposed turbine(s), due to their height and prominence, have the potential to significantly affect the character of the surrounding rural landscape. The planning authority should therefore carefully assess the visual and cumulative landscape impact of the development, particularly when viewed from nearby public rights of way, nearby residential Houlton properties , and locally valued viewpoints.

In addition, Section 15 emphasises the importance of protecting biodiversity. Wind turbines can present risks to bird and bat populations, and it is important that thorough ecological surveys and impact assessments are undertaken. Any decision should demonstrate that biodiversity impacts have been properly assessed and that appropriate mitigation measures are in place where necessary.

While renewable energy development plays an important role in addressing climate change and supporting national energy objectives, the NPPF makes clear that environmental protection remains a key consideration. Development should avoid significant harm to the natural environment wherever possible.

For these reasons, I ask that the local planning authority carefully consider whether the proposal fully complies with the environmental principles set out in Section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework before reaching a decision.

(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.

(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.

All representations received will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate alongside the Proposed Submission Local Plan and published on the council's website. Personal addresses and email addresses (as distinct from businesses addresses), but not names, will be redacted before representations are published.

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