Representation Form for Local Plans

	Local Plan Publication Stage Representation Form	**Ref:** **(For 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 with **Proposed Submission Consultation in the subject line, OR 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)
Title		Mr
First Name		Colin
Last Name		Batchelor
Job Title (where relevant)		[redacted]
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1		[redacted]
Line 2		[redacted]
Line 3		
Line 4		
Post Code		[redacted]
Telephone Number		[redacted]
E-mail Address		[redacted]

**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.*

(where relevant)

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each policy or site you wish to comment on

Name or Organisation:

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

Paragraph	?	Policy	Open Spaces	Policies Map	?
Site ID	Town Centre				

4. Do you consider the Local Plan:

(1) is Legally compliant	Yes	Yes	No	
(2) is Sound	Yes	Yes	No	
(3) complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes		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 do not believe that there is sufficient public green open space in the Town Centre.
I believe that Caldecott Park (pleasant as it is) is fine for the use of Town Hall staff and visitors but it is too far removed from the Town Centre to be of benefit to Town shoppers and retailers and indeed to visitors from 'out of town' who would be focussed on the area closer to Rugby School.

(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.

My proposal is for compulsory purchase of the land adjacent to Chapel Street (previous HQ of RELATE charity) to create a green public open space that would link Chapel Street to St Andrews Park and would also create a pleasant parkland space between The Merchants public house and the listed Old Vicarage building to the rear of St Andrews church which could serve as a vibrant tourist information centre. This extension to St Andrews Park would make the perfect setting for outdoor screenings of The Rugby World Cup and other sporting and cultural events and would create the perfect rendezvous location for International visitors to our Town.
I believe that the cost of acquiring this land and opening it up for the benefit of the people of Rugby and for International visitors is a price well worth paying and I encourage the Inspector to 'think big' regarding this matter for the greater good of us all.

(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)	Yes	**Yes**, I 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:

I would be happy to put my suggestion across to the hearing if given the opportunity to do so.

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.*

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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