

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.*

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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	5.7	Local Plan Policy	Environment EN3 Rainsbrook Valley landscape of elevated sensitivity	Policies Map	
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Site ID

4. Do you consider the Local Plan:

(1) is Legally compliant

Yes

(2) is Sound

Yes

(3) complies with the Duty to co-operate

Yes

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 very strongly support the following parts in policy EN3:

* part B. vi.-vii.:

"Protect, reinforce and where possible enhance the landscape character taking into consideration the following landscape factors:

[...]

vi. recreational value

vii. perceptual scenic and tranquility qualities"

* part E.:

"Protect and where possible enhance the natural heritage, connectivity and recreational value of Great Central Walk, the Oxford Canal, and the Public Rights of Way Network."

I believe that spending time in the Rainsbrook Valley landscape and natural environment has

a great potential for improving the quality of life of the local residents (for example, from Dunchurch, Ashlawn Road, and Hillmorton), including positive impacts on their physical and mental health, and on community cohesion. To ensure that those benefits are available to more local residents than currently, the connectivity and accessibility of the Public Rights of Way Network needs modest, but strategically placed, improvements. For example, there are no direct Public Rights of Way paths from the Rugby Diamond Jubilee Wood Country Park, and the Rainsbrook Cemetery and Crematorium, to the Oxford Canal, or to Dunchurch. Adding such new short links to the Public Rights of Way Network in the Rainsbrook Valley would substantially enhance the ability of several disjoint communities (Dunchurch, Ashlawn Gardens, Hillmorton) to interact more in the inspiring, tranquil, and scenic settings of the Rainsbrook Valley. Adding variety, options for short, intermediate, and longer circular routes, and avoiding the need to walk long distances along very busy roads with fast traffic (for example, Ashlawn Road) could open the recreational values of the Rainsbrook Valley to many more people than is the case today.

(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.

I propose adding the following sentence to paragraph F. of Policy EN3:

In particular, provide direct connections from the Rugby Diamond Jubilee Wood Country Park to the Public Rights of Way Network in the Rainsbrook Valley between Hillmorton, Barby, and Dunchurch.

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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)?

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 believe that, in the context of the Local Plan, many Rugby Borough residents are very much focused on (objections to) house and warehouse building, and too few dedicate much attention to improving public access to, and enjoyment of, the natural environment.

The Public Rights of Way Network is an organic product of centuries of evolution and ad hoc compromises. I believe that this venerable process has a blind spot of not taking advantage of opportunities to make minor additions to achieve major community benefits.

I would like to highlight this issue in my representation, and propose a two modest additions to the Rainsbrook Valley network that will significantly enhance the connectivity between several communities in Dunchurch, Ashlawn Gardens, Paddock, Hillmorton, and Barby.

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.

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