

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 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	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text" value="Maralyn"/>	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text" value="Pickup"/>	<input type="text"/>
Job Title (where relevant)	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text"/>
Organisation (where relevant)	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text"/>
Line 2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Line 3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Line 4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Post Code	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address (where relevant)	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text"/>

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		Local Plan Policy	Strategy S6 Residential allocations	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

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 object to allocating 250 houses to Lawford Field Farm in the Emerging Local Plan. This proposal is unreasonable, and is not consistent with National Planning Policy. Firstly, unreasonable. The Sustainability Report, commissioned by RBC by its own Consultants (Oct 2025), states that the inclusion of this site is unreasonable on two main grounds. It is not well connected to Long Lawford Village Centre, therefore not sustainable. Very importantly, it would cause harm to the Green Belt and lead to the coalescence of the built up areas of Long Lawford and Rugby Town. The Consultants concluded, 'there is no clear case for large scale growth of this nature in Long Lawford'. RBC appears to have gone against it's own Sustainability Report and voted to include this site, in January 2026.

The Government's Planning Policy is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, which states that Green Belt boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances

are fully evidenced and justified. RBC has now differentiated Green and Grey belt, in line with the December 2024 revised National Planning Policy. Site 253 is not low quality Green Belt, suitable for housing as described in the revised NPPF, but the highest category of Green Belt to be protected. RBC has stated that it is reasonable to include this site for allocation to its housing numbers, but have failed to justify its inclusion. Government Guidance reinforces that Green Belt protections should primarily focus on towns and cities, of which this is a prime example. To prevent the sprawl of Rugby.

Therefore there is no case for allocating Lawfields Farm for housing and would indeed be an egregious mistake, threatening the core purpose of the Green Belt and undervaluing Rugby Borough's Environmental Policies as set out in the Emerging Local Plan

(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.

Remove site 253 from the Local Plan

(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)?

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.

No

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