

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	Steve	
Last Name	Turner	
Job Title (where relevant)	Chairman	
Organisation (where relevant)	Rugby and District Badminton Association	
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		Local Plan Policy	Wellbeing W2 Open space and sports provision	Policies Map	No
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Site ID

4. Do you consider the Local Plan:

(1) is Legally compliant

(2) is Sound

(3) complies with the Duty to co-operate

No
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.

The local plan looks to increase the housing capacity within the borough by a significant amount, and therefore increase the population substantially.

Within Rugby's Badminton community we have seen a sharp increase in demand for both junior and adult Badminton provision with the larger housing developments that have been built over the last 5 years (Houlton, Coton Park, Eden Park, Technology Drive, etc).

As an example we have 3 junior Badminton clubs in Rugby which accommodate approximately 150 children over 8 sessions per week. With current demand, we have around 90 children waiting for places. Therefore, we need to effectively double our current provision to accommodate current demand and future growth - requiring an additional 8-10 hours of sports hall time. This is simply not possible with the amount of available facilities in Rugby.

A competitive adult Badminton club requires the use of a whole sports hall (4 badminton courts) for 4-5 hours per week (2-2.5 hour club night + 2-2.5 hour home match night) - social clubs require a hall for 2 hours per week.

We have 4 large competitive adult Badminton Clubs in Rugby, with 2 social Badminton clubs, serving approximately 175 adult players over 23 hours of sports hall time per week. Some of the clubs are operating well beyond typical capacity. We foresee that the RDBA will need to facilitate the launch of another 2 adult clubs to meet demand over the next 5 years - requiring an additional 8 hours minimum of sports hall time per week.

The current facilities in use (typically schools and colleges) are either saturated with bookings from Badminton clubs or other sports/community groups, or in a poor state of repair and unusable due to underinvestment. We have provided a full report to the Sports and Leisure Officer to this effect.

The local plan does not address the lack of good quality indoor sports provision in Rugby.

(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.

The local plan presents the opportunity to build new school/multipurpose sports facilities in Rugby, and invest in the existing school facilities, but unfortunately this is not mentioned in the local plan document - only outdoor spaces are explicitly mentioned. This is desperately needed both for educational purposes, but also for community lettings.

We also believe there is room for a dedicated racquet sports facility in Rugby, offering court space for squash, pickle ball, padel, and Badminton. This would see interest from Badminton England and other regional and national bodies due to central location.

(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.

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