



Crawley Local Plan

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Crawley Submission draft Local Plan Representation

Please return your completed representation form to Crawley Borough Council.

Representations can be made via this form and emailed to strategic.planning@crawley.gov.uk or sent via post to: Local Plan Consultation, Strategic Planning, Crawley Borough Council, Town Hall, The Boulevard, Crawley, RH10 1UZ. Alternatively, representations can be made online using the [eform](#) which allows attachments of documents.

This form has two parts:

PART A – Personal details

By law, representations cannot be made anonymously. All representations will be published alongside your name, company name (if applicable), and your client’s name/company (if applicable). The Council will use the information you submit to assist with formulating planning policy.

Further information about Data Protection Rights in line with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018, for example, how to contact the Data Protection Officer, how long information is held or how we process your personal information can be found at www.crawley.gov.uk/privacy. Specific reference to the Local Plan and planning policy related public consultation can be found [here](#).

PART B – Your representation

Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make. You may submit multiple “PART B” sections with a single “PART A” completed.

PART A – Personal details

Please ensure that you complete all fields in 1. If a planning agent is appointed, please enter the Title, Name and Organisation in 1, and complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

	1. Personal details	2. Agent’s details
Title:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First name:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Surname:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Organisation:	<input type="text" value="Resident 37"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address line 1:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Address line 2:

Town/city:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

PART B – Your representation

3. Please tick the document that you would like to make a representation on:

- Crawley submission Local Plan
- Crawley submission Local Plan Map
- Crawley submission Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Report

4. Which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate to?

Paragraph:

Policy:

Other:

5. Do you consider the Local Plan to be: *(Please tick)*

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| 5.1. Legally compliant? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.2. Sound? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.3. Compliant with the duty to co-operate? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

6. Please give details explaining your response to 5.1, 5.2, or 5.3 below. Please be as clear as possible.

I object to this policy in every respect. I am 100% against the development of the land covered by this policy for the purposes described for a number of reasons. 1. Traffic on the Balcombe Road. The only apparent road access to the site appears to be from the Balcombe Road itself. There is no direct access to the M23 or the airport extension road. The Balcombe Road is already extremely busy at peak hours and would be heavily overloaded should this development take place. Even Reigate and Banstead Council when proposing their business park on the other side of the Balcombe Road recognised this fact and limited access onto the Balcombe Road to "local traffic". 2. Lack of need for the development. The Government say there are more people in employment than ever before. Unemployment is extremely low and mostly in more disadvantaged parts of the country. Indeed we have a labour shortage. So the contention that huge amounts of employment are required locally is nonsense. No doubt you have a consultants' report justifying the allocation, but that is meaningless because consultants will say whatever you want them to. You only have to look at the uses on Manor Royal to see how the demand for industrial development has declined, so what can be the justification for allocating a whole new site for it now. If there is insufficient local employment, why is the council giving permission for more and more houses, including allowing the demolition of office blocks in the town centre to be replaced by flats? Building this development will only increase the demand for more housing. 3. There is mention of the proposed business park at Bayhorne Farm north of the airport approach road. This was included in the latest Reigate and Banstead Local Plan. However, this was a total failure. The partnership set up to develop the site is now moribund and there appears to be no interest by anyone in developing it. So all references to the business park are irrelevant. 4. The site of EC4 is currently safeguarded land for the expansion of Gatwick Airport. Indeed at the Reigate and Banstead Local Plan inquiry in 2018, Crawley Council argued that they were unable to provide sufficient employment land within Crawley because this land was safeguarded. Gatwick Airport are themselves doing a consultation about the expansion of the airport, which actually envisages the use of this land for airport purposes. So what the hell is going on? 5.

The site of EC4 has been in the ownership of developers for many years and they have been campaigning for its reallocation for a long time. They even had the cheek to make a pitch for its development at the Reigate and Banstead Local Plan inquiry when we were discussing the business park. It would be nice to think that no one in the council has any connection with the developers, even via pressure groups like the Gatwick Diamond, but I suppose that it just being naive. 6. I note the utter cynicism of the council in allocating a site for unpopular development right up against their boundary with a neighbouring borough, leaving much of the detriment to be borne by people who do not elect them. I know that Reigate and Banstead did exactly the same thing with the business park, but that's not the fault of the poor sods who live here and have to put up with all the crap that you people throw at us. Just because we live near an airport and out with all the noise and disturbance from that, it doesn't mean that we lose all right to any consideration about the effect on our lives.

If required, please continue your response on an additional piece of paper and securely attach it to this response

7. **Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to resolve the issues you have identified above. You need to state why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It would be helpful if you are able to suggest how the wording of any policy or text should be revised. Please be as clear as possible. Any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination.**

Policy EC4 should be deleted.

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*Your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations. **After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues s/he identifies for examination.***

8. **If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate in the public examination hearings? (Please tick)**

No, I do not wish to participate in the examination hearings

Yes, I wish to participate in the examination hearings

9. **If you wish to participate in the public examination hearings, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:**

The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the public examination.

If you would like to make a representation on another policy or part of the Local Plan then please complete a separate PART B section of the form or securely attach an additional piece of paper. Copies of the representation form can also be downloaded from the council's website at: www.crawley.gov.uk/localplanreview

Signature

[Redacted Signature]

Date

17/05/2023

