



Appendix C: Summary of Representations made on the focussed consultation of the Cowfold Neighbourhood Development Plan (CNDP) regarding water neutrality.

1. This document provides a summary of the representations submitted for the focussed consultation CNDP held between **2 September 2024 to 14 October 2024** regarding the introduction of water neutrality measures to the Cowfold Neighbourhood Development Plan (CNDP) to ensure the Cowfold Neighbourhood Plan is compliant with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).
2. Set out below is a summary of the issues raised in the representations.

Ref Number	Full Name	Policy	Support/Objection /Comment	Summary of Comments	Response
COW1	Surrey County Council	General/Water Neutrality	n/a	No Comments to raise	No further action required.
COW2	Nexus Planning on behalf of Devine Homes	Water Neutrality Policy 17 and Policy 12 (Potters to reflect policy 17)	Comments	Representation on behalf of Devine Homes confirm proposal will be compliant with the proposed water efficiency measures and the proposed offsetting scheme will ensure the proposal for 35 residential dwellings will remain deliverable.	Noted. No further action required.
COW3	Environment Agency	Water Neutrality & alignment with Strategic Policy 9	Support	Support of the policy and other areas also proposing the same strategic solution regarding water neutrality.	No further action required.

COW4	Historic England	n/a	Comment	General advice and guidance for the development of the neighbourhood plan with regard to the historic environment and area's heritage assets	No further action required.
COW5	National Highways	n/a	n/a	No Comments to raise	No further action required.
COW6	Smethurst, Meera	n/a	Comments	Need for houses acknowledged but cannot guarantee that the proposed limited use of water will not be exceeded as households expand. It cannot be certain the impacts on the Arun Valley site will not be significant. Representation questions how can the water saving measures be monitored.	Extensive evidence has been produced by three authorities on a strategic water solution. Part C provide the evidence to support offsetting and set a framework for increased water efficiencies in new development. No further action required.
COW7	West Sussex County Council	n/a	Comment	No Comments to Raise	No further action required.
COW8	Natural England	General	No comment on Water Neutrality Policy or HRA.	Standing Advice Given on Biodiversity, habitats, protected landscapes and green infrastructure provision.	No further action required.
COW9	Southern Water	Southern Water	General	Support with modifications	Suggested amendments reflect the fact that Sussex North WRZ is not wholly supplied by groundwater (it is also supplied by surface water abstracted from two separate

					<p>locations). For clarification.</p> <p>Current Wording 7.2 Horsham District lies within the Sussex North Water Resource Zone (WRZ). This WRZ is supplied from groundwater abstraction, from the Folkestone bed of the Lower Greensand/Wealden Greensand semi-confined aquifer, on the River Arun, close to Pulborough.</p> <p>Recommendation 7.2 Horsham District lies within the Sussex North Water Resource Zone (WRZ). This WRZ is partly supplied from groundwater abstraction, from the Folkestone bed of the Lower Greensand/Wealden Greensand semi-confined aquifer, on</p>
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					the River Arun, close to Pulborough.
COW10	The Hunter Group / ECE Planning	General comment on the plan.	Comments/Object	The plan considered to be out of date and will be out of date upon adoption and fails to allocate any housing beyond that which is contained in the emerging Local plan, or already has planning permission. Presents alternative sites which will look to address local need.	The Cowfold Neighbourhood Plan examination was held in 2021. The Examiner found the plan met the Basic Conditions. The only outstanding issue to address was water neutrality. Further assessment work has been completed to ensure the plan meets the habitat regulations. The focussed consultation invited comments on to Policy 10, 11, 12 and 14 and the introduction of Policy 16 to ensure compliance with the Habitat Regulations 2017 (as amended)
COW11	Reside Developments Ltd	Criteria ii) of Aim 2 & Policy 9 & Paragraph 6.5 no.1	Support with Modifications & Support with Modifications & Comments	Criteria ii) of Aim 2 Sustainable development states it supports development that is ideally within 500m of facilities, this should be changed to up to 2km to ensure it accords and is consistent with national guidance. Policy 9 needs to be updated to include schemes acceptable even if adjacent to BUAB to meet Horsham's FAD criteria where council cannot demonstrate a 5YHLS..	AIMs are community aspirations and have a non-statutory role in neighbourhood planning. The Cowfold Neighbourhood Plan examination was held in 2021. The Examiner found the plan met the

				<p>Paragraph 6.5 No.1 of the objectives referring to 'maintain and grow the sense of community' these should be 2 different objectives – minimum is to maintain the sense of community with objective to grow it.</p>	<p>Basic Conditions. The only outstanding issue to address was water neutrality. Further assessment work has been completed to ensure the plan meets the habitat regulations. The focussed consultation invited comments on to Policy 10, 11, 12 and 14 and the introduction of Policy 16 to ensure compliance with the Habitat Regulations 2017 (as amended)</p>
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