

Submission NEBD31 Mr Adrian Thorne, Residents Against Ramslye Development

1) Please confirm the evidence base document this comment relates to.

PS_107 Action Note for Action Point 30 regarding the Local Plan and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Positions (June 2024)

To which part of the document listed in the question 1 above does this representation relate to?

2) Chapter and (if applicable) sub heading:

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3) Paragraph number or appendix:

4) Do you consider the evidence base document on which you are commenting, makes the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) (please tick or cross as appropriate):

Yes No

Legally Compliant Not Selected Not Selected

Sound Not Selected Selected

5) Please give details of why you consider the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) is not legally compliant or unsound. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan, please also use this box to set out your comments. The text box will automatically expand if necessary.

Residents against Ramslye Development (RARD) is a group of local residents. We believe that the change in the plan to incorporate a five year review raises questions as to the sustainability of the plan with regards to Green Belt land. NPPF requires that Green Belt land be protected unless there are exceptional circumstances, and the proposed plan is to release several large areas from the Green Belt, including site AL/RTW16 which is of particular concern to us. The plan can use the proposed review period to strengthen protection for green belt areas.

6) Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the Matter you have identified in question 5 above where this relates to legal compliance or soundness. You will need to say why this 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 text box will automatically expand if necessary.

We believe these green belt developments (inc AL/RTW16) should now only be considered after the 5 year review has taken place and the council is able to take account of the new policy that is coming in from a new government, giving the council the opportunity to make the case against NPPF requirement 144b. Non-green belt land being used in the earlier part of the plan which will not impact upon delivering housing supply.

8) If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the examination hearing session when it takes place? (please tick or cross as appropriate)

No, I do not wish to participate at the examination hearing session