

## Section B: Your Representation

Please complete a separate sheet for each representation that you wish to make. You must complete 'Part A – Personal Details' for your representation to be accepted.

Representations cannot be treated as confidential and will be published on our Consultation Portal. Any representations that are considered libelous, racist, abusive or offensive will not be accepted. All representations made will only be attributed to your name. We will not publish any contact details, signatures or other sensitive information.

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**Question 1: Which Main Modification and/or supporting document does your representation relate to?**

Each Main Modification within the Schedule has a reference number. This can be found in the first column i.e. MM1, MM2

Any representations on a supporting document should clearly state which paragraphs of the document it relates to and, as far as possible, your comments should be linked to specific Main Modifications. You should avoid lengthy comments on the supporting documents themselves.

Representations on the Policies Map must be linked to specific modifications in that they reflect a change required as a result of a Main Modification.

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| Schedule of Potential Main Modifications   | MM no.         | 1;2;5;81;107/8;78 |
| Sustainability Appraisal                   | para(s)        |                   |
| Habitat Regulations Assessment             | para(s)        |                   |
| Policies Map or other supporting documents | Please specify |                   |

**Question 2: Do you consider this Main Modification and/or supporting document:**

Legally Compliant?

YES

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NO

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Sound?

YES

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NO

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**Question 3: If you consider the Main Modification and/or supporting document unsound, please indicate which of the soundness test(s) does it fail (please mark all that apply):**

Not positively prepared

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Not justified

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Not effective

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Not consistent with national planning policy

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**Question 4: Please provide details of either:**

- **Why you consider the Main Modification and/or supporting document to be sound or legally compliant; or**
- **Why you consider the Main Modification and/or supporting document to be unsound or is not legally compliant.**

**MM2- Strategic Aims and Objectives;** the council's insistence on preserving with the Blackmore sites R25/26 ignores issues that have still failed to be addressed.

Namely the **negative impact** on the **Village Character**, the **detrimental impact** on the **health of the local community**.

**Future proofing against the climate change** hardly seems compatible with releasing land within the green belt and the increase in traffic movement in and around the village.

There is limited and infrequent public transport being a remote village to the north of the district. Encouraging the use of motor vehicles is **inconsistent with a meaningful sustainability objective?**

**MM2 Chapter 3.13;** You make reference to "healthy communities" by creating a balance of employment opportunities...with the necessary facilities and services to sustain healthy and active communities". How have you demonstrated your commitment to this objective no provision has been made to ensure the health of the community?

**No additional job opportunities will be created in Blackmore**

**No additional facilities have been created in Blackmore**

**No additional services have been created in Blackmore**

**MM5 Settlement Hierarchy;** You state a key consideration was the vitality of rural villages and ensuring they grow and thrive. It is unrealistic to allow rural villages to grow when the facilities do not match the needs of a growing population. The pressure on existing facilities is not consistent with ensuring the health of small rural communities.

**MM78 Strategic Policy NE08: Flood Risk**

The current and ongoing situation of flooding on the roads in and around Blackmore seems to be ignored despite it being a regular occurrence.

The LDP is unsound as it fails to acknowledge the impact on the community of the increase risk of **floodings** by the **reduction of green fields** with **absorbs the surface water**. This will result in continual flooding down Red Rose Lane and at the junction of Chelmsford Road by the duck pond.

**MM81 – Green Belt**

**Releasing Green Belt – Exceptional Circumstances not demonstrated**

I do not believe that the authority has exhausted all other reasonable options for meeting its identified need for development.

The authority has not demonstrated a pressing housing need in Blackmore especially at the levels suggested at the sites R25/R26

The release is not a sustainable option as the settlement does not have a good range of services and facilities and is not well served by sustainable travel modes ie railway station or regular public transport