



**Storrington, Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood
Plan Examination.**

**Statement by Horsham District Council on Behalf of
Storrington, Sullington Parish and Washington Parish in
response to the Further Initial Comments of the
Independent Examiner.**

Question 12.

31 August 2018

1.0 Introduction

'I would welcome comments as to whether the "Paula Rosa" site should still be a plan allocation now that planning permission has been granted and importantly, construction is well underway. Would it be better to note the site as a commitment rather than a plan proposal?'

- 1.1 Storrington and Sullington Parish Council, Washington Parish Council and Horsham District Council have had the opportunity to meet and discuss this question. In light of this meeting, a response has been prepared by Horsham District Council on behalf of the qualifying body for relevant sections of the question, and the QB have agreed this response.

2.0 Response

- 2.1 Storrington and Sullington Parish came together with Washington Parish for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and was formally designated a Neighbourhood Plan area in December 2013. Land at Robell Way (Paula Rosa) was proposed as an allocation in an earlier iteration of the Storrington, Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan. Land at Robell Way was designated for employment use with the Steering Group actively looked for an alternative location but could not find an viable solution.
- 2.2 Given the long gestation of the latest SSWNP, the redevelopment of Land at Robell Way has overtaken the plan-making process. Planning permission was granted on the 15 December 2016 at Land at Robell Way (Ref: DC/15/2788) for the demolition of the existing commercial buildings on site and the erection of 98 dwellings with associated amenity space and parking.
- 2.3 Redevelopment of the site is well underway with a significant proportion of the site now completed. The implementation of Land at Robell Way has therefore overtaken the emerging Storrington, Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan given the long gestation of the plan and the further technical requirements placed on the steering group in order to produce a plan. Taking this background into account it is agreed that the allocation of Land at Robell Way (Paula Rosa) should now be a commitment.
- 2.4 It is however considered that the provision of the 98 units at Robell Way should be recorded as part of the contribution towards the local housing requirement identified for the neighbourhood plan area as set out in the Housing Alignment Paper.