

Exeter Plan 2021-2041

Publication Stage (Regulation 19)

Representation Form

Ref:

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use only)**

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates: Exeter Plan 2021-2041

Please return to Exeter City Council, Local Plans Team, Paris Street, Exeter, EX1 1JN, upload onto our consultation portal at <https://exeterplanpublication.commonplace.is/> or email to planning.policy@exeter.gov.uk by **11:59 pm** on **6 February 2025**.

This form has two parts:

Part A – Personal Details: Needs to be completed only once.

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A: Personal details

1. Personal details*

*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation (if application) boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in section 2.

Title	Ms
First Name	Helene
Last Name	Jessop
Job Title (where relevant)	Conservation Officer
Organisation (where relevant)	RSPB
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Line 2	Southernhay West
Line 3	Exeter
Line 4	Devon

Post Code

EX1 1TS

Telephone number

E-mail address

2. Agent's details if applicable

Title

First Name

Last Name

Job Title (where relevant)

Organisation (where relevant)

Address Line 1

Line 2

Line 3

Line 4

Post Code

Telephone number

E-mail address

Part B – Representation

Please use a separate sheet for each representation

3. To which part of the Exeter Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph

Policy

Policies Map

4. Do you consider that this part of the Exeter Plan is legally compliant?

Yes

No

4 (a). If yes, and you wish to support the legal compliance of this part of the Exeter Plan, please use this box to set out your comments.
(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

4 (b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Exeter Plan is not legally compliant. Please be as precise as possible.
(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

4 (c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Exeter Plan legally compliant, in respect of any legal compliance matters you have identified at 4(b) above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the Exeter Plan legally compliant. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.
(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

5. Do you consider that this part of the Exeter Plan is Sound?

Yes

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No

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5 (a). If yes, and you wish to support the soundness of this part of the Exeter Plan, please use this box to set out your comments.

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

5 (b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Exeter Plan is unsound. Please be as precise as possible.

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

While RSPB supports the policy intent to protect the existing Valley Parks, including their roles as SANG, we are concerned that the existing Valley Parks (as SANG) may not be sufficient to mitigate for the expected increase in the residential population. Work by Devon Wildlife Consultants in 2023 concluded that 6 of the Valley Parks could be enhanced and managed to provide SANG mitigation for c5,570 new residents. However, the new Exeter Plan proposes delivery of at least 642 new homes annually between 2021 and 2041 (a total of 12,840 homes, most of which can be expected to house more than 1 resident). Thus the required level of SANG cannot be delivered solely via enhancements to the existing Valley Parks and additional measures may be necessary to ensure the protection of the Exe Estuary SPA/Ramsar and East Devon Heaths SPA/SAC from the expected increase in recreational use. The RSPB considers that improved and new Green Infrastructure, including Valley Parks, and other mitigation measures need to be phased and delivered ahead of occupation of new residential development so that (a) existing residents using the existing GI and Valley Parks are not 'displaced' to the habitats sites as a consequence of any 'over-crowding' from new residents' usage and (b) new residents find enough attractive and local SANG 'ready to use' for their daily recreational use on first occupation of new homes.

5 (c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Exeter Plan sound, in respect of any soundness matters you have identified at 5(b) above.

You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the Exeter Plan sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

The RSPB recommends that the Policy includes a commitment to monitor usage and plan and provide additional SANG (via further enhanced or new Valley Parks) as necessary.

6. Do you consider that this part of the Exeter Plan complies with the Duty to Co-operate?

Yes ☐

No ☐

6 (a). If yes, and you wish to support this part of the Exeter Plan's compliance with the duty to co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.
(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

6 (b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Exeter Plan fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.
(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination.

7. If you would like to make representations on the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) please provide your comments here, stating to which part of the SA your comments relate.
(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

8. If you would like to make representations on the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) please provide your comments here, stating to which part of the HRA your comments relate.
(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please note In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

9. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

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Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

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Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

10. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:
(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

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