
SITE SLAA0622 LOCAL PLAN

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To all whom it may concern:

Please may I raise one or two issues concerning this site with reference to the Focused consultation (Regulation 18) September 2025 and the corresponding Strategic Land Availability Assessment.

This site is within the Kent Downs AONB, the Barham conservation area and is also under a countryside stewardship agreement. Under these conditions it should surely not be identified as 'suitable, available and achievable for the land use proposed' which is residential dwellings.

It appears that every other plot of land suggested in Barham has been designated as 'unavailable'. SLAA169, SLAA199, SLAA224, SSLA251 and SLAA274 all lie within the bounds of the same ANOB and the Barham conservation area.

Two of these plots, SLAA251 and SLAA274 are so very similar to SLAA062 yet have been rejected although they also are agricultural land abutting the Nailbourne. Furthermore the properties opposite SLAA062 lie within a flood zone, whereas properties opposite SLAA 251 and SLAA274 are not in a flood zone. This seems to be a significant discrepancy and I would like to request that SLAA062 also be removed from the local plan as are the other sites.

The site SLAA062 slopes down towards the Nailbourne and additional run off will raise the groundwater. The development at Barham Farm (SLAA034) already taking place is likely to cause an increase in the water table downslope in the flood zone SLAA062.

Apart from the increased risk of flooding we are also be aware that a Chalk stream like the Nailbourne is recognised as 'special' and its ecology will inevitably be affected by additional groundwater resulting from development. I believe that English Heritage have already recognised the significance of the site and have made payments under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme.

Bearing in mind these factors, I would request that SLAA062 should be afforded a similar status as the other sites adjoining the Nailbourne and be removed from the plan.

Yours truly,
Peter J Wright