

## Regulation 16 Consultation on the Submitted Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan RESPONSE FORM

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Malvern Town Council has submitted the draft Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan to Malvern Hills District Council. In accordance with Regulation 16, Malvern Hills District Council would like to invite comments from organisations and individuals on the Neighbourhood Plan.

This consultation runs for six weeks from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November to 5:00pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

If you wish to comment on the draft Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan **please complete and return this form no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to:**

**Email:** [policy.plans@malvern hills.gov.uk](mailto:policy.plans@malvern hills.gov.uk) , or by

**Post:** Planning Policy, Malvern Hills District Council, Planning Services, The Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3AF.

The personal information you provide on this form will be held and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

Please note that your name and comments will be made publicly available when displaying the outcome of this consultation and cannot be treated as confidential. Any other details, including signatures, private telephone numbers and email addresses will not be published on the Council's website, but the original representations with personal details redacted will be published. Your details will be retained in order for us to validate your comments. We will use these details to notify you of the progress on the Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan. If you do not wish to be notified of the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan please let us know by ticking the appropriate box at the end of this response form.

Please fill in your details in the boxes below:

Full Name: Margaret Vipond

Organisation (if applicable):

I am a member of Pickersleigh Residents Group  
and also Malvern Naturalists' Field Club (Est 1852).

Address (including postcode):

Telephone number:

Email address:

Please state which part of the draft Neighbourhood Plan (i.e. which section, objective or policy) your representation refers to (please use a separate form for each representation):

Proposed Neighbourhood Green Space at Hayslan Fields Malvern

Please use the space below to make comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

These are my thoughts for the assessment team who plan to evaluate Hayslan Fields.

Please may I present you with 2 images (see below)



**Image 1. Hayslan Field 1976. - (Landscape painting made by myself in 1976)**

The painting was made on a school day morning in 1976, (au-plein-air style) on a site which was beautiful, serene and full of wildlife. From 3.30pm onwards, local mothers would meet their children from the nearby Grove School, and meet other families to enjoy a picnic on the soft meadow grass. Free from the technical devices of today, the children would play games of cricket or football or hide and seek in the trees and hedgerows, or go bird, butterfly or wild flower spotting. It was a welcoming meeting place with the glorious hills as a backdrop. The hills and the fields are still there, but the possibility of enjoying this environment in this way is no longer easy. What has happened to this special environment?



**Image 2. Hayslan Field 2018. - (Photograph taken by myself in 2018)**

As can be seen, it looks like an attempt has been made to sabotage this field over the last 2 decades to try make it unusable to the local community - except for the narrow footpaths crossing through between the town, schools, shops and houses.

In the late nineties I observed the field being successively ploughed with deep furrows and then planted with dense maize crops through which weeds flourished as if on a waste site. The crops were not gathered in but left to rot.

This systematic ploughing has made it impossible to use these parts of the field for leisure pursuits. It is also unsightly - but I reason it has been left this way by the owners to make it look redundant, so developers can present it as waste land when it is being assessed for future use.

As the photo shows, it looks neglected, and cannot be safely traversed, without a sprained ankle, due to the treacherous, deep furrows which have been there for years.

### **Summary**

These fields are the only flat remnant of old Malvern in this vicinity, and as a resident here for 50 years, I have seen this area become more and more densely populated.

The present townsfolk need this green lung, the children need it, the elderly need the flat surfaces, and the centuries-old seeds in this rich old pasture land (beneath the present surface) is an oasis for our diminishing species of wildlife. It would not take much to reverse it's current state.

I urge planners to preserve this green space for our future generations and for the preservation of our precious, natural environment.

Please use a separate form for each representation.

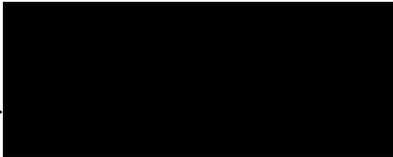
**Future Notification**

Please state whether you would like to be notified of the decision on the Neighbourhood Plan proposal:

**Yes**

No

**Signature ...**



**Date ...20/12/2018.....**

Thank you for completing this form