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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):

Consultation Statement

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

I would like to comment on the way that the Chair of the Steering Group was scrupulous in ensuring that she used residents without conflicts of interest when preparing parts of the plan. An example of this is when a walkabout to document features of the village was done, no one documented the part of the village where they lived.

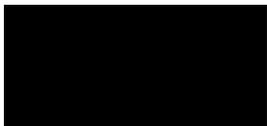
A lot of work was also put into engagement and the results of this is evidenced by the high response rate to the village survey

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Planning Policy Context

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I would like to support the planned housing site in the NDP and also offer the following comments:

There is a vocal minority within the village who, through a Facebook page, are opposing development. This group is opposed to all development in the village and, as far as I can tell, does not comment on a preferred site.

Although I understand why, I am disappointed that the current consultation process does not highlight that housing allocation will happen anyway and that the plan is a way of giving the village a say. This final part of the consultation process, in a pandemic, reduces the ability of the village to make this clear to residents. The plan and the consultation text on the Malvern Hills website is complex and not user friendly.

The request to use a separate form for each representation seems onerous.

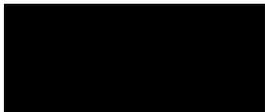
The letter I received highlights a site allocation without making it clear that housing will be allocated to the village, regardless of the plan. I think that people will just read that as a headline and not bother so much about the rest.

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Natural environment

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

The policies under this section are particularly important. During this pandemic, there has been an increase in people using the footpaths and enjoying the views and green spaces (personal observation). Much has been in the press concerning the relevance of our environment to our physical and mental health.

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Transport and infrastructure

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

Since the plan was drafted, much has changed. During the first lockdown when there was much less traffic, there was a massive increase in the numbers of cyclists in Hallow. This was the only time that I have seen families with young children on our roads which would seem to suggest that if you make cycling feel safe, people will cycle.

The provision of a safe cycle route into Worcester would help with this and help to reduce local car usage.

The pandemic should make us re-evaluate the importance of many things including transport and infrastructure.

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