

## Regulation 16 Consultation on the Submitted Leigh and Bransford Neighbourhood Plan RESPONSE FORM

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Leigh and Bransford Parish Council has submitted the draft Leigh and Bransford 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 8<sup>th</sup> April to 5:00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

If you wish to comment on the draft Leigh and Bransford Neighbourhood Plan **please complete and return this form no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 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.

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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 Any other details, including signatures, private telephone numbers and email addresses will not be published on the Council's website, but the original representations with personal details redacted will be published.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 Leigh and Bransford 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:

Organisation (if applicable): Sport England

Address (including postcode): SportPark, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough, LE11 3QF

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):

Policy LB/H/6 : Housing : Site allocation

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

Sport England supports in principle the proposal within the housing allocation for the provision of a significant area of land within the site for sport and recreation use, including the provision of new playing field. In para 5.1.17 reference is made to the evidence set out in the Malvern Hills Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Assessment report, and the associated Strategy and Action (completed Dec 2021). The assessment and strategy were prepared in line with Sport England’s methodology and guidance to assess the demand and supply of pitches and other outdoor sports facilities, in accordance with para 98 of the NPPF.

Leigh and Bransford Badgers FC currently play across several sites including Ralphs Field, however there is currently a lack of security of tenure at this site which is referenced in the Playing Pitch Strategy. There is also reference to the existing ancillary facilities being poor quality. The documents reference the club’s aspiration for exploring options to bring their football demand together at one site as a dedicated home facility to play and train, and so the proposed allocation of approximately 5.5ha of land for sports and recreation use may help to better address their needs.

What is unclear from the policy wording is whether the policy only requires the developer to provide the land, or whether the developer would be responsible for delivering the provision of the pitches and ancillary facilities? If the development is not required to fully fund the provision of the facilities, how will this be delivered? Will the developer be expected to contribute to the cost of these works? How will such a contribution be derived? Sport England would recommend that the policy and reasoned justification are appropriately amended to address these points, including for instance appropriate references to existing Development Plan policies for developer contributions in the South Worcester Local Plan (or any successor policies).

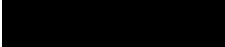
Sport England would advocate that the reasoned justification should make appropriate

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

Yes  No

**Signature**  ..... **Date** 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.....

Thank you for completing this form.