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Forward Planning
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Your ref:

Date: 14 April 2022

FAO: David Clarke

Dear David

Leigh & Bransford Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 Consultation


Thank you for your consultation of the above Neighbourhood Plan. We previously provided comments at the Regulation 14 stage (copy attached) and referred you to the pro forma guidance. On the basis that the current submission is similar and proposes no sites in Flood Zone 2 or 3 we would have no further comments to offer at this time.

Yours faithfully

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Date: 04 October 2021

Dear Sir

Leigh and Bransford Neighbourhood Development Plan (Regulation 14) Pre-Submission Consultation

Thank you for your consultation on the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which was received on 31 August 2021

We sent Malvern Hills District Council a copy of our Neighbourhood Plan pro-forma guidance for distribution to Parish Councils (as enclosed). The purpose of the guidance is to assist the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), including an appropriate evidence base. This includes consideration of some of the relevant environmental issues that should be considered, including flood risk (from rivers and sea), water quality, water resources and includes latest Climate Change recommendations for flood risk.

We note the draft NDP includes one site allocation (Policy LB/H/5 - Site CFS0009), we recommend completing the pro-forma to check the environmental constraints. This will help collect evidence, identify challenges, inform policy and assist delivery of sustainable solutions.

We would only make substantive further comments on the plan as it progresses if it were seeking to allocate sites in Flood Zones 2 or 3 (the latter being used as the 1 in 100 year climate change flood extent). Where an 'ordinary watercourse' is present this would need to be assessed and demonstrated as part of the evidence base within a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) i.e. to inform the sequential testing of sites and appropriate / safe development.

Furthermore, we do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise you ensure conformity with the local plan and refer to guidance within our area neighbourhood plan "pro-forma guidance". Notwithstanding the above, for example it is important that these plans offer robust confirmation that development is not impacted by flooding and that there is sufficient waste water infrastructure in place to accommodate growth. I trust the above is of assistance at this time.

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