

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 Any other details, including signatures, private telephone numbers and email addresses will not be published on the Council's website, but the original representations with personal details redacted will be published.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

Organisation (if applicable):

Address (including postcode):

[Redacted]

Telephone number:

Email address: [Redacted]

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.

I appreciate the hard work put into creating the Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan.

I think the Plan is a well thought out document that will take the vision for Malvern forward.

It aligns with the SWDP so that all parties are part of a cohesive objective for the future of Malvern.

In particular I am very happy with the designation of Neighbourhood Green Space for various parts of Malvern – for example Victoria Park, Priory Park and Hayslan Fields.

I feel Hayslan Fields needs an additional comment as they are a unique green space, unlike the more formal Parks. They are in a beautiful spot near to a deprived area of Malvern. The footpaths are level and provide an exceptional route to and from the town through peaceful and idyllic surroundings.

The owners have tried in the past to contest the green space designation without success, for example by employing alternative landscape surveyors to the one commissioned by Malvern Hills District Council and by attempting to damage the beauty of the site, firstly by deep ploughing – trying to destroy the natural habitat - and then by general neglect. But despite these efforts the Fields still retain their attraction and are rightly designated as Green Space - both in the approved SWDP and the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. The Fields are recovering from this wilful destruction - wildflowers abound and the birds of prey are back – a sure sign of animal life in the Fields.

As the Fields themselves are privately owned the public is only allowed access via the public rights of way. But this is not an issue - instead of the usual chore of getting from A to B, use of these paths is a popular option; a meeting place; a world away from the main road and busy traffic only a 100 metres distant. In the midst of nature an ideal spot for health giving informal activities by all ages. Tarmacked footpaths through a housing complex are no substitute.

I have left the best till last – the calm and peaceful experience so often talked about by those who appreciate the value of the Fields. This is not only because the site, despite being in a busy neighbourhood, is away from the noise and clamour of everyday life, it is also because the views from the Fields towards the town and Malvern Hills, and towards the Cotswolds and Bredon Hill in the other direction are life enriching. In short Hayslan Fields are good for one’s mental and physical health – issues which are more and more relevant for everyone, given today’s hectic lifestyles.

Therefore I support the designation of Hayslan Fields as Neighbourhood Green Space as it meets all the criteria.

**Signature** F P Williams

**Date** 22 November 2018

Thank you for completing this form.

Yes