Malvern Hills District Council Forward Planning The Council House Avenue Road Malvern Worcestershire WR14 3AF Our ref: SV/2010/104077/OT-11/SB1-L01 Your ref:

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Dear Sir/Madam

## Regulation 16 Consultation – Martley, Knightwick and Dobbenham Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for referring the above consultation on the Martley, Knightwick and Dobbenham Neighbourhood Plan. For completeness, we provided a response to the Regulation 14 consultation on 5 September 2016 (letter reference SV/2010/104077/OT-11/SB1).

We previously recommended that for each proposed site allocation our Neighbourhood Plan pro-forma guidance is used to check the environmental constraints. This will help collect evidence, identify challenges, inform policy and assist delivery of sustainable solutions.

We note there still do not appear to be any additional site allocations proposed within the Plan. We would only make substantive further comments on the plan if it were seeking to allocate sites in Flood Zones 2 or 3 (the latter being used as the 100 year climate change extent). Furthermore, we do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise you ensure conformity with your Local Plan and refer to our guidance. This might assist with your consideration of a local environmental enhancements or improvement policies that may be necessary.

I trust that the above is of use to you at this time.

Yours faithfully

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