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Powick Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Response Form

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Part of the draft Neighbourhood Plan your representation refers to (e.g. section, objective or policy)

PWK3
Powick Village
Conservation Area
Policy PWK3 states that development proposals within the Powick Conservation Area or affecting its setting should preserve or enhance its character or appearance, having regard to the significance and special interest of the Conservation Area, as stipulated in the Appraisal and Management Plan. Proposals will be supported if they adhere to the criteria (set out in p.18 of the draft plan) encouraging sensitive development through elements such as choice of building materials, location, height, scale and massing, and overall design considerations.

PWK4
Landscape
Character

Policy PWK4 sets out that criteria that development proposals must

demonstrate in order to be supported:

- General conformity with guidelines set out in the latest Worcestershire Landscape Character Assessment with regard to the siting, design, scale, landscaping and boundary treatment of the proposal;
- Evidence that every available opportunity has been taken to strengthen the landscape character of the relevant landscape type by retaining and conserving existing natural features and by making new provision, where appropriate; and
- That the landscape settings of Powick, Collett's Green, Callow End and of other settlements in the Neighbourhood Area are respected, as relevant to the proposal.

PWK5

Powick/Collett's

Green Local Gap

Policy PWK5 states that development proposals within the Powick/Collett's Green Local Gap will only be supported on the

basis that they would not contribute to a reduction in the separation

between these settlements or compromise its openness or character.

The policy will consider factors such as height, scale and massing,

use class suitability in relation to the setting, potential intensification

impacts, as well as the individual and cumulative effects of proposals when considered against other existing and proposed

development in the application of this policy.

PWK6

Key Views

Policy PWK6 sets out key viewpoints (p.27 of the draft plan) and

states that proposals that would have a significant visual impact on

such viewpoints should be accompanied by a Landscape and Visual

Impact Assessment or similar study to mitigate any potential negative impacts.

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PWK7

Local Green Spaces

Policy PWK7 sets out 13 sites that will be designated Local Green

Spaces. Development will be managed in a manner consistent with

that applicable to designated Green Belt.

Comments on this part of
the Neighbourhood Plan

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on your local plan. The Forestry Commission is committed to supporting sustainable development and the protection of our natural environment. We would like to highlight several key considerations that should be integrated into your planning framework:

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The NPPF states that development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats, such as ancient woodland and veteran trees, should be refused unless there are wholly exceptional reasons, and a suitable compensation strategy exists

We recommend that your local plan aligns with these national policies to ensure the protection and enhancement of woodland areas.

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

From February 2024, major developments must deliver a Biodiversity Net Gain, ensuring a positive impact on nature.

Trees play a crucial role in achieving BNG by providing habitats for wildlife, improving air quality, and contributing to climate resilience. We encourage the integration of tree planting and woodland creation into your development plans to meet BNG requirements and enhance local biodiversity.

Standing Advice

Our Standing Advice on ancient woodland, ancient trees, and veteran trees is an important planning consideration for local planning authorities. This advice emphasizes the importance of these irreplaceable habitats for biodiversity, carbon capture, and cultural heritage.

This advice should be considered when making planning decisions that affect ancient woodland, ancient trees, or veteran trees.

Benefits of Trees

Trees and woodland offer numerous benefits to communities, including improving air quality, reducing flood risk, and enhancing mental health and well-being.

They are essential components of green infrastructure, contributing to the creation of resilient, sustainable places to live. We advocate for the inclusion of tree planting and preservation in your local plan to maximize these benefits for residents. Further information for support on tree planting and woodland creation can be found on our website.

We look forward to collaborating with you to ensure that your local plan supports the sustainable management and expansion of woodland areas. Should you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Yes

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