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Our Ref: HWNP-Reg15-a
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Dear Ms Brailsford,

Holymoorside and Walton Neighbourhood Plan: Submission Draft

Thank you for the submission of the Holymoorside and Walton Neighbourhood Development Plan accompanied by the documents required under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

I consider that the Statement of Basic Conditions submitted on behalf of Holymoorside and Walton Parish Council (March 2016) demonstrates that the legal requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations are complied with, as set out in s2 and s3 (3.1 – 3.3 & 3.6) of that Statement.

The Statement also includes specific reference to EU obligations (s3.4) and impact on a European Site (s3.5). With regard to s3.4 & s3.5 a screening report has been prepared and submitted (in accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004).

The District Council, as Responsible Authority, needs to decide whether this screening is satisfactory. I have therefore consulted with the environmental assessment consultation bodies specified in those regulations and on their advice, Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust officers.

On the basis of this I can confirm that they agree that the Plan does not require an environmental assessment. I concur with the view of the screening report; that no significant effects are likely as a result of the implementation of the Holymoorside and Walton Parish Neighbourhood Plan. There is also no requirement to prepare a Habitats Regulation Assessment.

I am therefore satisfied that the statutory requirements set out in paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) have been met. The District Council can now publicise the Plan (in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)).

Please note, the above relates solely to whether the documents submitted meet the statutory requirements and so is without prejudice to the comments of the District Council, as Local Planning Authority, during the formal consultation stage.



I am preparing arrangements for the Regulation 16 publicity and consultation and I am grateful to you for providing three locations where the documents may be placed as Holymoorside Village hall, Kendall Shop, Holymoorside and St John's Church office, Walton. I will arrange for the documents to be printed and I trust it would be satisfactory to provide them to you to be placed at those locations for the beginning of the consultation period. Please note, I would like two of the three documents returned following consultation, in readiness for the Examination.

In order for the consultation to proceed I will need details of all consultees and all respondents. Can you please arrange for these to be sent as soon as possible in order that they can be informed at the start of the Reg 16 consultation? I anticipate if things go well, that the consultation will commence on either the 12th or 19th May. I will confirm timings nearer the date.

Following the consultation the Plan will be submitted for examination. Therefore I am also beginning the process of appointing an Examiner. I have sent an application form to the Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiners Referral Service (NPIERS) for your comment and I understand that this has been passed on to *YourLocale*. I intend to send the application to NPIERS as soon as I can.

I look forward to progressing the Plan to Examination, and eventual approval by the District Council. If you have any questions please contact Richard Cooper at these offices.

Yours sincerely,



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