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For the Attention of: Neighbourhood Planning Team

Herefordshire Council

[By Email: neighbourhoodplanning@herefordshire.gov.uk]

16 November 2017

Dear Neighbourhood Planning Team

Kimbolton Neighbourhood Development Plan - Submission Draft

Thank you for consulting The Coal Authority on the above.

Having reviewed your document, I confirm that we have no specific comments to make on it.

Should you have any future enquiries please contact a member of Planning and Local Authority Liaison at The Coal Authority using the contact details above.

Yours sincerely

Rachael A. Bust

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From: CPRE Herefordshire Admin <admin@cpreherefordshire.org.uk>

Sent: 11 October 2017 10:23

To: Neighbourhood Planning Team

Subject: RE: Kimbolton Regulation 16 neighbourhood development plan consultation

Dear James

Thank you for your email, which I shall forward to the relevant volunteer

Kind regards Barbara

Barbara Bromhead-Wragg CPRE Herefordshire Administrator www.cpreherefordshire.org.uk

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Sent: 11 October 2017 09:51

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Kind regards

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James Latham
Technical Support Officer
Neighbourhood Planning and Strategic Planning teams

From: Norman Ryan < Ryan.Norman@dwrcymru.com>

Sent: 14 November 2017 14:20 **To:** Neighbourhood Planning Team

Cc: Evans Rhys

Subject: RE: Kimbolton Regulation 16 neighbourhood development plan consultation

Attachments: DCWW consultation response - Kimbolton NDP - 24 05 2017.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for consulting Welsh Water on the below consultation.

We have no further comment to make over and above our Regulation 14 consultation, which is attached for your information.

If you require any further information then please let us know.

Kind regards,



Ryan Norman

Forward Plans Officer | Developer Services | Dwr Cymru Welsh Water Linea | Cardiff | CF3 0LT | T: 0800 917 2652 | www.dwrcymru.com

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Kimbolton Neighbourhood Development Plan F.A.O. Ian Culley

Sent via email

24th May 2017

Dear Mr Culley,

REGULATION 14 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON KIMBOLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN, MAY 2017

I refer to your email dated the 7th April 2017 regarding the above consultation. Welsh Water appreciates the opportunity to respond and we offer the following representation:

Given that the Kimbolton Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Adopted Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy, Welsh Water are supportive of the aims, objectives and policies set out.

We are particularly pleased to note the key policy – Policy K1 Promoting a Sustainable Community – which specifies that "...development should be accommodated within infrastructure limits in particular for sewage treatment...", though we would wish to point out that the Parish Council area is not served by public sewerage.

We understand that a large proportion of the new dwellings required to meet the demonstrated local housing need have already been delivered. With regard to the remainder of the requirement, which we understand will be delivered on windfall/infill sites there are no issues in a water supply being provided, though some level of offsite mains may be required dependant on location.

We hope that the above information will assist you as you continue to progress the Neighbourhood Development Plan. In the meantime, should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us at Forward.Plans@dwrcymru.com or via telephone on 0800 917 2652.

Yours sincerely,

Ryan Norman Forward Plans Officer Developer Services



Herefordshire Council Neighbourhood Planning Council Offices Plough Lane Hereford Herefordshire HR4 0LE Our ref: SV/2010/103979/AP-

86/PO1-L01 **Your ref:**

Date: 16 November 2017

F.A.O: Mr. J Latham

Dear Sir

KIMBOLTON REG 16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

I refer to your email of the 10 October 2017 in relation to the above Neighbourhood Plan (NP) consultation. We have reviewed the submitted document and would offer the following comments at this time.

As part of the adopted Herefordshire Council Core Strategy updates were made to both the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Water Cycle Strategy (WCS). This evidence base ensured that the proposed development in Hereford City, and other strategic sites (Market Towns), was viable and achievable. The updated evidence base did not extend to Rural Parishes at the NP level so it is important that these subsequent plans offer robust confirmation that development is not impacted by flooding and that there is sufficient waste water infrastructure in place to accommodate growth for the duration of the plan period.

We would not, in the absence of specific sites allocated within areas of fluvial flooding, offer a bespoke comment at this time. We note that the Parish have utilised our Environment Agency guidance and pro-forma to inform the current submission. However, it should be noted that the Flood Map provides an indication of 'fluvial' flood risk only. You are advised to discuss matters relating to surface water (pluvial) flooding with your drainage team as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA).

I trust the above is of assistance at this time. Please can you also copy in any future correspondence to my team email address at SHWGPlanning@environmentagency.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr. Graeme Irwin Senior Planning Advisor

Direct dial: 02030 251624

Direct e-mail: graeme.irwin@environment-agency.gov.uk

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From: Abakasanga, Ngozi < Ngozi. Abakasanga@highwaysengland.co.uk >

Sent: 06 November 2017 09:30 **To:** Neighbourhood Planning Team

Cc: Thomas, Patrick

Subject: RE: Kimbolton Regulation 16 neighbourhood development plan consultation

Dear Sirs.

Thank you for consulting Highways England on the above referenced Neighbourhood plan.

Highways England is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Strategic Road Network in England. The network includes all major motorways and trunk roads in England.

I can confirm that Highways England have no comments to make on this consultation.

Regards Ngozi

Ngozi Abakasanga

Assistant Asset Manager (Shropshire, Telford & Herefordshire)

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Our ref: PL00017141

20 October 2017

Dear Mr Latham

KIMBOLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. We are pleased to note that our suggestions at Regulation 14 stage have been addressed.

Our earlier Regulation 14 comments remain entirely relevant. That is:

"Historic England is extremely supportive of both the content of the document and the vision and objectives set out in it, particularly the emphasis placed upon local distinctiveness and the maintenance of the historic landscape and rural character including significant views. The identification of traditional buildings for particular recognition through inclusion on a "Local Heritage List" is also strongly supported. We particularly commend the use of historic characterization to provide a context and a sound evidence base for well thought out Plan policies. In this and other respects Historic England considers that the Plan takes an exemplary approach to the historic environment".

Overall and in conclusion Historic England considers that the Kimbolton Draft Neighbourhood Plan exemplifies "constructive conservation" and constitutes a very good example of community led planning. I hope these comments are helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Boland Historic Places Advisor peter.boland@HistoricEngland.org.uk

CC:





From: Howells, Mathew

Sent: 21 November 2017 14:20 **To:** Neighbourhood Planning Team

Subject: RE: Kimbolton Regulation 16 neighbourhood development plan consultation

Good afternoon,

In reply to the NDP consultation below, we only have one comment from Transportation:

Policy K 15 – Traffic management and road safety improvements

Regard should be given to improving access through walking and cycling along with safety enhancements at or near the primary school.

Kind Regards Mathew

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Mathew Howells Senior Transport Planning Officer Tel | 01432 383143 Mobile: 07792 881618

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Neighbourhood Planning Team Herefordshire Council Planning Services Plough Lane PO Box 230 HR1 2ZB



Hannah Lorna Bevins Consultant Town Planner

Tel: 01926 439127 n.grid@amecfw.com

Sent by email to: neighbourhoodplanning@herefor dshire.gov.uk

11 October 2017

Dear Sir / Madam

Kimbolton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL GRID

National Grid has appointed Amec Foster Wheeler to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the above Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

About National Grid

National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customers. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London.

To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect our assets.

Specific Comments

An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines, and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate and High Pressure apparatus.

National Grid has identified that it has no record of such apparatus within the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Key resources / contacts

National Grid has provided information in relation to electricity and transmission assets via the following internet link:

http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/

The electricity distribution operator in Herefordshire Council is Western Power Distribution. Information regarding the transmission and distribution network can be found at: www.energynetworks.org.uk

Gables House Kenilworth Road Leamington Spa Warwickshire CV32 6JX United Kingdom Tel +44 (0) 1926 439 000 amecfw.com Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure UK Limited Registered office: Booths Park, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 8QZ Registered in England. No. 2190074



Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our infrastructure. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database:

Hannah Lorna Bevins Consultant Town Planner

n.grid@amecfw.com

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box.landandacquisitions@nationalgrid.com

National Grid House Warwick Technology Park Gallows Hill Warwick CV34 6DA

I hope the above information is useful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

[via email]
Hannah Lorna Bevins
Consultant Town Planner

cc. Spencer Jefferies, National Grid

From: Amos, Tom (NE) <Thomas.Amos@naturalengland.org.uk>

Sent: 12 October 2017 11:56

To: Neighbourhood Planning Team

Subject: Kimbolton Regulation 16 neighbourhood development plan consultation

Dear Mr Latham,

Kimbolton Regulation 16 - Submission

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 03/12/2015.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

Natural England has no further comment to make on this plan at this stage.

For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

Tom Amos Sustainable Development West Midlands Tem

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TO: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT- PLANNING AND

TRANSPORTATION

FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING

STANDARDS



APPLICATION DETAILS

242343 /

Kimbolton Parish Council

Susannah Burrage, Environmental Health Officer

I have received the above application on which I would be grateful for your advice.

The application form and plans for the above development can be viewed on the Internet within 5-7 working days using the following link: http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk

I would be grateful for your advice in respect of the following specific matters: -

Air Quality	Minerals and Waste
Contaminated Land	Petroleum/Explosives
Landfill	Gypsies and Travellers
Noise	Lighting
Other nuisances	Anti Social Behaviour
Licensing Issues	Water Supply
Industrial Pollution	Foul Drainage
Refuse	

Please can you respond by ..

Comments

We would reiterate our earlier response which does not seem to have been addressed.

With regard to any proposed rural dwellings outside these boundaries, the draft plan recommends criteria in policy K5 Housing in the Countryside. We would like to recommend that a further criterion be applied which is that the amenity of any occupants arising out of a new dwellings should not be compromised by existing agricultural or commercial activity. This would be to safeguard the amenity of future occupants.

Signed: Susannah Burrage Date: 9 November 2017



Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) – Core Strategy Conformity Assessment

From Herefordshire Council Strategic Planning Team

Name of NDP: Kimbolton- Regulation 16 submission draft

Date: 18/10/17

Draft Neighbourhood plan policy	Equivalent CS policy(ies) (if appropriate)	In general conformity (Y/N)	Comments
K1- Promoting a Sustainable Community	SS1	Y	
K2- Development Strategy	RA2	Y	
K3- The Scale of New Housing	RA2	Y	Para 4.2.7- Rural exception sites should be in accordance with principally policy H2, as well as policy RA3.
K4- Housing Development within the Kimbolton Settlement Boundary	RA2, LD1, SD1	Y	
K5- Housing in the Countryside	RA3, RA4, RA5	Y/N	It is noted that this policy covers some of the same criteria as its Core Strategy equivalent, RA3. It should also be noted, however, that the apparent absence of an exception criteria for proposals of exceptionally high quality and innovative design, that satisfy the criteria in paragraph 55 of the NPPF, does not mean that these can be resisted in the NDP area. Proposals deemed to be of this type will still be permitted in accordance with the Core Strategy and national policy. With regard to the potential removal of Permitted Development Rights, it



Draft Neighbourhood plan policy	Equivalent CS policy(ies) (if appropriate)	In general conformity (Y/N)	Comments
			needs to be made clear in which circumstances that this would be necessary to apply.
K6- Extensions to Dwellings	SD1	Y	
K7- Design of New Homes	LD1, SD1- SD4	Y	
K8- Ensuring an Appropriate Range of Tenures, Types and Sizes of Houses	H3	Y/N	This is not an issue of conformity with the Core Strategy. However, the issue of minimum internal space standards in new dwellings is covered already by building regulations. Local planning authorities may use nationally recognised optional technical standards where there is evidence to show these are required. However Neighbourhood Plans may not be used to apply these. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/housing-optional-technical-standards
K9- Affordable Housing	H1	Y	
K10- Protecting and Enhancing Local Character	LD1	Y	
K11- Heritage Assets	LD4	Υ	
K12- Light Pollution	N/A	Y	
K13- Broadband	N/A	Y	
K14- Renewable Energy	SD2	Y	
K15- Traffic Management and	MT1	Υ	



Draft Neighbourhood plan policy	Equivalent CS policy(ies) (if appropriate)	In general conformity (Y/N)	Comments
Road Safety Improvements			
K16- Transport and Connectivity	SS4, MT1	Y	Parking standards should be in accordance with those set out in the Local Transport Plan.
K17- Business Development	RA6, E4, E6	Y	This is covered to the same extent by the equivalent Core Strategy policy, RA6.
K18- Protection of Existing Commercial Business Premises	E2	Y	
K19- Agriculture and Forestry Enterprises	RA6	Y	
K20- Enhanced Services and Facilities for the Community	SC1	Υ	
K21- Protection and Enhancement of Community Facilities	SC1	Y	
K22- Open Spaces	OS1-OS3	Y	



23 November 2017

Our ref: Kimbolton 1b

Dear Sir/Madam

Kimbolton Regulation 16 neighbourhood development plan consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your consultation. We currently have no specific comments to make, but please keep us informed when your plans are further developed when we will be able to offer more detailed comments and advice.

For your information we have set out some general guidelines that may be useful to you.

Position Statement

As a water company we have an obligation to provide water supplies and sewage treatment capacity for future development. It is important for us to work collaboratively with Local Planning Authorities to provide relevant assessments of the impacts of future developments. For outline proposals we are able to provide general comments. Once detailed developments and site specific locations are confirmed by local councils, we are able to provide more specific comments and modelling of the network if required. For most developments we do not foresee any particular issues. Where we consider there may be an issue we would discuss in further detail with the Local Planning Authority. We will complete any necessary improvements to provide additional capacity once we have sufficient confidence that a development will go ahead. We do this to avoid making investments on speculative developments to minimise customer bills.

Sewage Strategy

Once detailed plans are available and we have modelled the additional capacity, in areas where sufficient capacity is not currently available and we have sufficient confidence that developments will be built, we will complete necessary improvements to provide the capacity. We will ensure that our assets have no adverse effect on the environment and that we provide appropriate levels of treatment at each of our sewage treatment works.

Surface Water and Sewer Flooding

We expect surface water to be managed in line with the Government's Water Strategy, Future Water. The strategy sets out a vision for more effective management of surface water to deal with the dual pressures of climate change and housing development. Surface water needs to be managed sustainably. For new developments we would not expect surface water to be conveyed to our foul or combined sewage system and, where practicable, we support the removal of surface water already connected to foul or combined sewer.

We believe that greater emphasis needs to be paid to consequences of extreme rainfall. In the past, even outside of the flood plain, some properties have been built in natural drainage paths. We request that developers providing sewers on new developments should safely accommodate floods which exceed the design capacity of the sewers.

To encourage developers to consider sustainable drainage, Severn Trent currently offer a 100% discount on the sewerage infrastructure charge if there is no surface water connection and a 75% discount if there is a surface water connection via a sustainable drainage system. More details can be found on our website

https://www.stwater.co.uk/building-and-developing/regulations-and-forms/application-forms-and-guidance/infrastructure-charges/

Water Quality

Good quality river water and groundwater is vital for provision of good quality drinking water. We work closely with the Environment Agency and local farmers to ensure that water quality of supplies are not impacted by our or others operations. The Environment Agency's Source Protection Zone (SPZ) and Safe Guarding Zone policy should provide guidance on development. Any proposals should take into account the principles of the Water Framework Directive and River Basin Management Plan for the Severn River basin unit as prepared by the Environment Agency.

Water Supply

When specific detail of planned development location and sizes are available a site specific assessment of the capacity of our water supply network could be made. Any assessment will involve carrying out a network analysis exercise to investigate any potential impacts.

We would not anticipate capacity problems within the urban areas of our network, any issues can be addressed through reinforcing our network. However, the ability to support significant development in the rural areas is likely to have a greater impact and require greater reinforcement to accommodate greater demands.

Water Efficiency

Part G of Building Regulations specify that new homes must consume no more than 125 litres of water per person per day. We recommend that you consider taking an approach of installing specifically designed water efficient fittings in all areas of the property rather than focus on the overall consumption of the property. This should help to achieve a lower overall consumption than the maximum volume specified in the Building Regulations.

We recommend that in all cases you consider:

- Single flush siphon toilet cistern and those with a flush volume of 4 litres.
- Showers designed to operate efficiently and with a maximum flow rate of 8 litres per minute.
- Hand wash basin taps with low flow rates of 4 litres or less.
- Water butts for external use in properties with gardens.

To further encourage developers to act sustainably Severn Trent currently offer a 100% discount on the clean water infrastructure charge if properties are built so consumption per person is 110 litres per person per day or less. More details can be found on our website

https://www.stwater.co.uk/building-and-developing/regulations-and-forms/application-forms-and-guidance/infrastructure-charges/

We would encourage you to impose the expectation on developers that properties are built to the optional requirement in Building Regulations of 110 litres of water per person per day.

We hope this information has been useful to you and we look forward in hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca McLean

Lead Waste Catchment Planner

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From: Planning Central <Planning.Central@sportengland.org>

Sent: 16 October 2017 15:53

To: Neighbourhood Planning Team **Subject:** Kimbolton Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.

Government planning policy, within the **National Planning Policy Framework** (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.

It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in **protecting playing fields** and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Planning Policy Statement: 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England'.

http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy

Sport England provides guidance on **developing planning policy** for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/

Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 74 of the NPPF, this takes the form of **assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities**. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.

Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.

http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance

If **new or improved sports facilities** are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/

Any **new housing** developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for

social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how **any new development**, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.

Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.

NPPF Section 8: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities

PPG Health and wellbeing section: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing

Sport England's Active Design Guidance: https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign

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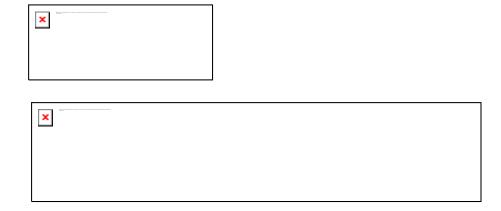
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