From: Turner, Andrew

Sent: 08 November 2016 15:48 **To:** Neighbourhood Planning Team

Subject: RE: Little Dewchurch Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan

consultation

Re: Little Dewchurch draft Neighbourhood Development Plan

Dear Neighbourhood Planning Team,

I refer to the above and would make the following comments with regard to the proposed development area identified in the 'Little Dewchurch draft Neighbourhood Development Plan- Regulation 16-September 2016':

Having reviewed Ordnance survey historical plans, I would advise that the proposed housing site identified in light brown ('LDH1') in Plan 1 ('Map showing the settlement boundary, the housing allocation and the protected green spaces for Little Dewchurch village') has historically been used as orchards. By way of general advice I would mention that orchards can be subject to agricultural spraying practices which may, in some circumstances, lead to a legacy of contamination and any development should consider this.

General comments:

Developments such as hospitals, homes and schools may be considered 'sensitive' and as such consideration should be given to risk from contamination notwithstanding any comments. Please note that the above does not constitute a detailed investigation or desk study to consider risk from contamination. Should any information about the former uses of the proposed development areas be available I would recommend they be submitted for consideration as they may change the comments provided.

It should be recognised that contamination is a material planning consideration and is referred to within the NPPF. I would recommend applicants and those involved in the parish plan refer to the pertinent parts of the NPPF and be familiar with the requirements and meanings given when considering risk from contamination during development.

Finally it is also worth bearing in mind that the NPPF makes clear that the developer and/or landowner is responsible for securing safe development where a site is affected by contamination.

These comments are provided on the basis that any other developments would be subject to application through the normal planning process.

Kind regards

Andrew

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For the Attention of: Neighbourhood Planning and Strategic Planning teams

Herefordshire Council

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

26 October 2016

Dear Neighbourhood Planning and Strategic Planning teams

Little Dewchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan

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 B.Sc.(Hons), MA, M.Sc., LL.M., AMIEnvSci., MInstLM, MRTPI Chief Planner / Principal Manager Planning and Local Authority Liaison

Protecting the public and the environment in mining areas

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

Sent: 16 November 2016 14:10 **To:** Neighbourhood Planning Team

Cc: Evans Rhys

Subject: RE: Little Dewchurch Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan

consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for consulting Welsh Water on the below Neighbourhood Plan.

We are pleased to note that the Parish Council has taken on board our comments from the Regulation 14 consultation stage and amended Policy INF1 and the supporting text at point 5.65 accordingly. As such, we have no further comment to make at this stage.

If you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



Ryan Norman

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From: Neighbourhood Planning Team [mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@herefordshire.gov.uk]

Sent: 05 October 2016 10:45

Subject: Little Dewchurch Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation

***** External Mail *****

Dear Consultee,

Little Dewchurch Parish Council have submitted their Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to Herefordshire Council for consultation.

The plan can be viewed at the following link: https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-areas-and-plans/little-dewchurch

Once adopted, this NDP will become a Statutory Development Plan Document the same as the Core Strategy.

The consultation runs from 5 October 2016 to 16 November 2016.

If you wish to make any comments on this Plan, please do so by e-mailing: neighbourhoodplanning@herefordshire.gov.uk, or sending representations to the address below.

From: Crane, Hayley

Sent: 10 October 2016 11:02

To: Neighbourhood Planning Team

Subject: RE: Little Dewchurch Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan

consultation

Hi NPT

No comments on this plan, they make provision for affordable housing which is good.

Thanks

Hayley

Hayley Crane

Housing Development Officer Strategic Housing | Adult & Wellbeing Directorate Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane Hereford, HR4 OLE Tel: 01432 261919

From: Neighbourhood Planning Team

Sent: 05 October 2016 10:45

Subject: Little Dewchurch Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation

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If you wish to make any comments on this Plan, please do so by e-mailing: neighbourhoodplanning@herefordshire.gov.uk, or sending representations to the address below.

If you wish to be notified of the local planning authority's decision under Regulation 19 in relation to the Neighbourhood Development Plan, please indicate this on your representation.

Kind regards

Planning Services

James Latham
Technical Support Officer
Neighbourhood Planning and Strategic Planning teams
Herefordshire Council



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Our ref: PL00017775

4 November 2016

Dear Mr Latham

LITTLE DEWCHURCH REGULATION 16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the above Neighbourhood Plan. As stated in our consultation letter of the 13th May 2016 in response to the Regulation 14 consultation:

"Historic England is supportive of both the Vision and objectives set out in the Plan and consider that it takes a suitably proportionate approach to the historic environment of the Parish".

Beyond those observations we have no further substantive comments to make. I hope you find this advice helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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

CC:





From: Helen Wilkes <Helen.Wilkes@hca.gsi.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 October 2016 16:05

To: Neighbourhood Planning Team
Cc: Carol Baker; HCAEnquiriesTeam

Subject: Little Dewchurch Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation

Thank you for consulting the Homes and Community Agency on the Little Dewchurch Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Agency supports the delivery of housing to meet identified local needs and supports the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans where they are clear in promoting development.

The Agency is not a landholder within the boundary of the Neighbourhood plan and as such will not be formally submitting a response.

Helen Wilkes CIHCM

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Sent by email to: neighbourhoodplanning@herefords hire.gov.uk

foster

7 November 2016

Dear Sir / Madam

Little Dewchurch 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 customer. 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 / High Pressure apparatus.

National Grid has identified the following high pressure Gas Distribution pipeline as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary:

• 1465 Ross-On-Wye – Luggbridge – HP Pipeline

From the consultation information provided, the above gas distribution pipeline does not interact with any of the proposed development sites.

Gas Distribution - Low / Medium Pressure

Whilst there is no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus, there may however be Low Pressure (LP) / Medium Pressure (MP) Gas Distribution pipes present within proposed development sites. If further information is required in relation to the Gas Distribution network please contact plantprotection@nationalgrid.com

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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 first point of contact for all works within the vicinity of gas distribution assets is Plant Protection (plantprotection@nationalgrid.com).

Information regarding the transmission and distribution network can be found at: www.energynetworks.org.uk

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:

Robert Deanwood Consultant Town Planner

Spencer Jefferies
Development Liaison Officer, National Grid

n.grid@amecfw.com

box.landandacquisitions@nationalgrid.com

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

Yours faithfully

[via email]

Robert Deanwood

Consultant Town Planner

cc. Spencer Jefferies, National Grid

Date: 11 October 2016

Our ref: 197963

Your ref: Little Dewchurch NDP

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Neighbourhood Planning and Strategic Planning Teams, Herefordshire Council

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Latham,

Little Dewchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan – Regulation 16 Consultation.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 05/10/2015.

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 draft neighbourhood plan.

However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact Tom Amos on 02080 260961 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 Adviser, South Mercia Team

Annex 1 - Neighbourhood planning and the natural environment: information, issues and opportunities

Natural environment information sources

The Magic¹ website will provide you with much of the nationally held natural environment data for your plan area. The most relevant layers for you to consider are: Agricultural Land Classification, Ancient Woodland, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local Nature Reserves, National Parks (England), National Trails, Priority Habitat Inventory, public rights of way (on the Ordnance Survey base map) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (including their impact risk zones). Local environmental record centres may hold a range of additional information on the natural environment. A list of local record centres is available here².

Priority habitats are those habitats of particular importance for nature conservation, and the list of them can be found here-3. Most of these will be mapped either as **Sites of Special Scientific Interest**, on the Magic website or as **Local Wildlife Sites**. Your local planning authority should be able to supply you with the locations of Local Wildlife Sites.

National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found hearth-proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found hearth-proposals in your plan.

There may also be a local **landscape character assessment** covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify the features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your local planning authority should be able to help you access these if you can't find them online.

If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a **National Park** or **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** (AONB), the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area will set out useful information about the protected landscape. You can access the plans on from the relevant National Park Authority or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty website.

General mapped information on **soil types** and **Agricultural Land Classification** is available (under 'landscape') on the <u>Magic</u>⁵ website and also from the <u>LandIS website</u>⁶, which contains more information about obtaining soil data.

Natural environment issues to consider

The <u>National Planning Policy Framework</u>⁷ sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. <u>Planning Practice Guidance</u>⁸ sets out supporting guidance.

Your local planning authority should be able to provide you with further advice on the potential impacts of your plan or order on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.

<u>Landscape</u>

¹ http://magic.defra.gov.uk/

² http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php

³http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-character-area-profiles-data-for-local-decision-making

⁵ http://magic.defra.gov.uk/

⁶ http://www.landis.org.uk/index.cfm

⁷ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2

⁸ http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/natural-environment/

Your plans or orders may present opportunities to protect and enhance locally valued landscapes. You may want to consider identifying distinctive local landscape features or characteristics such as ponds, woodland or dry stone walls and think about how any new development proposals can respect and enhance local landscape character and distinctiveness.

If you are proposing development within or close to a protected landscape (National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) or other sensitive location, we recommend that you carry out a landscape assessment of the proposal. Landscape assessments can help you to choose the most appropriate sites for development and help to avoid or minimise impacts of development on the landscape through careful siting, design and landscaping.

Wildlife habitats

Some proposals can have adverse impacts on designated wildlife sites or other priority habitats (listed here), such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or Ancient woodland¹⁰. If there are likely to be any adverse impacts you'll need to think about how such impacts can be avoided, mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated for.

Priority and protected species

You'll also want to consider whether any proposals might affect priority species (listed here 1) or protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced advice here ¹² to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected species.

Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services for society. It is a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, a store for carbon and water, a reservoir of biodiversity and a buffer against pollution. If you are proposing development, you should seek to use areas of poorer quality agricultural land in preference to that of a higher quality in line with National Planning Policy Framework para 112. For more information, see our publication Agricultural Land Classification; protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land¹³.

Improving your natural environment

Your plan or order can offer exciting opportunities to enhance your local environment. If you are setting out policies on new development or proposing sites for development, you may wish to consider identifying what environmental features you want to be retained or enhanced or new features you would like to see created as part of any new development. Examples might include:

- Providing a new footpath through the new development to link into existing rights of way.
- Restoring a neglected hedgerow.
- Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site.
- Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make a positive contribution to the local landscape.
- Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds.
- Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into the design of new buildings. •
- Think about how lighting can be best managed to encourage wildlife. •
- Adding a green roof to new buildings.

You may also want to consider enhancing your local area in other ways, for example by:

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiv ersity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-and-veteran-trees-protection-surveys-licences

¹¹http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiv ersity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx

https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals

http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/35012

- Setting out in your plan how you would like to implement elements of a wider Green Infrastructure Strategy (if one exists) in your community.
- Assessing needs for accessible greenspace and setting out proposals to address any deficiencies or enhance provision.
- Identifying green areas of particular importance for special protection through Local Green Space designation (see <u>Planning Practice Guidance on this</u> ¹⁴).
- Managing existing (and new) public spaces to be more wildlife friendly (e.g. by sowing wild flower strips in less used parts of parks, changing hedge cutting timings and frequency).
- Planting additional street trees.
- Identifying any improvements to the existing public right of way network, e.g. cutting back hedges, improving the surface, clearing litter or installing kissing gates) or extending the network to create missing links.
- Restoring neglected environmental features (e.g. coppicing a prominent hedge that is in poor condition, or clearing away an eyesore).

¹⁴ http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space/local-green-space-designation/

TO: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT- PLANNING AND

TRANSPORTATION

FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING

STANDARDS



APPLICATION DETAILS

218708 /

Little Dewchurch Parish

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

As per our earlier comments, we recommend that policy LDH2 be amended so that it reads

.....Be of a scale and form which meets local housing need, complements the character of the area and does not result in a loss of amenity for existing residents and result in inappropriate development of residential gardens; ...and be suitably located such that the amenity of future occupiers is protected

The reason for this is to ensure that the occupants of any new housing are not adversely affected by existing business activities. (If new occupants were nuisanced by existing businesses our department would have the duty to investigate and if appropriate require the business activity to be curtailed)

Signed: Susannah Burrage Date: 10 November 2016



Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) – Core Strategy Conformity Assessment

From Herefordshire Council Strategic Planning Team

Name of NDP: Little Dewchurch- Regulation 16 submission version

Date: 06/10/16

Draft Neighbourhood plan policy	Equivalent CS policy(ies) (if appropriate)	In general conformity (Y/N)	Comments
LD ENV 1: A Valued Natural and Built Environment	LD1-LD4	Y	
LD ENV 2: Local Green Spaces	N/A	Υ	
LD SB 1: Settlement Boundary	N/A	Υ	
LD H1: Policy Housing Delivery	RA1, RA2	Y/N	With the fairly tightly drawn settlement boundary, it is difficult to ascertain whether enough infill schemes are going to come forward in the plan period to supplement the allocated site and meet the growth target.
LD H2: Housing Design Criteria	LD1, LD2, SD1-SD3, MT1	Υ	
LD E1: Rural Employment	RA6, E3	Υ	
LD INF 1: Local Infrastructure	SC1, MT1, SD3	Y	With regard to flooding, development proposals should also be located in accordance with the Sequential Test and Exception Tests (where appropriate) outlined in the NPPF paragraphs 100-104. It must also have regard to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2009 for



Draft Neighbourhood plan policy	Equivalent CS policy(ies) (if appropriate)	In general conformity (Y/N)	Comments
			Herefordshire.
DNP RE1: Renewable Energy	SD2	Y	
LD CF1: Community Facilities	SC1	Y	Designating/listing the specific community facilities to be retained could afford stronger protection.



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17 November 2016

Little Dewchurch Parish Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Little Dewchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Thank you for inviting HCPRE to comment on Little Dewchurch's draft NDP. We have commented on the Plan at Regulation 14 draft stage and we are content that those comments have been noted.

We would like to congratulate you on the work you have done in producing a comprehensive analysis of local landscape character, robust policies particularly in regard to local green space and a clear vision for the future of the parish. In addition it is clear from the accompanying Consultation Statement that local people have been included in the development of the plan at every stage. We hope that the NDP when adopted proves a strong foundation for local people wishing to guide the Parish's future.

Yours Faithfully

Nicola Forde On behalf of Herefordshire CPRE