

Regulation 16 Consultation on the Submitted Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan RESPONSE FORM

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Malvern Town Council has submitted the draft Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan to Malvern Hills District Council. In accordance with Regulation 16, Malvern Hills District Council would like to invite comments from organisations and individuals on the Neighbourhood Plan.

This consultation runs for six weeks from Friday 9th November to 5:00pm on Friday 21st December 2018.

If you wish to comment on the draft Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan please complete and return this form no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, 21st December 2018 to:

Email: policy.plans@malvernhills.gov.uk, or by

Post: Planning Policy, Malvern Hills District Council, Planning Services, The Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3AF.

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Please fill in your details in the boxes below:

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Please state which part of the draft Neighbourhood Plan (i.e. which section, objective or policy) your representation refers to (please use a separate form for each representation):

6.9 – Housing land; Policy MH2

Please use the space below to make comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan fails to identify any sites outside the settlement boundary for potential housing allocations.

Whilst the draft Plan does include the major allocations at Newland 800 dwellings and the Technology Centre 300 dwellings, no other major sites are allocated.

<u>Policy MH2</u> in 6.9.4 requires the proposals for further new residential development should not be permitted beyond the existing development boundary. This is unsustainable as it would comply with Development Principles in both the SWDP and the NPPF. It will be necessary to consider sites outside the development boundary.

The draft Plan would therefore appear to be in conflict and incompatible with SWDP2: Development Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy – this identifies Malvern within the second tier of the SWDP Settlement Hierarchy as a "Main Town". It states that these towns will continue to be the focus of balanced growth in Malvern Hills and Wychavon. Future development will be delivered through urban extensions etc.

Importantly, Criteria "H" states that the SWDP is supportive of development proposals that are promoted through the Neighbourhood Plan mechanisms but it does also state that the proposals should not compromise the delivery of the Plan's strategic policies and proposals. As drafted, it would appear to compromise that delivery.

SWDP3: Employment, Housing and Retail Provision Requirement and Delivery – this again supports the need for Malvern to look outside its development boundary with 5,650 dwellings to be provided in Malvern Hills of which 4,450 dwellings are to be provided within the Malvern Hills WWA.

In support of this representation, we would propose that consideration should be given to urban extension to the north of Malvern off the Leigh Sinton Road at Half Key as edged red on the attached plan and this would form part of an urban extension on the development boundary at that point. This would not prejudice, if policy continues to require it, retaining some strategic gap between Malvern and Leigh Sinton.

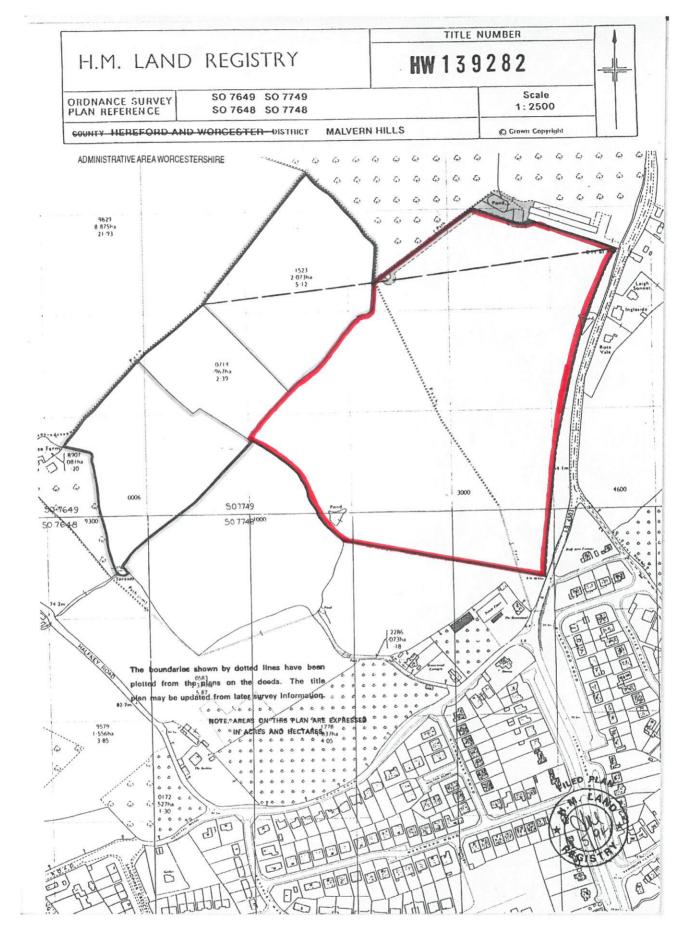
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MALVERN DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FIGURE 5.1 KEY DIAGRAM NOVEMBER 2017

