

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

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Please fill in your details in the boxes below:

Full Name: Julie Wood

Organisation (if applicable):

Address (including postcode):

Telephone number:

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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):

Section 5.2: Green Infrastructure

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

Policy MG3 Woodland, Trees and Hedgerows

Para 5.2.8

No reference is made in this paragraph to the importance of woodland (no matter how small!) trees or hedgerows and their contribution to the street scene. Small areas of woodlands, trees and hedgerows soften the harsh built environment as well as providing changing seasonal colour and changing light, which is all good for both physical and mental health. These natural areas and features also provide a place for birds and wildlife to be seen and auditory stimulus, such as birdsong, to people living nearby or to residents and visitors walking through the urban environment.

A reference to importance in the street scene should be added.

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Section 5.3. Visual Amenity

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

Policy M.V.1 Key Views

North Malvern, in particular North/West Malvern Road, which is still within the MNP area seems to have been completely disregarded by the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. I am not sure if the consultants employed to work on the plan, actually realised that this is part of the MNP area? There are key landscape features including, possibly, one of the most photographed views in the area, the panoramic view, looking from the short stretch of West Malvern Road, which is in the MNP area. The sunrise was even featured in the Gazette, a few weeks ago. People are regularly seen stopping to take photographs, looking out over gardens and spaces, or pulling up in their cars to look at the view.

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Section 5.6. Design

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Policy M.D.1 Building Design

I am concerned by the use of the wording 'efficient use of land' in point 2. Having been an RTPI planner for 36 years, this conjures up images of 'filling the space,' 'leaving no corners without built form', not providing for green space and retaining/planting of landscape features and wildlife corridors. Surely this is contradictory to other policies contained in the plan, such as those in section 5.2 and 5.3. which try to protect woodlands, trees and hedgerows and views. Also contrary to the spirit of 5.6 -Design

Suggest removal of the wording 'efficient use of land'

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