

Martley, Knightwick & Doddenham Neighbourhood Development Plan

Regulation 14 Consultation Draft

Consultation 5th September – 17th October 2016

Table 2 Consultation Bodies' Responses

Consultee Name Address Ref. No.	Page No.	Para. No.	Vision/ Objective / Policy No.	Support / Object / Comment	Comments received	Parish Council Consideration	Amendments to NP
Environment Agency 2.1	All			Comment	<p>Our ref: SV/2010/104077/OT-05/PO1-L01</p> <p>Notification of Formal Public Consultation on the Martley, Knightwick and Doddenham Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (Regulation 14 Town and Country Planning, England, Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012)</p> <p>Thank you for referring the above consultation on the Martley, Knightwick and Doddenham Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).</p> <p>We sent Malvern Hills District Council a copy of our Neighbourhood Plan pro-forma guidance in November 2015, for distribution to Parish Councils (as enclosed). The purpose of the guidance is to assist the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans,</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The NDP includes references to SuDS and the Environment Agency Flood Maps for Planning.</p>	No change.

				<p>including an appropriate evidence base. This includes consideration of some of the relevant environmental issues that should be considered, including flood risk (from rivers and sea), water quality, water resources and includes latest Climate Change recommendations for flood risk. Since we produced this guidance we have updated our climate change allowances for planners. See Flood risk assessment: climate change allowances for more information.</p> <p>For each proposed site allocation, we recommend completing the pro-forma to check the environmental constraints. This will help collect evidence, identify challenges, inform policy and assist delivery of sustainable solutions.</p> <p>We note there does not appear to be any additional site allocations proposed within the Plan. We would only make substantive further comments on the plan if it were seeking to allocate sites in Flood Zones 2 or 3 (the latter being used as the 100 year climate change extent). Furthermore, we do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise there is conformity with the Local Plan and refer to our guidance. This might assist with your consideration of a local environmental enhancements or improvement policies that may be necessary.</p> <p>I trust that the above is of use to you at this time.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>		
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					Mrs Tessa Jones Senior Planning Advisor		
Natural England 2.2	All				<p>Martley, Knightwick and Doddenham Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 29/08/2016.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk. We really value your feedback to help</p>	Noted.	No change.

					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.		
Coal Authority 2.3				Comment	<p>Martley, Knightwick and Doddenham Draft Neighbourhood Development</p> <p>Thank you for consulting The Coal Authority on the above.</p> <p>Having reviewed your document, I confirm that we have no specific comments to make on it.</p> <p>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.</p>	Noted.	No change.
Worcestershire County Council 2.4	All				<p>Summary of Worcestershire County Council response: In respect of the departments contributing to this advice (namely Strategic Planning and Environmental Policy, Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service and the Directorate of Public Health).</p> <p>The comments of contributing departments referred to below are intended to help improve the sustainability of the proposal and to direct the applicants towards best practice. Any departments not included within this response may choose to comment and/or object separately.</p>	Noted.	No change.

2.5	All			<p>Health</p> <p>It is increasingly recognised that the places and spaces where we live/work can have an impact on health and wellbeing and that an individual’s actions to improve their lifestyle or health status are likely to be influenced by the environmental and socio-economic context within which they take place.</p> <p>The design of the built environment can have a significant impact on physical and mental health and how people perceive their environments. The location, density and mix of land uses can have wide-reaching implications on how individuals live their lives; it can affect user experience of access to and provision of key community facilities such as public services, employment opportunities, healthy food choices and parks and green spaces. How areas and buildings connect to one another through street layout, footpaths, cycleways and open spaces can impact on mental health and well-being and the amount of physical activity people undertake. As an example, well connected, attractive, safe, and legible streets, footpaths and cycle networks can encourage more people to use them, promote physical activity and</p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Insert additional supporting text on promoting health and well being and additional planning policy as suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert new section in to Community Life:</p> <p>“Promoting Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>During the Regulation 14 consultation Worcestershire County Council submitted a representation recommending that the NDP addresses health and wellbeing more specifically.</p> <p>It is increasingly recognised that the places and spaces where we live/work can have an impact on health and wellbeing and that an individual’s actions to improve their lifestyle or health status are likely to be influenced by the environmental and socio-economic context within which they take place.</p> <p>The design of the built environment can have a significant impact on physical and mental health and how people perceive their environments. The location, density and mix of land uses can have wide-reaching implications on how individuals live their lives; it can affect user experience of access to and provision of key community facilities such as public</p>

				<p>consequently reduce the frequency of car usage.</p> <p>Policy context This is recognised through the national planning policy. The 2012 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that <i>the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities</i> (NPPF, Para 8.69). The National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) follows to state that states that health, wellbeing and health infrastructure must be considered in local and neighbourhood plans. Decision-making should promote physical activity, consider health infrastructure implications of proposed development, promote access to healthy food, and consider pollution and other hazards which might impact on human health. PPG also recognises that Health Impact Assessments may be a useful tool in identifying significant impacts on the health of local people as a result of new developments.</p> <p>The Localism Act 2011 gives new freedoms to local areas and includes provision for neighbourhood planning. This offers opportunity for the local communities to take positive action to improve health and wellbeing by identifying new facilities that are required and improving the design of</p>		<p>services, employment opportunities, healthy food choices and parks and green spaces. How areas and buildings connect to one another through street layout, footpaths, cycleways and open spaces can impact on mental health and well-being and the amount of physical activity people undertake. As an example, well connected, attractive, safe, and legible streets, footpaths and cycle networks can encourage more people to use them, promote physical activity and consequently reduce the frequency of car usage.</p> <p>Policy context This is recognised through the national planning policy. The 2012 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that <i>the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities</i> (NPPF, Para 8.69). The National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) follows to state that states that health, wellbeing and health infrastructure must be considered in local and neighbourhood plans. Decision-making should promote physical activity, consider health infrastructure implications of proposed development, promote access to healthy food, and consider pollution and other hazards which might impact on human health. PPG</p>
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				<p>development sites and new buildings.</p> <p>Martley, Knightwick and Doddenham Neighbourhood Development Plan 2006-2030</p> <p>We are pleased that the Neighbourhood Plan has wellbeing of the community at its core. This is reflected through the draft vision, objectives and policies in the Plan.</p> <p>However, we would encourage the inclusion of health and wellbeing design policies/guidance within the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Any development within the Neighbourhood Plan area should contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Encouraging healthy lifestyles through providing opportunities for active travel and fresh food growing; <p>Enhancing opportunities for community cohesion through creation of environments that encourage residents to get outdoors and participate in social interaction;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Considering routes and public transport provision which offer convenient, safe and attractive access to employment, homes, schools and public facilities; 		<p>also recognises that Health Impact Assessments may be a useful tool in identifying significant impacts on the health of local people as a result of new developments.</p> <p>The Localism Act 2011 gives new freedoms to local areas and includes provision for neighbourhood planning. This offers opportunity for the local communities to take positive action to improve health and wellbeing by identifying new facilities that are required and improving the design of development sites and new buildings.</p> <p><u>Insert new Policy MKD X Promoting Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <p>Where possible new development should contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encouraging healthy lifestyles through providing opportunities for active travel and fresh food growing; - Enhancing opportunities for community cohesion through creation of environments that encourage residents to get outdoors and participate in social interaction; - Considering routes and public
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				<p>☐ Catering for the need of all age groups, in particular the elderly, through the provision of seating areas, shading and simple and clear signage.</p> <p>A Health Impact Assessment is a process which ensures that the effects of development on both health and health inequalities are considered and responded to during the planning process. A Health Impact Assessment aims to enhance the potential positive aspects of a proposal through assessment while avoiding or minimising any negative impacts, with particular emphasis on disadvantaged sections of communities that might be affected.</p> <p>Information on the HIA process, data sources, and guidance on health and wellbeing considerations in relation to new development sites can be found in the HIA Toolkit for Planning available on the WCC webpages: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20122/joint_strategic_needs_assessment</p>		<p>transport provision which offer convenient, safe and attractive access to employment, homes, schools and public facilities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catering for the need of all age groups, in particular the elderly, through the provision of seating areas, shading and simple and clear signage. <p>Developers are encouraged to include a Health Impact Assessment where possible for larger schemes.</p> <p>(Insert footnote for HIA: A Health Impact Assessment is a process which ensures that the effects of development on both health and health inequalities are considered and responded to during the planning process. A Health Impact Assessment aims to enhance the potential positive aspects of a proposal through assessment while avoiding or minimising any negative impacts, with particular emphasis on disadvantaged sections of communities that might be affected.</p> <p>Information on the HIA process, data sources, and guidance on health and wellbeing considerations in relation to new development sites can be found in the HIA Toolkit for Planning available on the WCC webpages:</p>
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2.6	All				The Plan has been reviewed with particular attention to Landscape; Built Heritage and The Historic Environment. Overall, we believe the Plan has a strong set of policies that adequately represent the local environment of the three parishes. There are clear links to key policies and evidence supporting proportionate local constraints and opportunities.	Noted.	No change.
The following acknowledged receipt of original email but did not respond further							
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Civil Aviation Authority							
Worcester City Council							
Wychavon District Council							
Wales & West Utilities							
Royal Town Planning Institute							
Police & Crime Commissioner							
Ramblers Association							
Plusnet							
National Farmers Union							
Renewable UK							
Mobile Broadband Network Ltd							
Highways England							
Hereford & Worcester Scouts							
Telecom-Service UK							