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## **Planning Policy**

Malvern Hills District Council, Planning Services, The Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3AF

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Dear Sirs

## REPRESENTATIONS TO THE DRAFT ABBERLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In our capacities as Chair of Governors and Headmaster of Abberley Hall School (the School), please find below the School's representations in connection with the above document, which we welcome the opportunity to comment on.

Abberley Hall School is a long-established preparatory school providing education for over 150 pupils between 2 and 13 years of age. We are part of the Malvern College family of independent schools.

The School constitutes an important community facility and is one of the major employers in this part of Malvern Hills District. Our position is therefore to review and ensure that any draft neighbourhood development plan proposals do not affect the abilities of the School to adapt in the future to respond to the needs of its current and prospective students.

We have carefully reviewed the draft Abberley Neighbourhood Development Plan document as the School's grounds fall partly within the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan. We acknowledge that draft Policy ABY4 (Community Facilities) recognises Abberley Hall School as one of the existing community facilities within Abberley. We are content with the wording of this policy and others within the draft neighbourhood plan.

However, we would respectfully request to be kept informed of any amendments to the draft neighbourhood plan to ensure that these changes will not be unduly restrictive for the School.

We trust the representations submitted will be fully considered and would welcome the opportunity to be engaged with the remainder of the neighbourhood plan process in due course.

Jonnie Besley
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