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Dear Mr Clarke

HANLEY CASTLE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Hanley Castle Neighbourhood Plan. We are pleased to note that our suggestions at Regulation 14 stage have been addressed.

Our previous general Regulation 14 comments remain entirely relevant, that is: "Historic England is supportive of both the content of the document and the aims and objectives set out in it.

The emphasis on the conservation of local distinctiveness through good design and the protection of rural landscape character including locally significant buildings and archaeological remains is to be applauded. Equally to be applauded is the thorough approach taken to the evaluation of sites allocated for proposed new development (Supporting Document, part two, iv) and the production of the parishes Building Design Guide. The latter will no doubt be invaluable as a context and evidence base for the current Plan and specifically for its comprehensive and well thought out policies for the natural, built and archaeological environment".

In conclusion, Historic England consider that overall the plan reads as a well-considered, concise and fit for purpose document which in our view exemplifies "constructive conservation". Those drafting the Plan should be congratulated on the outcome.

I hope you find these comments and advice helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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