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From: NIBLETT, Robert <[redacted]>
Sent: 12 December 2022 14:14
To: Neighbourhood Planning
Subject: FW: Fairford Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 16 Consultation now open, until 13th December

Hello Joseph

Thank you for consulting Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) on this matter. I have the following officer comments to make.

Ecology (Biodiversity)

We note that HRA AA (Stage 2) was triggered by the current content of the Neighbourhood Plan because it allocates some development which may have likely significant effects on 'European' Sites. The main concern being additional in-combination recreational effects upon sensitive designated sites. The potential for changed water quantity, level and flow are also considered. An HRA report covering AA (Stage 2) has been compiled and we see that Natural England have agreed to the report's conclusions, i.e., there would be no adverse effects upon the integrity of any 'European' Site. On reading the HRA report we have no reasons to doubt its conclusions.

The SA Report concludes the Neighbourhood Plan could tentatively have minor positive effects on biodiversity in the long-term. A mandatory requirement for biodiversity net gain of at least 10% that is being introduced in November 2023 is likely to strengthen this conclusion.

The plan sets out a desire to enhance biodiversity within the parish and to safeguard ecological systems and features. This aligns with county and government objectives including measures in the Environment Act 2021. Since last commenting on the Neighbourhood Plan its vision, objectives and policies gives better support for the conservation and enhancement of local biodiversity. Such policy cover is not absolutely essential, although useful, as the District, Waste and Mineral Local Plans cover such matters well.

Transport Planning Comments

The draft Fairford Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) shows comprehensive consideration of the issues affecting the town, including transport. Transport is integrated throughout the document and its appendices.

It may be helpful to refer to the Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan see [LTP](#) in terms of providing the context for connectivity and movement here. The LTP considers Fairford in the South Cotswolds Connecting Places Strategy within the LTP. To this is added the treatment of different transport modes. For example, walking and cycling are mentioned briefly in the NDP, whereas the over-arching Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan proposes to bring the strategic walking and cycling network to Fairford, and supports the linking of the town to settlements such as Lechlade for walk and cycle commuting and leisure purposes.

The NDP also refers to the public transport provision – rail and bus – recognising the poor and declining bus provision in the face of an aging population. There may be a need to seek innovative ways of supporting public bus services and community transport if Fairford is to meet its residents transport needs across the plan period. Is there scope for the NDP to consider this along with general measures to enhance connectivity?

Education Comments

No further comments.

As you are aware, Minerals and Waste comments have been sent separately.

If you would like to discuss any of the points raised above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

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From: Neighbourhood Planning <Neighbourhood.Planning@cotswold.gov.uk>
Sent: 01 November 2022 09:01
Subject: Fairford Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 16 Consultation now open, until 13th December

To whom it may concern

Fairford Town Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan covering the whole of its parish area. The Plan sets out a vision for the future and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally. This plan has been submitted to Cotswold District Council, and is subject to a six week consultation period, prior to being considered by an independent examiner. The examiner will consider the plan and its supporting evidence, and review the representations made. Should the examiner find that the plan meets with the Basic Conditions, it will proceed to referendum next year. Should more than 50% of votes cast support the plan, it will be made.

The Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Cotswold District Council website:

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/fairfordneighbourhoodplan>.

As the Council offices and other public buildings have restricted access due to Covid-19 Coronavirus, if you require a hard copy, please contact the Council and a hard copy can be provided at cost: £5 for the Neighbourhood Development Plan, £15 for the Plan and all the published supporting evidence.

There are a number of ways to make your comments:

- Complete the form from the website and email it to: neighbourhood.planning@cotswold.gov.uk
- Print the form and post it to: Neighbourhood Planning, Cotswold District Council, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX.
- We will accept other comments in writing (including electronic, such as e-mail), provided that a name and address is supplied. We cannot accept anonymous comments.

All comments must be received by 12:00 on 13th December 2022.

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This response is provided by officers of the County Council acting only in its capacity as the minerals and waste planning authority for Gloucestershire. Further notifications to the County Council in respect of its other regulatory responsibilities may still be necessary in order to establish a holistic view from Gloucestershire County Council.

GCC M&W Reference:	PR2022/0195/1/NDP	Notifiers Reference (if provided):		Notifying Organisation:	Cotswold District Council
GCC M&W Responding Officer:	Lorraine Brooks	Date of GCC M&W Response:	12/12/2022	Type of Consultation:	Neighbourhood Development Plan
Consultation Title:	Draft Fairford Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation				

'X' in a box represents the officer-level response given at this time

M&W officers have reviewed the consultation information and at this time do not consider it likely that materially significant mineral and waste impacts will emerge as a result of implementing the consultation's proposals. M&W officers have based this response on potential impacts relating to: - Gloucestershire's mineral resources; the supply of minerals from and / or into Gloucestershire; and the ability of the county's network of waste management facilities to operate at its full permitted potential M&W OFFICERS RAISE NO OBJECTION	<input type="checkbox"/>
M&W officers have reviewed the consultation information and have no further comments to make.	<input type="checkbox"/>
M&W officers have reviewed the consultation information and recommend that a revision(s) would be of benefit to the next version of / the final version of the item being consulted upon:- (e.g. document; plan; policy; policies; strategy; road-map; framework; guide; guidance; statement; paper; appraisal etc...)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Detailed recommended revision(s) put forward by M&W officers:	
3.3. The Neighbourhood Plan must also be able to show that its policies are in general conformity with <u>all other relevant</u> the strategic policies of the development plan, <u>including those</u> which currently comprises policies or saved policies of the Cotswold District Local Plan 2011-2031, of the Gloucestershire Minerals Local Plan 1997 – 2006 <u>Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire 2018-2032</u> ; and of the Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy 2012 – 2027; and the ten saved policies from the Gloucestershire Waste Local Plan 2002-2012. <u>The second document is in the process of being replaced, it passed the pre-submission consultation stage and is expected to be adopted within the next year. The Waste Core Strategy and Waste Local Plan are both due to be replaced in the coming years by a consolidated Waste Local Plan for Gloucestershire.</u>	

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES REGARDING THIS CONSULTATION RESPONSE PROVIDED BY THE MINERAL & WASTE PLANNING AUTHORITY PLEASE CONTACT: m-wplans@gloucestershire.gov.uk A MEMBER OF THE TEAM WILL GET BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO DO SO.

