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Our  
ref: HNP/Reg 16  
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By Email.

Dear Mr ██████████,

**Re: Representation to Submission Henfield Neighbourhood Plan (Reg 16)**

Thank you for consulting Horsham District Council on the Henfield Submission Neighbourhood Plan and presenting an opportunity to comment on the plan. The following are officer's comments.

We'd like to congratulate the Parish Council on reaching this significant milestone in the process which demonstrates the commitment of the community to engage with the neighbourhood plan process.

There is an expectation in the adopted Horsham District Planning Framework that in addition to any sites allocated specifically in the adopted HDPF, emerging neighbourhood plans will be required to accommodate an appropriate proportion of the minimum 1,500 dwellings to be delivered from Neighbourhood Plans across Horsham district as stated in Policy 15 (4) of the HDPF. The Council welcomes the emerging neighbourhood plan is proposing to make new housing allocations to count towards this requirement.

Henfield, is identified as a 'larger' village in the settlement hierarchy by Policy 3 of the adopted Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF). It is therefore acknowledged Henfield as a sustainable settlement. The district council has started its review of the HDPF to accord with new NPPF, housing delivery test and the standard methodology. In Horsham District, different neighbourhood planning groups are at different stages of plan preparation. Some are made, some well progressed through the process and others are still at the evidence gathering stage. As a result, the Local Plan Review will affect parishes in different ways and the Council has recognised this. Horsham District has engaged with all the parishes earlier this year to ensure our work streams are not in conflict and are aligned. The Parish has agreed with the district council that it will work the planners to ensure the review of the HDPF will be compliant with national policy.

Horsham District Council considers the Henfield NP has been positively prepared and every endeavor has been made to ensure the plan is in general conformity with current adopted development plan (HDPF).

The emerging Henfield Neighbourhood Plan proposes several parcels of land as potential Local Green Spaces (LGS). Horsham District Council supports the principle of Local Green Space designations. However, it is acknowledged that a strict criterion must be satisfied before formal designation and there is the potential that the proposal put forward by the local community will not meet the requirements stipulated by Paragraph 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework. For information, we have provided this advice to the community, and have also explained that an examiner of the plan will also consider the site to ensure the LGS proposal meets the requirements set out by national planning policy and may ultimately recommend alterations or deletion of the site to ensure the plan meets the basic conditions. Notwithstanding, the number of Local Green Space put forward for consideration it is advised Local Green Space no. 15 (Green land around Meadow Walk) should be revoke as it is in conflict with the proposed access to allocation (Policy 2.2) Land East of Wantley Hill Estate.

If you have any further questions regarding this representation or any of the comments submitted by Horsham District Council officers, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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