

## Appendix 1

### Responses to Drakes Broughton Neighbourhood Area and Eckington Neighbourhood Area designation consultation – 15 October to 26 November 2014.

Organisation	Nature of Representation	Officer response
Highways Agency	<b>Comments made with respect to Drakes Broughton and Eckington.</b> No objection to designation of neighbourhood areas but wish to be informed when further details of each plan have been established due to both areas having close proximity to the M5 motorway.	Noted.
Natural England	<b>Comments made with respect to Drakes Broughton and Eckington.</b> Further details were given of sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans and proposals. In developing plan content, consideration should be given as to whether proposals have an impact on protected species and the requirements to consult Natural England further on protected species. Recommend that the neighbourhood plan should promote opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding and natural built environment, use natural resources more sustainably and bring benefits for the local community, e.g. green space provision, access to nature, and features incorporated into new build or retro fit that are beneficial to wildlife, e.g. bat roosting/bird nest boxes.	Noted. This will be passed on to the parish councils to consider during the development of their neighbourhood plans.
Network Rail	<b>Comments made with respect to Drakes Broughton and Eckington.</b> No objection to designation but wish to be consulted on any development proposals in the	Noted. Information will be given to the parish councils regarding Network Rail's comments.

	neighbourhood areas. Also request that the parish councils should contact Network Rail, as a statutory consultee, in relation to proposals which could impact upon both Network Rail's land and the railway infrastructure.	
English Heritage	<p><b>Comments made with respect to Drakes Broughton.</b> No objection but state that due account should be taken to ensure the conservation of all designated and undesignated heritage assets, along with the protection of archaeological remains.</p> <p><b>Comments made with respect to Eckington.</b> No objection but points out that the neighbourhood area contains a varied range of designated and undesignated heritage assets including the Eckington designated conservation area. Also states that the area contains numerous scheduled monuments and grade II listed buildings on the 'heritage at risk register', including Eckington Bridge and Woollas Hall. Advises that due account should be taken of the conservation of all of the heritage assets and their settings, particularly those at risk, when formulating the neighbourhood plan.</p>	Noted. Both responses will be passed on to the parish councils to ensure they are aware of English Heritage's comments and take them on-board when developing their neighbourhood plans.
Environment Agency	<b>Comments made with respect to Drakes Broughton and Eckington.</b> No comments to make at this stage but welcome further consultation at the pre-submission stage.	Noted.
Worcestershire County Council	<b>Comments made with respect to Drakes Broughton and Eckington.</b> No objections made to either neighbourhood area designation but list various interested departments that may require an input on a neighbourhood plan and potential issues that may need consideration. These include Green	Noted. WCC comments will be passed on to the parish councils.

	<p>Infrastructure, Flood Risk Management, Landscape, Archaeology Minerals and Waste. Departments mention different policies, strategy and local issues that may be of use to the parish in the development of their neighbourhood plan.</p>	
<p>Pershore Town Council</p>	<p><b>Comments made with respect to Drakes Broughton and Eckington.</b> A show of full support from Pershore Town Council members regarding the designation of neighbourhood areas in both Drakes Broughton and Eckington.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>