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Sent: 09 May 2016 10:38
To: Ford, Andrew
Cc: Sadler, Reiss
Subject: RE: CONSULTATION - North Claines Submitted Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation, 9am Friday 6 May - 5pm Friday 17 June 2016
Attachments: SV-2010-104075-OT-05-P01-L01 - Consultation on the draft North Claines Neighbourhood Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment.pdf

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for referring the above consultation.

For completeness, we commented on an earlier draft of the North Claines Neighbourhood Plan on 18 December 2015 (letter attached).

At this time we would re-iterate our previous comments. However, for clarity, we note there does not appear to be any additional site allocations proposed within the Plan. We would only make substantive further comments on the plan if the Plan were seeking to allocate sites in Flood Zones 2 or 3 (the latter being used as the 100 year climate change extent).

Furthermore, we do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise you ensure conformity with the Local Plan and refer to our guidance. This might assist with your consideration of a local environmental enhancements or improvement policies that may be necessary.

I trust that the above is of use to you at this time.

Kind regards,

Tessa Jones

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Please note: the Environment Agency have updated their climate change allowances for planners. See [Flood risk assessments: climate change allowances](#).



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Our ref: SV/2010/104075/OT-
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Your ref:
Date: 18 December 2015

Dear Mr. Hamilton

Consultation on the Draft North Claines Neighbourhood Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment

Thank you for referring the above consultation, which we received on 4 November 2015.

For completeness, we provided comments to Wychavon District Council in relation to a consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Opinion request and pre-submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Following this we sent a copy of our Neighbourhood Plan pro-forma guidance to the planning policy team at Wychavon District Council on 25 November 2015, for distribution to Parish Councils (as enclosed). The purpose of the guidance is to assist the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans, including an appropriate evidence base. This includes consideration of some of the relevant environmental issues that should be considered, including flood risk (from rivers and sea), water quality, water resources and includes latest Climate Change recommendations for flood risk.

For each proposed site allocation, we recommend completing the pro-forma to check the environmental constraints. This will help collect evidence, identify challenges, inform policy and assist delivery of sustainable solutions.

We would only make substantive further comments on the plan if you were seeking to allocate sites in Flood Zones 2 or 3 (the latter being used as the 100 year climate change extent). Furthermore, we do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise you ensure conformity with the Local Plan and refer to our guidance. This might assist with your consideration of a local environmental enhancements or improvement policies that may be necessary.

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Yours faithfully

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