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Date: 30 September 2019

F.A.O: Reiss Sadler

Dear Sir

Honeybourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16 Consultation

Thank you for referring the above consultation, which we received via email on 23 August 2019.

For completeness, we commented on the Regulation 14 and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Opinions in our letter dated 11 April 2019 (reference SV/2018/110042/OT-01/PO1-L01).

Having reviewed the Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan (July 2019) we would reiterate our previous comments as follows:

We sent your Council a copy of our Neighbourhood Plan pro-forma guidance for distribution to Parish Councils. 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.

On the basis that the previous draft NDP included one site allocation (Policy H1), we recommended completing the pro-forma to check the environmental constraints. This will help collect evidence, identify challenges, inform policy and assist delivery of sustainable solutions. Based on our Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea) Policy H1 appears to be located entirely within Flood Zone 1 (low risk). We would only make substantive further comments if the Plan was seeking to allocate sites for development in Flood Zones 3 and/or 2 (the latter being used as the 1% climate change extent).

Furthermore, we do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise you ensure conformity with the South Worcestershire Development Plan and refer to our guidance. This might assist with your consideration of a local environmental enhancements or

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improvement policies that may be necessary. We note the inclusion of Policy H11 – Flood Prevention and Water Management.

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

Yours faithfully

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