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18 August 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Neighbourhood Plan Weston on the Green

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in relation to the above consultation.


The area Weston on the Green is covered by statutory aerodrome safeguarding consultation zones surrounding RAF Weston on the Green.

The MODs main concerns relates to all potential development in particular tall structures which could infringe/inhibit air traffic operations. The designated neighbourhood plan boundary falls within the statutory aerodrome height consultation zones of 10.7m/15.2m and 45.7m.

Therefore this office would need to be consulted on all proposed development within this area.

I trust this adequately explains our position on this matter.

Yours sincerely


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DIO Safeguarding

By email:
planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Our reference: 1218

9 September 2015

Dear Mr Masseri,

Re: Neighbourhood Area Application – Weston on the Green

Thank you for inviting the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to comment on the above consultation. I can confirm that the MMO has no comments to submit in relation to this consultation as Weston on the Green Neighbourhood Area Application is not within our remit. Therefore, can I please ask that you remove MMO from you list of consultees for future reviews of this type.

If you have any questions or need any further information please just let me know. More information on the role of the MMO can be found on our website www.gov.uk/mmo

Yours sincerely,

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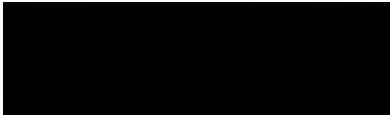
Tony Crisp

From: Gaskell, Chris <chris.gaskell@sse.com>
Sent: 12 September 2015 08:30
To: Planning Policy
Subject: Neighbourhood Area Application - Weston on the Green, Cherwell District, Oxfordshire.

Shukri,

I refer to your message below in respect of the above topic / location and I can confirm that, at this present time, I have no comments to make.

Regards,



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From: Bull Sue <sBull@anglianwater.co.uk>
Sent: 15 September 2015 08:53
To: Planning Policy
Subject: FW: Neighbourhood Area Application – Weston on the Green, Cherwell District, Oxfordshire.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the designation of Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Area Designation.

However, we have no concerns to raise or comments to make at this stage. Should the plan progress we would be pleased to make comment on the draft neighbourhood plan document,

Regards

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Date: 23 September 2015
Our ref: 165166
Your ref: Neighbourhood Area Application



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbourhood Area Application – Weston on the Green, Cherwell District, Oxfordshire

Thank you for notifying Natural England of/requesting information in respect of your Neighbourhood Planning Area dated 08/09/2015.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Plans where the Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum considers our interests would be affected by the proposals. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders where proposals are likely to affect a Site of Special Scientific Interest or 20 hectares or more of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land. We must also be consulted on Strategic Environmental Assessments, Habitats Regulations Assessment screening and Environmental Impact Assessments, where these are required. Your local planning authority will be able to advise you further on environmental requirements.

The following is offered as general advice which may be of use in the preparation of your plan.

Natural England, together with the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Forestry Commission has published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans and development proposals. This is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/consulting-on-neighbourhood-plans-and-development-orders>

Local environmental record centres hold a range of information on the natural environment. A list of local records centre is available at: <http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php>

Protected landscapes

If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), we advise that you take account of the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area. For Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, you should seek the views of the AONB Partnership.

National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity.



Their boundaries follow natural lines in the landscape rather than administrative boundaries, making them a good decision making framework for the natural environment.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/publications/nca/default.aspx>

Protected species

You should consider whether your plan or proposal has any impacts on protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced standing advice to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected or Biodiversity Action Plan species should they be identified as an issue. The standing advice also sets out when, following receipt of survey information, you should undertake further consultation with Natural England.

[Natural England Standing Advice](#)

Local Wildlife Sites

You should consider whether your plan or proposal has any impacts on local wildlife sites, eg Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI) or Local Nature Reserve (LNR) or whether opportunities exist for enhancing such sites. If it appears there could be negative impacts then you should ensure you have sufficient information to fully understand the nature of the impacts of the proposal on the local wildlife site.

Best Most Versatile Agricultural Land

Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services (ecosystem services) for society, for example as a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, as a store for carbon and water, as a reservoir of biodiversity and as a buffer against pollution. It is therefore important that the soil resources are protected and used sustainably. Paragraph 112 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that:

'Local planning authorities should take into account the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land. Where significant development of agricultural land is demonstrated to be necessary, local planning authorities should seek to use areas of poorer quality land in preference to that of a higher quality'.

General mapped information on soil types is available as 'Soilscapes' on the www.magic.gov.uk and also from the LandIS website; <http://www.landis.org.uk/index.cfm> which contains more information about obtaining soil data.

Opportunities for enhancing the natural environment

Neighbourhood plans and proposals may provide opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment, use natural resources more sustainably and bring benefits for the local community, for example through green space provision and access to and contact with nature.

Opportunities to incorporate features into new build or retro fitted buildings which are beneficial to wildlife, such as the incorporation of roosting opportunities for bats or the installation of bird nest boxes should also be considered as part of any new development proposal.

Should the proposal be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment then, in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England should be consulted again at consultations@naturalengland.org.uk

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours faithfully,

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Consultations Team



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From: Gonet, Teresa <Teresa.Gonet2@highwaysengland.co.uk>
Sent: 30 September 2015 08:53
To: Planning Policy
Cc: SE NDD BMT; Blake, Patrick; Yandell, Stephen
Subject: No Comment response to Neighbourhood Area Application - Weston on the Green, Cherwell District, Oxfordshire

Dear Sirs ,

Thank you for your email notifying us of the forthcoming consultation for the Neighbourhood Area Application - Weston on the Green, Cherwell District, Oxfordshire

Please note that from 1 April 2015, we became Highways England, a government owned company. Highways England's role is to operate, maintain and modernise the strategic road network (SRN) in line with the Roads Investment Strategy, reflecting public interest and to provide effective stewardship of the network's long term operation and integrity. For Cherwell District Council this relates to the A34.

We have reviewed the consultation and have no comment at this time.

I hope this is helpful.

Your sincerely

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2nd October 2015

Dear Shukri,

Proposed Weston on the Green Neighbourhood Plan Area

Thank you for your notification that Weston on the Green Parish Council has applied to Cherwell District Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Historic England has no objection to the proposal. However, we would like to take the opportunity of your consultation to raise the following issues setting out the support Historic England is able to offer in relation to Neighbourhood Plans.

Research has clearly demonstrated that local people value their heritage¹ and Neighbourhood Plans are a positive way to help them manage it. Historic England wants to support you in helping communities protect what they care about.

Historic England is expecting that as Neighbourhood Planning Fora such as that for Weston on the Green come to you to seek advice on preparing Neighbourhood Plans they will value advice on how best to understand what heritage they have and assistance on preparing appropriate policies.

Information held by the Council and used in the preparation of your Core Strategy/ Local Plan is often the starting point for Neighbourhood Plans. Other useful information may be available from the Historic Environment Record Centres or local environmental and amenity groups. Historic England also publishes a wide range of relevant guidance, links to which can be found in the appendix to this letter.

Plan preparation also offers the opportunity to harness a community's interest in the historic environment by getting them to help add to the evidence base, perhaps by creating and or reviewing a local heritage list, inputting to the preparation of conservation area appraisals and undertaking historic characterisation surveys.

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¹ English Heritage, *Heritage Counts*, 2008



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Historic England has a statutory role in the development plan process and there is a duty on either you as the Local Planning Authority or the Neighbourhood Planning Forum to consult Historic England on any Neighbourhood Plan where our interests are considered to be affected (as well as a duty to consult us on all Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders, and on the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Plan if one is necessary).

We will target our limited resources efficiently. We will directly advise on proposals with the potential for major change to significant, nationally important heritage assets and their settings. Our local offices may also advise communities where they wish to engage directly with us, subject to local priorities and our capacity.

Of course the nature of the locally-led neighbourhood plan process is that the community itself should determine its own agenda based on the issues about which it is concerned. At the same time, as a national organisation able increasingly to draw upon our experiences of neighbourhood planning exercises across the country, our input, agreed on a case by case basis, can help those communities reflect upon the special (heritage) qualities which define their area to best ensure that appropriate outcomes for the historic environment are achieved.

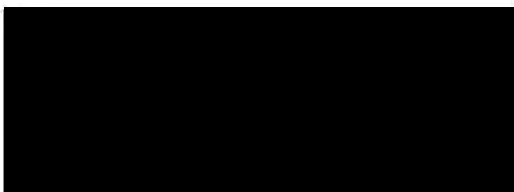
To this end information on our website might be of initial assistance:
<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>

Should you wish to discuss any points within this letter, or if there are issues about the historic environment in this particular Neighbourhood Plan Area, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Could I respectfully ask that you copy this response to Weston on the Green Parish Council for its information.

Thank you.

Kind regards,



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Appendix: Sources of Information

The National Heritage List for England: a full list with descriptions of England's listed buildings: <http://list.historicengland.org.uk>

Heritage Gateway: includes local records of historic buildings and features
www.heritagegateway.org.uk

Heritage Counts: facts and figures on the historic environment
<http://hc.historicengland.org.uk>

<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/> has information on neighbourhood planning and the historic environment.

HELM (Historic Environment Local Management) provides accessible information, training and guidance to decision makers whose actions affect the historic environment.
www.helm.org.uk or www.helm.org.uk/communityplanning

Heritage at Risk programme provides a picture of the health of England's built heritage alongside advice on how best to save those sites most at risk of being lost forever.
<http://risk.historicengland.org.uk/register.aspx>

Placecheck provides a method of taking the first steps in deciding how to improve an area.
<http://www.placecheck.info/>

The Building in Context Toolkit grew out of the publication 'Building in Context' published by EH and CABE in 2001. The purpose of the publication is to stimulate a high standard of design when development takes place in historically sensitive contexts. The founding principle is that all successful design solutions depend on allowing time for a thorough site analysis and character appraisal of context. <http://building-in-context.org/toolkit.html>

Knowing Your Place deals with the incorporation of local heritage within plans that rural communities are producing,
<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/publications/knowing-your-place/>

Planning for the Environment at the Neighbourhood Level produced jointly by English Heritage, Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission gives ideas on how to improve the local environment and sources of information.
<http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0212BWAZ-E-E.pdf>

Good Practice Guide for Local Heritage Listing produced by Historic England, uses good practice to support the creation and management of local heritage lists.
<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/good-practice-local-heritage-listing/>

Understanding Place series describes current approaches to and applications of historic characterisation in planning together with a series of case studies
<http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/nav.19604>

Oxford Character Assessment Toolkit can be used to record the features that give a settlement or part of a settlement its sense of place
<http://www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decP/CharacterAppraisalToolkit.htm>



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