

**Drakes Broughton and Wadborough with Pirton Submitted
Neighbourhood Plan Consultation**

RESPONSE FORM

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Drakes Broughton and Wadborough with Pirton Parish Council has submitted its Neighbourhood Plan to Wychavon District Council. In accordance with Regulation 16, Wychavon would like to invite comments from organisations and individuals on the Neighbourhood Plan.

This consultation runs from 9am Monday 4 July to midday Monday 15 August 2016.

All comments will be made publicly available and identifiable by name and organisation (where applicable). Please note that any other personal information provided will be processed by Wychavon District Council in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Please fill in your details in the boxes below:

Full Name:	<input type="text" value="Victoria Trotman"/>
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Organisation (if applicable):	<input type="text" value="Bovis Homes"/>
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Address (including postcode):	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
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Telephone number:	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
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Please state which part of the Neighbourhood Plan (i.e. which section, objective or policy) your representation refers to (please use a separate form for each representation):

Policy DBWP10 – Protecting and enhancing open spaces (and corresponding Drakes Broughton Proposals Map at Appendix 1)

Please use the space below to make comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Please see attached sheet.

Please use a separate form for each representation.

Please state whether you would like to be notified of the Council's decision on the Neighbourhood Plan proposal:

Yes

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No

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Please email this form to policy.plans@wychavon.gov.uk or post it to Planning Policy, Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT.

Policy DBWP10 – Protecting and enhancing open spaces (and corresponding Drakes Broughton Proposals Map at Appendix 1)

We refer to point 11 of the proposed policy, which relates to the site to the south of Worcester Road, shown as site 11 on the accompanying Proposals Map at Appendix 1. Bovis Homes has outline planning permission (ref: W/14/01419/OU) for up to 90 dwellings on the site and is in the process of producing reserved matters applications to cover the detail of the scheme.

The proposed policy seeks to control development that would result in the loss of undesignated green spaces within Drakes Broughton. It states that development of such land will only be supported if the spaces are re-provided elsewhere at a sustainable location within the village; or if it can be clearly demonstrated that they perform no useful function.

The Proposals Map, so far as it relates to the site subject to W/14/01419/OU, shows an area in the southwest of the site to be covered by Policy DBWP10. The outline planning application was accompanied by an indicative masterplan that shows this area generally to be green open space; indeed it forms part of a significant swathe across the bottom of the site also serving drainage and ecological purposes, the principle of which will be reflected in the final layout of the scheme – this is controlled by Condition. However, we have concerns relating not only to whether the proposed Proposals Map accurately reflects the indicative masterplan, but also that the boundaries shown on the masterplan are not absolutely fixed and may be marginally different when the detailed reserved matters applications are finalised.

Moreover, we do not consider it appropriate for Neighbourhood Plan policy to create an additional open space designation, which is not recognised in national policy. Unlike Local Green Space, it is not clear what it is about this area of land that the Policy seeks to protect, particularly as it is indicated that redevelopment of the spaces would be justified if it can be demonstrated they perform no useful function. In addition, it should be remembered that the extant outline consent will be subject to a full landscaping scheme via reserved matters submissions, which will provide a further opportunity for the local community to comment in relation to any perceived impacts beyond the boundary of the allocated development site.

We therefore consider this part of the policy to be unjustified and inconsistent with national policy and should be removed from the Neighbourhood Plan.