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RESPONSE FORM

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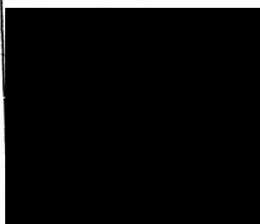
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Please state which part of the Neighbourhood Plan (i.e. which section, objective or policy) your representation refers to (please use a separate form for each representation):

My representation applies to the plan a whole but mainly it's with objective one and the lack of support for objective 3. It equally applies to Policy 1,2, 10 and 11.

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

I have a small family and drive through Eckington regularly. We would love to move to Eckington but this plan does not support that. We do not want to move into the houses of those who wish to downsize. We also do not want to live in an estate on the edge of the village. We certainly don't want to live in a retirement village which this plan seems to want to create. The best supported evidence supported infill housing which is more in keeping with the village feel that attracts us. So why on earth does the plan recommend two large estates? Surely this contradicts Key Issue 4..."protect Eckington from Sprawl" and "86% of household survey respondents said that small developments of about 5 houses were acceptable. This was further defined as 4-6 houses per site at the consultation event." Yet these two large developments have up to 38 homes in them in total?! That doesn't make any sense. Selective use of evidence throughout this plan seriously undermines it's credibility. Again, selective use of evidence and statistics to justify H1, H2, H10 and H11 policies is at best negligent and at worst deliberately misleading. The 2015 parish survey is used as evidence to support policy H7, but is conveniently ignored for H1, 2, 10 and 11 as it does not support their intentions. Paragraph 1.4 highlights the importance of this 2015 survey at the "outstanding" response rate. It is interesting to note there is no such mentions of the response rates in consultation 2 or 3. I'm sure it's a coincidence it is at these consultations the SG chose to ignore the 2015 Parish survey results. I'm also surprised the plan specifically excludes itself from the recommended minimum number of affordable houses suggested for new developments. Surely this simply gifts larger profits to the developer/landowner...couldn't the SG/Wychavon District council show some backbone and reject this?

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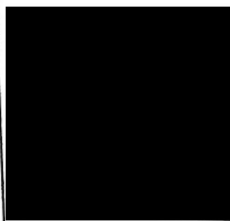
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Policy H6, but again could apply to the whole plan

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I also think policy H-6 is far too restrictive and unfairly takes rights away to develop from those outside the development boundary. Why not allow infill housing for those outside the development boundary? Overall not enough in the plan for anyone below 60 and why on earth have the exclusive development rights for two large estates been given to one individual?? Highly suspicious to me...

Also when I attended the developers (Spitfire) event to promote the new developments on Pershore Road and Roman Meadow recommended in the plan I was told by one of the employees of Spitfire homes that Ian Pickford, a member of the Eckington Neighbourhood plan Steering Group also works for Lone Star Land, which has been employed by the Land Owner of Roman Meadow and Pershore Road. Surely this conflict of interest invalidates the proposals as it is no wonder it is these large estates have been recommended in the plan, if members of the Steering Group are employed by the only landowner to benefit from the plan! Transparency is one of the key pillars of neighbourhood planning yet again that doesn't seem to apply to the Eckington Steering Group. I wonder if Private eye could pick up the story for an article in "Rotten Boroughs" or "Nooks and Corners"Clearly Wychavon should investigate conflicts of interest before proceeding with the plan? The Steering's Group "independence" falls drastically short of what would be required if this were challenged in the courts.

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