

Mr Reiss Sadler, Planning Policy, Wychavon and Malvern Hills Councils.

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Dear Mr Sadler

## OMBERSLEY AND DOVERDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN- REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION.

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Submission Neighbourhood Plan.

We are pleased to note that our suggestions at Regulation 14 stage have been taken into account and note that our other comments on the Regulation 14 Plan remain entirely relevant, that is:

"Historic England is supportive of both the content of the document and the vision and objectives set out in it.

We commend the general emphasis placed upon the maintenance of local distinctiveness and the conservation of landscape character, building upon the findings of the Worcestershire Landscape Character Assessment, including policies for the protection of green space, biodiversity and important views and vistas. We also fully support policies for the conservation of local distinctiveness and the protection of the built environment including affording special recognition to conservation areas in the Parish.

The Ombersley and Doverdale Design Guidelines are admirable in their detail providing an invaluable context for the Plan that will be of great assistance in ensuring future development respects and reinforces local distinctiveness, as evidenced by its required application in providing design criteria for current housing allocations.

Overall the plan reads as a well-considered, concise and fit for purpose document which we consider takes a suitably proportionate approach to the historic environment of the Parish".

Beyond those observations we have no further substantive comments to make on what Historic England considers is a good example of community led planning.







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Yours sincerely,

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