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**Our ref:** SV/2018/110042/OT-  
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**Your ref:**  
**Date:** 30 August 2022

**FAO: Isabel Roberts**

Dear Isabel

### **SEDGEBERROW PARISH REGULATION 16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

I refer to your email of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in relation to the Regulation 16 Sedgeberrow Neighbourhood Plan.

We have previously provided comment upon the Regulation 14 draft, SEA Screening and SEA Scoping. We note that we did not raise any specific issues with the proposed plan at those stages.

**Flood Risk:** Based on our Flood Map for Planning, we see that part of the Neighbourhood Plan area is within Flood Zones 2 and 3, particularly those arising from the River Isbourne. We note that section 5.9 'Flood Prevention and Water Management Policy' and policy 'SB3' within aim to reduce the chances of increased flooding in the area arising from new development. Whilst we would not comment upon pluvial (surface water) flooding matters, we would comment upon any planning application that is within Flood Zone 2 and/or Flood Zone 3 on the Flood Map for Planning.

We recognise that the submitted site (Policy SB1 – Land at Springfield Nurseries) is the same site recommended for development in the Regulation 14 draft. We provided comment upon the site at that stage, noting that it is entirely within Flood Zone 1 (the low-risk zone) on the Flood Map for Planning. As the site is not within Flood Zone 2 or 3 (the medium and high-risk zones), we would not provide further comment nor have objections with regards to this proposal.

**Water Quality/Water Resources:** The Environmental Bill (2020) policy statement states that the new bill aspires to secure long term, resilient water and wastewater services, making for a greener and more resilient country for the next generation within its 25 year environmental plan. Key elements to help reform the 25-year plan including trying to reform waterbodies to as close to their natural state.

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With reference to the Water Framework Directive (WFD) we would expect Wychavon District Council to continue to help address WFD failures through its role as planner, issuing ordinary watercourse consents and as land manager. All watercourses in the Plan area (and UK) are duty bound to reach Good Ecological Status or Potential (GES/GEP) by 2027. It is essential that WFD is fully integrated into the Local Plan process and that all future development helps to address the issues that currently prevent the watercourse from achieving GES/GEP. Similarly, at the NP level, we welcome reference to the need to protect, enhance and minimise the impact upon the water environment and the assessment questions associated with this (SA No 5 and 6).

I trust the above is of assistance at this time. Please can you also copy in any future correspondence to my team email address at [westmidsplanning@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:westmidsplanning@environment-agency.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

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