

Cleeve Prior Submitted Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

RESPONSE FORM

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

This consultation runs from 9am Tuesday 2 May to 5pm Wednesday 14 June 2017.

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:

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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):

CP11 Gypsy and Traveller Site

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

The change from single storey caravans to multi-storey housing along the ridge will drastically change the landscape on the approach to the village. Set in what is predominantly an agricultural environment with linked nature reserves it is important to be sensitive to the landscape setting and the effect on local biodiversity. Small scale development set back from the road in an appropriately landscaped environment should be the priority for this development. The establishment of orchard trees in the landscaping to complement the existing orchards would help blend what could be a stark change from established village to modern development. The houses should have their own appropriately sized gardens to blend with those of the adjacent village, to allow a natural flow from the new to the established and to allow space for wildlife.

Green links are important to allow space for people and for the movement of wildlife through the site, to ensure it does not become a barrier to nature on the edge of the countryside. The existing site is very untidy to our eyes but it acts as an area for movement as well as feeding and nesting for many birds and insects (including pollinators) and this needs to be taken into account when designing the development.

Whether this development works will depend on the will to be sensitive to the setting and not to be tempted to cram in dwellings for profit rather than need. Cleeve Prior is a rural village and excessive, inappropriate housing will lead to a loss of biodiversity, degradation of the landscape and local environment and ultimately to the quality of life of the villagers. A well designed and appropriately landscaped, small scale development could enhance this piece of land while taking into account the needs of local people and wildlife without compromising the village environment.

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

No

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