

Eckington Submitted Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

RESPONSE FORM

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Eckington 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 Friday 15 March to 5pm Monday 29 April 2019.

All comments will be made publicly available and identifiable by name and organisation (where applicable). The personal information you provide on this form will be held and processed in accordance with the requirements of Data Protection Legislation. More information on how we will hold your data can be found at:

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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):

The Natural Environment, page 58, para 12.9

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

It is good to see that the SSSI next to the railway line is recognised by the plan as a valuable geological site, important for its fossils. It is part of a river terrace, created as glacial melt waters rushed down the valley, dropping their sand and gravel in what was then the valley bottom. This process was repeated several times during the last ice age, but each time the level of the valley had dropped due to erosion, so the earliest river terraces are higher up the sides of the valley while the most recent ones formed at lower levels.

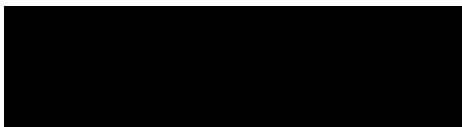
These river terraces are considered by geologists to be internationally important and are described as “staircases of fossil-bearing river terrace gravels containing evidence of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic human settlement”. They are interesting both for the method of their formation and for the fossils and other remains they may contain.

The village of Eckington lies on no fewer than three of these terraces. The highest and oldest terrace lies in the upper, eastern end of the village, where the Days Farm site is located. As you descend New Road, you come to the middle terrace where all the planned developments are located. This terrace also hosts the SSSI by the railway. The church and areas southwest of the village, including the Tewkesbury Road site, comprise a third, lower and more recent terrace.

Since the planned developments will affect only a small portion of a river terrace, the H&W Earth Heritage Trust is content to support the proposals, however it is conceivable that excavation during development might uncover ice-age remains of geological or archaeological interest with which the village would be proud to be associated.

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



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