

## **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:

<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/privacy-policy>

Please fill in your details in the boxes below:

Full Name: Mrs Mary Hughes

Organisation (if applicable):

Address (including postcode):

[REDACTED]

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Email address: [REDACTED]

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):

Housing

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

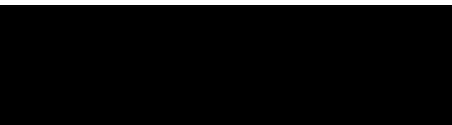
Regarding the proposed site for 23 dwellings, it is not “adjacent” to the development boundary, para 8.1, it is actually remote from the village boundary and will remain so as it is proposed to be separated from the village by a large area of open space.

The evidence to support more additional homes immediately, over and above those achieved through windfall sites (in the last 5 years windfall sites have already provided more than 16 permanent residential dwellings) and the allocated housing site just to support school numbers is not clear. According to the County Education Department assessment for the approved planning permission at Roman Meadow, a mix of 1,2,3 and 4 bed & larger, the 21 units (one beds are discounted) will yield less than one pupil per year group (See WDC Planning Committee agenda Update 04/02/2016 (Item 11)). Using the County Council’s methodology, reducing the number of units on Roman Meadow and changing the mix by introducing older persons and manageable homes together with the PRF2 site, would not appear to make any significant impact on pupil numbers. However, the additional larger properties released by the “down sizers” may help with pupil numbers but it is well known that it is the lower income families who make best use of local facilities. This needs to be borne in mind, particularly as the proposed developer’s current portfolio of available properties are for sale in the region of £600K to over a £1million and their recent presentation to the village on the proposed layout of the Pershore Road site displayed similar type properties. Values such as these are unlikely to be affordable to families with primary school age children and, even if they are, it is more than likely that the children will be attending schools outside the village.

The SWDP policy on affordable housing on green field sites requires that 40% of units should be affordable but can only see reference to 8 units on the Roman Meadow site and none on the Pershore Road site.

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:



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