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Eynsham Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 16 Consultation Response form:

Eynsham Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan and would like your comments. In order for your representation to be taken into account at the Neighbourhood Plan examination and to keep you informed of the future progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, your contact details are needed. The consultation opens on **Tuesday 1st August 2017**, and closes at 5pm on **Tuesday 19th September 2017**.

All comments will be publicly available and identifiable by name and organisation (where applicable). Please note that any other personal information provided will be processed by West Oxfordshire District Council in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Please fill in your details in the boxes below:

Full Name: Dr Hilary Emery

Organisation represented (if applicable):

Address (including postcode):

Telephone number:

Email address:

Please state which part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (for example which section, objective or policy) your representation refers to.

Fully support the overall Vision and Objectives (page 8, section 02) and the Guiding Principle (p.7, section 02) and the proposed policies to deliver these.

The comments below refer to how the policies relate to the delivery of the Vision, Objectives and Guiding Principles noting a few places where these could be enhanced and strengthened.

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

The policies are a good basis to ensure delivery of the Vision, Objectives (p. 8) and Guiding Principle (p.7).

In particular the identification of a strong community spirit and rural character of the village (p. 8), the importance of a policy commitment to local employment (ENPI10), the retention of connected green spaces and trees (ENPI2 and 13) as a policy, and the aim to sustain (and increase?) the southern industrial area to support employment (ENPI18) opportunities are crucial to the delivery of the Vision and Objectives (p. 8, s. 03).

Some cross referencing of the policies would reinforce the importance of mutuality between the existing village and any new development (Garden Village) north of the A40 (pp.9, 11) and or western development. For example, it is desirable that this mutuality be explicit:

- in the Housing policy (ENPI D) as well as the overall policy statements (ENPI6 and 17);
- in relation to Sustainable Growth (ENPI4) so that it is applicable to the existing village and any new developments to ensure mutuality;
- including in the Retail policy (ENPI 1) which could be helpfully extended to make explicit reference to the north of the A40 development not harming Eynsham's retail provision e.g. by the introduction of a large supermarket.

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 Development Plan Proposal:

Yes

No

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Transport (ENV 5 page 8 and ENP 7, p. 24) and issues relating to the A40 (page 6 and 7, section 02).

The comments below set out some aspects of the policies that could be further strengthened in relation to the issues posed by the A40 and transport more generally.

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The section on *Eynsham's Neighbourhood Plan - Background and Wider Context* (page 6-7, section 02) notes that the plan cannot insist that the A40 congestion be addressed. However, it is vital that WODC and OCC recognise that without resolution it will be impossible to deliver the overall Guiding Principle (p. 7) to **'ensure that the benefits of living in Eynsham are preserved or enhanced for the benefit of existing and future residents'**

Increased traffic on the A40 adjacent to Eynsham is an inevitable consequence of the proposed northern and western developments as well as growth across the wider WODC area. Therefore it is desirable that the policy on Green Infrastructure (ENP 4) and Transport (ENP 7) make explicit reference to the importance of providing appropriate sound barriers to the A40 to protect the quality of life for those occupying existing and new residential developments in Eynsham and any northern development.

The proposed Sustainable transport (ENP 7) policy is vital to the well being of the village and wider environmental considerations. To strengthen this policy explicit reference to the provision of cycle paths across and between the existing village and any new developments is crucial. This commitment to cycling should also be explicitly reflected in the Education (ENP 6), Sustainability (ENP 5) policy statements and in the Housing (ENP 1) policy statement (as well as currently in the supporting text for ENP 1).

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