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To whom it may concern:

Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan Submission Version

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the submission version of the Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan. Historic England are the government's adviser on planning for the historic environment including the conservation of heritage assets and championing good design in historic places. As such, our comments are limited to those areas of the plan that fall within our remit. Comments are without prejudice to comments we may make on individual applications.

In general we are pleased to support the plan and its proposals. We are pleased to see that the community have taken many of our comments in response to the pre-submission version of the plan into consideration and have amended the plan accordingly. As such we do not wish to object to any part of the plan.

We are pleased to support the designation of a number of local green spaces that have demonstrable historic interest, particularly LGS12, LGS 8 and LGS 7, which have particular potential for the presence of archaeological remains associated with the historic Abbey, as well as making an important contribution to the character or appearance of the conservation as open space. We are also pleased to support requirements for proposals to conserve the area's heritage assets, including both designated and non-designated heritage assets. We see this as a particularly important element of Policy ENP17, given the potential presence of remains of archaeological interest suggested by the Oxfordshire Historic Environment Record in this area.

We are also pleased to see reference to elements of the conservation area's special interest, such as the role of the village square as a place for markets referred to in Policy ENP15, in addition to its role as a context for historic buildings. We support the



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detailed guidance on protection of views from the bridleway towards the village and Wytham Hill set out in Policy ENP17 and see this as an example of good practice, providing given the clarity regarding the features of the view that should be protected. We also support reference to the Oxford Views Assessment methodology in the supporting text as an appropriate method to assess the qualities of a view and the potential impact of development affecting it.

We hope these comments are of assistance to the examiner but would be pleased to answer any queries relating to them.

Yours faithfully

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