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Dear Ms. Harvey

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the submission version of the Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan. As the government's advisor on planning for the historic environment we have restricted our review of the plan to those areas that fall within our remit.

The plan has now been several phases of formulation where we have had opportunities to comment and, as such our previous comments have been taken into account. We have comments on only two policies: ENP2 Bullet A, seems to be missing something. We wonder whether the central part of the bullet point, which seems to be achieving an admirable goal has been accidentally removed. We would suggest this should be:

"A. Proposals for development within the conservation area or in its setting that do not sustain or, where practicable, enhance its character or appearance will be resisted. Proposals in this area will be required to demonstrate that the design approach conforms to the WODC design guide, as well as conserving those characteristics of the area that contribute positively to the character or appearance that is desirable to preserve or enhance."

ENP17 Bullet D We support the requirement for new development to important views toward the village centre, including the church as an important local landmark with the valley setting and those towards Wytham Hill.

We feel conserving these views provides important opportunities to provide structure to the landscape/townscape of the emerging strategic development sites without unduly influencing the strategic policies of the local plan and providing recognition of those features of the inherited landscape most valued by local residents. We see this as fulfilment of the requirement so the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 approach to character and design as set out at Paragraph 58.

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

Your sincerely

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