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Dear Jill

Dalwood Neighbourhood Plan Examination

Further to your questions regarding the above set out in your letter dated 22nd July 2021, I am pleased to provide the response to question 12. I would stress at the outset that this response comprises the views of officers and has not been subject to member consideration.

You asked if we would consider that any modifications in relation to the non-strategic matters covered by the draft Neighbourhood Plan would be necessary as a result of the publication of the revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the final version of the National Model Design Code (published by the government on 20 July 2021).

Officers of EDDC have now given consideration to the Submission Version of the Dalwood NP in the light of these publications. We do not consider that any proposed modifications are necessary as a direct result of these publications, other than a preference for references to the NPPF in the plan to be updated throughout to reflect the latest version.

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In making this assessment, we considered that that in the earlier stages of plan preparation, the Neighbourhood Plan steering group did give due consideration to allocation of sites for housing, as they have a successful Community Land Trust in operation. The consideration of this did not lead to a proposed allocated site, but the policy position has not precluded future development, subject to appropriate criteria (including adherence to the existing AONB Design Guide) and notwithstanding the significant restrictions to development in this highly protected landscape. We are also aware that the proposed settlement boundary was put forward by the plan makers to allow some limited development in line with identified local need, and with the support of the community. We have also noted that proposed amendments put forward in the responses provided by the Parish Council to your questions, which include additional wording to support biodiversity, deliver good design and address climate change mitigation, would appear to further the Government's direction of travel as indicated by these recent publications.

Yours sincerely

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