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16 April 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Arborfield & Newland and Barkham Joint Neighbourhood Area Application

Thank you for inviting the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to comment on the above consultation. I can confirm that the MMO has no comments to submit in relation to this consultation.

If you have any questions or need any further information please just let me know. More information on the role of the MMO can be found on our website www.marinemanagement.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Angela Atkinson
Strategic Intelligence Officer

E stakeholder@marinemanagement.org.uk
Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above Neighbourhood Plan.

Planning Policy in the National Planning Policy Framework identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land and community facilities provision is important.

It is important therefore that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74 to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy. It is also important to be aware of Sport England’s role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing fields (see link below), as set out in our national guide, ‘A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England – Planning Policy Statement’.


Sport England provides guidance on developing policy for sport and further information can be found following the link below:
http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/

Sport England works with Local Authorities to ensure Local Plan policy is underpinned by robust and up to date assessments and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports delivery. If local authorities have prepared a Playing Pitch Strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports strategy it will be important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the recommendations set out in that document and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support the delivery of those recommendations.

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/

If new sports facilities are being proposed Sport England recommend you ensure such facilities are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/

If you need any further advice please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.

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Creating sporting opportunities in every community
Thank you for consulting Elmbridge Borough Council on the proposed neighbourhood area designation for Arborfield & Newland and Barkham Parish Councils.

I can confirm that the Borough Council does not wish to make any comments on the proposals at this time.

Kind regards

Suzanne

Suzanne Parkes
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How do you rate the service we provided in this email?

Good  Average  Poor
Please advise that Wokingham Housing Limited would be pleased to work with both parishes in formulating a joint social/affordable housing policy, if they so wish.

Thank you

David Chopping
Chairman Wokingham Housing Ltd
From: Policy and Plans
To: Policy and Plans
Subject: RE: Arborfield & Newland and Barkham parish councils take first step towards creating a joint neighbourhood plan ~[UNCLASSIFIED]~
Date: 17 April 2014 10:35:41

Dear Policy and plans

I would support this idea and believe a vast majority of the local community would take as many planning decisions away from this council as they are in my family's opinion not trusted to make a fair and unbiased decision. It has not gone unnoticed the local plan was not accepted by every planner I have spoken to a number of small companies and a large objection of the local community who were totally ignored in the public consultation once again. The problem now is Wokingham has been ruined with the destruction of Buckhurst Farm etc and the environment forever damaged for the benefit of a few rich landowners and developers who know what buttons to press. At some stage an investigation needs to happened to find out why this council has got away with it for so long, giving people the choice now after turning this town into a series of housing estates is just a con/lib council ploy to deflect from the awful damage they have just done to this town. Please add my views in support to the appropriate department. I would not be in support if it was led however by a Majeski/Luff rich landowner in these areas.

Regards

Mr N Prior

From: PolicyandPlans@wokingham.gov.uk
To: PolicyandPlans@wokingham.gov.uk
Subject: Arborfield & Newland and Barkham parish councils take first step towards creating a joint neighbourhood plan ~[UNCLASSIFIED]~
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2014 07:38:09 +0000

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The application requires a six-week consultation period before a decision is reached. A copy
CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA FOR ARBORFIELD & NEWLAND AND BARKHAM PARISHES

Thank you for notifying Natural England of your Neighbourhood Development Plan dated 16/04/2014.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Plans where the Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum considers our interests would be affected by the proposals. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders where proposals are likely to affect a Site of Special Scientific Interest or 20 hectares or more of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land. We must also be consulted on Strategic Environmental Assessments, Habitats Regulations Assessment screening and Environmental Impact Assessments, where these are required. Your local planning authority will be able to advise you further on environmental requirements.

The following is offered as general advice which may be of use in the preparation of your plan/ order.

Natural England, together with the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Forestry Commission has published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans and development proposals. This is available at: http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0212BWAZ-E-E.pdf

Local environmental record centres hold a range of information on the natural environment. A list of local records centre is available at: http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php

Protected landscapes
If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), we advise that you take account of the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area. For Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, you should seek the views of the AONB Partnership.

National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. Their boundaries follow natural lines in the landscape rather than administrative boundaries, making them a good decision making framework for the natural environment.

Protected species
You should consider whether your plan or proposal has any impacts on protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced standing advice to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected or Biodiversity Action Plan species should they be identified as an issue. The standing advice also sets out when, following receipt of survey information, you should undertake further consultation with Natural England.

Natural England Standing Advice

Local Wildlife Sites
You should consider whether your plan or proposal has any impacts on local wildlife sites, eg Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI) or Local Nature Reserve (LNR) or whether opportunities exist for enhancing such sites. If it appears there could be negative impacts then you should ensure you have sufficient information to fully understand the nature of the impacts of the proposal on the local wildlife site.

Best Most Versatile Agricultural Land
Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services (ecosystem services) for society, for example as a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, as a store for carbon and water, as a reservoir of biodiversity and as a buffer against pollution. It is therefore important that the soil resources are protected and used sustainably. Paragraph 112 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that:

‘Local planning authorities should take into account the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land. Where significant development of agricultural land is demonstrated to be necessary, local planning authorities should seek to use areas of poorer quality land in preference to that of a higher quality’.

General mapped information on soil types is available as ‘Soilscapes’ on the www.magic.gov.uk and also from the LandIS website; http://www.landis.org.uk/index.cfm which contains more information about obtaining soil data.

Opportunities for enhancing the natural environment
Neighbourhood plans and proposals may provide opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment, use natural resources more sustainably and bring benefits for the local community, for example through green space provision and access to and contact with nature.

Opportunities to incorporate features into new build or retro fitted buildings which are beneficial to wildlife, such as the incorporation of roosting opportunities for bats or the installation of bird nest boxes should also be considered as part of any new development proposal.

Should the proposal be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment then, in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England should be consulted again at consultations@naturalengland.org.uk

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Boden

Sustainable Development Consultations Team
Dear Rebecca

The proposed area that the Arborfield & Newland and Barkham Neighbourhood Plan will cover, lies outside of any ONR consultation zone around a nuclear licensed site. Therefore we have no comment to make with regard to any consultation relating to this Neighbourhood Plan, unless there is a subsequent change to the area covered by it.

Kind regards

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I confirm that Finchampstead Parish Council is fully supportive of the proposed Neighbourhood Area designation and of the proposal to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the area.

Regards Anna Kent

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for consulting this council on the proposed Arborfield and Barkham Neighbourhood Plan area. We do not have any comments that we wish to raise.

Yours sincerely

Phil Moule
Senior Planning Policy Officer
Dear Ms. Bird

Consultation: Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area for Arborfield & Newland and Barkham Parishes

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency. We have the following comments to make.

We have no comments to make regarding the neighbourhood area designation for Arborfield & Newland and Barkham Parishes.

However, if the area is designated for a neighbourhood plan, we look forward to hearing more about your plans as they develop. If at that stage it becomes clear that issues within our remit, such as flood risk, biodiversity (wet), and groundwater quality are key considerations in the plan, then we will look forward to engaging with you further.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Planning Advisor

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