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Dear Mr Forknell

**LICKEY AND BLACKWELL AND COFTON HACKETT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN -
REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION**

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Historic England is extremely supportive of both the content of the document and the vision and objectives set out in it.

Our previous comments on the Regulation 14 Plan remain entirely relevant, that is: *“The recognition in the Plan of the importance of the local historic environment and the need to retain and enhance heritage assets and the Parish’s sense of place, both of which contribute to the well-being of the community, is highly commendable and Historic England strongly support that view. The emphasis on the conservation of local distinctiveness through good design and the protection of locally significant buildings and landscape character including important views, biodiversity and Green Space is equally to be applauded.*

We particularly commend the very effective use of historic characterization to provide a context and a sound evidence base for well thought out Plan policies and fully support the requirement for developers to take account of the characterization work when designing their proposals. We are also pleased to note the recognition afforded to the characterization workshops undertaken by Jack Hanson of Worcestershire County Council, with funding from Historic England”.

Overall Historic England considers that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is a well-considered, concise and fit for purpose document which takes an exemplary approach to the historic environment, exemplifies “constructive conservation” and constitutes a very good example of community led planning.

All those who have clearly worked extremely hard in drafting the Plan are to be congratulated on the end product.

I hope you find these comments helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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