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Dear Mr Dunphy

Lickey & Blackwell and Cofton Hackett Neighbourhood Development Plan Reg 16

Thank you for your consultation on the above. We note that Lickey & Blackwell Parish are at the final stages of preparing their neighbourhood plan.

Based on our indicative Flood Map for Planning, it appears that the following environmental constraints fall within the neighbourhood area: a reservoir, several Ordinary watercourses and SPZ1 & 2.

The associated Neighbourhood Plans offer robust confirmation that development is not impacted by flooding and it should ensure that there is sufficient waste water infrastructure in place to accommodate growth for the duration of the plan period.

The document confirms that the Neighbourhood Plan area will not be allocating sites (8.10) – "the NDP will not seek to allocate any housing sites. Instead, Policy H1 sets out criteria against which any proposals coming forward for sites within the settlements may be assessed."

Future considerations

As confirmed previously, we would only make substantive further comments on the plan if you were seeking to allocate sites in flood zone 3 and 2 (the latter being used as the 1% climate change extent perhaps).

It should be noted that the Flood Map for Planning provides an indication of 'fluvial' flood risk only. You are advised to discuss matters relating to other sources of flooding including surface water (pluvial) flooding with your Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA). The LLFA also has responsibility for local flood risk management and may hold flooding information that is not identified on our Flood Map. Some watercourses have not been modelled on our Flood Maps (Our Flood Maps primarily show flooding from Main Rivers, not ordinary watercourses, or un-modelled rivers, with a catchment of less than 3km2).

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours faithfully Mr. Alex Thompson Planning Advisor

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