

Dear Sirs

Thank you for affording the Canal & River Trust the opportunity to comment on the Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan Submission - Regulation 16 document. The Trust is very pleased to note that so many of our comments on the pre-submission version have been taken into account and that the new document provides greater protection and support for improvements to the canal and its towpath in the future.

In particular we note the additional support given in Policy H7, HDNE6, LHW3 and GAT1, all of which we are now able to fully support. In particular we are pleased to note the addition of a new paragraph 4.343, which states 'New development will create additional use of the existing parish Green Infrastructure (GI) possibly resulting in its degradation. New development should therefore be required to fund improvements to the GI asset to ensure it remains fit for purpose for both existing and new users as recognised and supported by the NPPF'.

Please note that in Policy GAT1 (and elsewhere) the Canal & River Trust is incorrectly titled as The canal 'and' River Trust and we would welcome correction of this minor detail.

Thank you once again for your recognition and support of this much valued asset within your Neighbourhood Plan and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Kind regards

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