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29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Mr Dunphy

**RE: Lickey & Blackwell and Cofton Hackett Neighbourhood  
Development Plan – Submission. Bromsgrove District Council  
'Regulation 16' Representation Period**

Worcestershire County Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above consultation. The following officer-only response is from our Education, Public Rights of Way, Transport Planning and Public Health teams. Other Worcestershire County Council teams may choose to make their own response.

If you would like to discuss any of these comments please do not hesitate to contact Marta Dziudzi-Moseley (email: [mdziudzimoseley@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:mdziudzimoseley@worcestershire.gov.uk), telephone 01905 846794) in the first instance.

Yours Sincerely,

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## **Education**

The Children's Families and Communities Team have noted the comments in the Neighbourhood Plan, the Consultation Statement and the Basic Conditions Statement.

We endorse our previous comments as set out in the Consultation Statement and will work with the school to protect the school assets and to ensure appropriate mitigation is put in place to ensure a sufficiency of school places in the area.

## **Public Rights of Way**

In relation to Section 9.5: In some instances the public rights of way team may be required to install temporary closures on public rights of way for the safety of footpath users such as the one on the railway mentioned. In these instances, although we try to provide suitable alternative routes, this may not always be possible due to the local geography. However, we would agree that with any permanent diversion of footpaths a suitable alternative route must be provided and this would be subject to public consultation.

## **Transport Planning**

It is encouraging to see the commitment to sustainable developments within the Neighbourhood Plan. We would welcome, however, the inclusion of a wording in the Plan stating that all developments must meet the requirements set out in Worcestershire County Council's Streetscape Design Guide [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20007/travel\\_and\\_roads/284/transport\\_guidance\\_for\\_developers/2](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20007/travel_and_roads/284/transport_guidance_for_developers/2).

## **Health and wellbeing**

The Public Health Team welcomes the inclusion of active travel, the promotion of recreation and leisure and the focus on safe, accessible and age friendly environments in the Plan.

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We suggest that the Plan also promotes measures to enhance food growing opportunities for larger developments such as the provision of community orchards and allotments.