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Dear Carol,

Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Neighbourhood Plan (CNMNP) Submission

I write further to your submission of the CNMNP to Bromsgrove District Council on the 8th January 2021.

The District Council have considered the submitted documents and are satisfied that all of the requirements under Regulation 15(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) have been met. This letter represents the formal view of the Council in advance of its duties under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

As you will be aware, District Council officers have worked with members of the neighbourhood plan steering group during preparation of the neighbourhood plan and have provided previous comments on draft versions of the neighbourhood plan leading up to the Parish Council's pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation.

Please see the following points as brief feedback on the plan as submitted:

- The neighbourhood plan's acknowledgement that Bromsgrove District Council is gathering a range of evidence to inform a review of the Bromsgrove District Plan, and that this work could have implications for the neighbourhood plan, is noted and welcomed.
- It is noted that the CNMNP vision is formed as a result of thorough consultation with the local community during the early stages of plan preparation. The scope of the plan and its vision are recognised as appropriate for the sustainable development of Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish over the plan period.

- The CNMNP policies are regarded as offering clear policy guidance for the consideration and determination of development proposals located in Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish. The range of topics covered by the policies are considered to be suitable for the local issues faced in the neighbourhood area based on the evidence supporting the plan, including evidence arising from extensive consultation with a range of stakeholders.
- The community actions as set out in Chapter 11, despite not constituting statutory policies, are acknowledged as valuable projects to be pursued by the Parish Council and other local organisations on behalf of local communities.

A report will be considered by the District Council's Cabinet on 17th February 2021. This report seeks approval from Cabinet that the CNMNP proceed to a statutory representation period for six weeks in line with Regulation 16 of the neighbourhood planning regulations.

Delegated authority is sought from Cabinet to the District Council's Head of Planning and Regeneration that an independent examiner be appointed to conduct an examination of the CNMNP, its supporting documents, and relevant representations made on the plan. The examiner will recommend whether the CNMNP is considered to meet the 'basic conditions' as set out in the regulations.

Finally, should the examiner's report recommend the CNMNP be deemed to meet the basic conditions, delegated authority is also sought that the plan proceeds to a public referendum. The referendum will ask eligible voters whether they want Bromsgrove District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Matt Stanczyszyn.

Yours sincerely,



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cc. Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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