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Dear Anne-Louise,

The Neighbourhood Plan for Wythall Parish – Regulation 15 Submission

I write further to your revised submission of the Neighbourhood Plan for Wythall Parish ('Wythall Neighbourhood Plan') on 9th January 2026.

The District Council has reviewed the submitted documents and is 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 and following the original (Regulation 15) submission of the neighbourhood plan.

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

- The neighbourhood plan's acknowledgement that Bromsgrove District Council is in the process of preparing a new local plan up to 2043 and the role of the local plan in containing strategic policies is noted and welcomed.
- It is recognised that the neighbourhood plan has been prepared through various forms of public consultation which has shaped all aspects, including identifying the main issues and challenges facing the Parish which has informed the vision and objectives of the plan. The vision and objectives are welcomed.

- It is noted that the neighbourhood plan includes a range of community aspirations and priorities under Section 4. Some of these fall outside the scope of the neighbourhood plan but it is acknowledged that they are valuable aspirations for the local community to be led by the Parish Council and other organisations.
- It is considered at this stage that the Wythall Neighbourhood Plan policies offer clear policy guidance for prospective development proposals in Wythall Parish. The breadth of topics covered by the policies are considered to be suitable for the local issues identified based on supporting evidence, including evidence from consultation with a range of stakeholders. It is evident that the policies have been prepared with achieving the three overarching sustainable development objectives in mind over the plan period.

A report was considered at a Council meeting on 21st January 2026. This report sought approval from Council that the Wythall Neighbourhood Plan proceed to a statutory representation period for six weeks in line with Regulation 16 of the neighbourhood planning regulations.

Delegated authority is given from Council to the District Council's Assistant Director for Planning, Leisure and Culture Services to appoint an independent examiner to conduct an examination of the Wythall Neighbourhood Plan, its supporting documents, and relevant representations made on the Plan following the Regulation 16 representation period. The examiner will recommend whether the Wythall Neighbourhood Plan is considered to meet the 'basic conditions' as set out in the regulations.

Finally, should the examiner's report recommend the Wythall Neighbourhood Plan be deemed to meet the basic conditions, delegated authority is also given 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 Wythall 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 Euan Hardy.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Ward Councillors: Cllr Baxter (Drakes Cross), Cllr Forsythe (Hollywood), Cllr Stanley (Wythall East) and Cllr Peters (Wythall West)