



## **Fairford Neighbourhood Development Plan Pre-examination consultation (Regulation 16 Consultation)**

Fairford Town Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Plan sets out a vision for the future of the town and parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally.

Copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Cotswold District Council's website: [www.cotswold.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning/consultations](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning/consultations)

Hard copies are also available for inspection between 9:00 and 17:00 Monday to Friday at the Council offices on Trinity Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1PX.

Copies are also available for inspection at:

Fairford Community Centre  
*Monday – Friday 10:00 – 13:00*

Fairford Library  
*Monday 9:30 – 17:00*  
*Tuesday Closed*  
*Wednesday 9:30 – 17:00*  
*Thursday 9:30 – 19:00*  
*Friday Closed*  
*Saturday 9:30 – 13:00*

**All comments must be received by 17:00 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

### **There are a number of ways to make your comments:**

- Complete this form and email it to: [neighbourhood.planning@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@cotswold.gov.uk)
- Print this form and post it to: Neighbourhood Planning, Cotswold District Council, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX
- We will accept other comments in writing (including electronic, such as e-mail, provided that a name and address is supplied. We cannot accept anonymous comments.

All comments will be publicly available, and identifiable by name and (where applicable) organisation. Please note that any other personal information provided will be processed by Cotswold District Council in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.

### **How to use this form**

Please complete Part A in full, in order for your representation to be taken into account at the Neighbourhood Plan examination.

Please complete Part B overleaf, identifying which paragraph your comment relates to by completing the appropriate box. Please repeat this section for subsequent comments relating to other sections of the plan.

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<b>Date</b>	10 April 2017

## PART B

To which part of the document does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number	3.5	Policy Reference:	
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Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this paragraph? (Please tick one answer)

Support  Support with modifications  Oppose  Have Comments

**Please give details of your reasons for support/opposition, or make other comments here:**

Cygnets Investments notes that despite its detailed representations submitted in relation to the Pre-Submission version of the Fairford Neighbourhood Plan ("FNP") (full copy attached to these representations) the Town Council has still failed to include any acknowledgement or reference to furthering the objectives of the Cotswold Waterpark ("the Waterpark") within which Fairford is located.

Reference is made in this paragraph to saved Policy UT.2 of the Local Plan, which relates solely to the defined settlement boundaries for those settlements within the Waterpark but no reference is made to saved Policy UT.1 that is the key strategic policy in the Local Plan covering the vast majority of the designated FNP area. This is a significant failure of the FNP that flows throughout the document and the accompanying evidence base including the Sustainability Appraisal ("SA"), Basic Conditions Statement, Consultation Statement and, Landscape and Local Green Spaces Study (the Basic Conditions Statement is addressed below - see later representations in relation to the other documents).

**Basic Conditions Statement:**

There is no reference at all to the Waterpark within this document and the need for the FNP to be in general conformity with the saved strategic policy that relates to it within the Local Plan. As a consequence it is clear that the Town Council has sought to ignore this fundamental component of the Local Plan context, which has considerable pedigree having been passed through various versions of the Local Plan and is still remaining in the Council's draft policy approach for the new Local Plan.

The failure of the Town Council to take this fundamental point into account has resulted in the FNP failing to meet Basic Condition e).

As such the FNP fails to meet a number of the Basic Conditions namely a), d) and e). The earlier representations made by Cygnets in relation to the Pre-Submission version of the FNP therefore remain largely unresolved by the minimal changes made in the Submission version of the document and consequently relevant at this consultation stage (as attached).

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**What improvements or modifications would you suggest?**

In order for the FNP to comply with the Basic Conditions it will be necessary for fundamental change to be made to acknowledge and accept the strategic policy basis in Policy UT.1 that washes over the majority of the designated FNP area.

Paragraph 3.5 is only one such location within the FNP where reference should be made to Policy UT.1.

As currently drafted the FNP seeks to 'turn its back' on the Waterpark in policy terms, which is in Cygnet Investments' view not an option given the strategic nature of the policy and the significant proportion of the designated neighbourhood plan area that the policy relates to.

Given the significance of this issue Cygnet Investments would like to address the Inspector directly in the event that a hearing session is called as part of the Examination of the Neighbourhood Plan.

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Please make sure any additional pages are clearly labelled/ addressed or attached.