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Dear Sirs,

### **DRAYTON2020 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – STATUTORY CONSULTATION**

Thank you for the invitation to comment on your pre-submission draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

The parish of Drayton is not adjacent to South Oxfordshire District Council's administrative boundary but is separated from it by a small area of Sutton Courtenay parish.

The draft neighbourhood plan contains policies that, on the whole, can be regarded as development management policies to guide the design and sustainability of development. The draft NP does not allocate development sites, instead it appraises a number of sites and argues for their appropriateness or otherwise. I considered that Drayton's draft NP does not directly impact upon our district and I therefore make no comments.

I do, however, have two observations about the draft NP which you may find helpful:

First; Figure 1 (Neighbourhood Development Plan area) would benefit from some context, perhaps identifying some key landmarks in Drayton or planning/landscape constraints. It might also be useful to label neighbouring parishes and/or authorities to make engagement over strategic issues more straight forward.

Second; the purpose of the plan is not made explicit. A statement to this effect would be useful to explain its role, especially as it is not allocating land for development. If this document is to be used in the determination of planning applications it should be explained exactly how and when this will happen. I suggest this statement should be made as early in the document as possible.

I hope these comments will be useful to you, and if you have any questions then do please contact me using the contact details above.

Yours faithfully,



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Planning Policy Officer