



COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	CABINET MEMBER FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM 1
Subject	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING: REPRESENTATION TO THE REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION ON THE KEMBLE AND EWEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
Wards affected	Kemble directly
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Summary/Purpose	To agree a representation from the Council to the Regulation 16 consultation on the Kemble and Ewen Neighbourhood Development Plan.
Annexes	Annex A: Kemble and Ewen Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Submission: A1) Regulation 16 Draft plan; A2) Policies Map ; A3) Design Guide; A4) Basic Conditions Statement; A5) Consultation Statement; A6) SEA Screening; A7) Landscape Appraisal; A8) Conservation Area Appraisal; and A9) Heritage Appraisal. Annex B: Cotswold District Council Draft representation
Recommendation/s	<i>That the Cabinet member considers the draft representation, and subject to any amendments, agrees it for submission to inform the review by the Independent Examiner.</i>

Corporate priorities	The Council has a duty to support neighbourhood planning. 'Ensure that all services delivered by the Council are delivered to the highest standard.'
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	The plan has been consulted on by the parish council, and is currently subject to a consultation carried out by this Council. Local residents, businesses and a range of statutory and non-statutory organisations have been informed of the consultation. It should be noted that the consultation is not formative – but is instead an opportunity for consultees to raise concerns with the examiner to inform the decision on whether the submitted plan meets the Basic Conditions – the legal requirements for a Neighbourhood Development Plan to proceed to referendum.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. Kemble and Ewen Parish Council (KEPC) applied to this Council in September 2015 to designate a neighbourhood area. The area applied for, and subsequently approved, was the entirety of Kemble and Ewen Parish. Since that point, a steering group consisting of local residents, supported by planning consultants, has consulted locally, reviewed and developed a local evidence base, and drafted a plan, the Kemble and Ewen Neighbourhood Development Plan (KENDP). This plan was duly consulted upon in late 2019 – a consultation to which this Council responded – and representations have been considered in preparing a submission draft. Following the submission of this draft to the Council earlier year, consultation was launched in June, closing on 10 August 2020. In light of the COVID-19 restrictions, the consultation was delayed to commence following the end of the 'full' lockdown, and has been extended by two weeks to accommodate delays in consultees seeing promotional material, and the possible additional challenges facing corporate consultees in agreeing responses through a period of ad hoc homeworking.

2. MAIN POINTS

2.1. This consultation gives Cotswold District Council a further opportunity to seek to influence the content of the plan. Should a neighbourhood plan proceed through examination, and subsequent referendum, and be made by this Council, it will become part of the Local Development Framework through which planning applications are determined. As the Local Planning Authority making those determinations, it is in the Council's interests to ensure that so far as possible, it believes neighbourhood plans meet the necessary legal standards and provide a useful framework for decision-making.

2.2. The representation attached at Annex B has been prepared and reviewed by a number of officers who have an involvement within Development Management, Planning Policy and Neighbourhood Planning. Through informal discussions with Kemble and Ewen Parish Council, and through the Council's representation to the Regulation 14 consultation last year, the Council has been able to influence the content of the submission draft KENDP, and therefore there are relatively few points it believes should be brought to the examiner's attention.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1.** None – this decision purely concerns the response to the current consultation.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1.** None – this decision purely concerns the response to the current consultation, and informs the independent examiner's review of the submitted KENDP.

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

This is a low risk decision, but mitigates the risk of the NDP being examined without the district council's concerns being taken into account.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 6.1.** Not required for this decision.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1.** None for this decision, as it is purely a consultation response. The KENDP is largely silent on climate change.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 8.1.** The Council could choose not to submit a representation, but would thus miss the opportunity to communicate its views to the independent examiner.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1.** The following documents have been identified by the author of the report in accordance with section 100D.5(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 and are listed in accordance with section 100 D.1(a) for inspection by members of the public:

- Representation to the Kemble And Ewen Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 14 Consultation, Report to the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy, Climate Change and Energy, dated 21 October 2019 and associated minutes
- Neighbourhood Planning: Regulation 16 Consultation for Kemble And Ewen Neighbourhood Development Plan, Report to the Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Car Parks and Town and Parish Councils, dated 23 March 2020 and associated minutes

- 9.2.** These documents will be available for inspection at the Council Offices at xxxxxxxx during normal office hours for a period of up to 4 years from the date of the meeting. Please contact the author of the report.