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Our ref: SV/2010/104083/OT-
17/SB1-L01

Your ref:

Date: 14 February 2019

Dear ██████████

Notice of Publication of the Minchinhampton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) proposal under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (As Amended) and the Localism Act 2011.

Thank you for referring the above consultation, received on 9 January 2019.

We have no comments to make at this stage and would reiterate the advice sent to Minchinhampton NDP Steering Group below in response to the draft consultation dated 20 February 2018.

We sent Stroud District Council a copy of our Neighbourhood Plan pro-forma guidance in November 2015, for distribution to Parish Councils. The purpose of the guidance is to assist the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans, including an appropriate evidence base. This includes consideration of some of the relevant environmental issues that should be considered, including flood risk (from rivers and sea), water quality, water resources and includes latest Climate Change recommendations for flood risk.

For each proposed site allocation, we recommend completing the pro-forma to check the environmental constraints. This will help collect evidence, identify challenges, inform policy and assist delivery of sustainable solutions.

We note there does not appear to be any additional site allocations proposed within the Plan. We would only make substantive further comments on the plan if it were seeking to allocate sites in Flood Zones 2 or 3 (the latter being used as the 100 year climate change extent). Furthermore, we do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise there is conformity with the Local Plan and refer to our guidance. This might

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assist with your consideration of a local environmental enhancements or improvement policies that may be necessary.

I trust that the above is of use to you at this time.

Yours sincerely


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