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Dear Mrs Hodges

Re: Witchford Neighbourhood Plan Submission

I am writing to confirm receipt of the Witchford Neighbourhood Plan (Submission Version) and to confirm that the plan meets the statutory requirements and will proceed to examination.

Statutory requirements

Where the submitted Neighbourhood Plan meets the statutory requirements set out in paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council will publicise the Plan for a minimum of 6 weeks; invite representations; notify any consultation body referred to in the consultation statement; and send the draft Neighbourhood Plan to independent examination. For reference, the statutory requirements are available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/10/enacted>.

Authorisation to prepare plan

The plan was submitted by Witchford Parish Council and applies to the designated Witchford Neighbourhood Area. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is coterminous with the Witchford Civil Parish boundary, and does not include land within any other parish. As a parish council, Witchford Parish Council is authorised to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the designated Witchford Neighbourhood Area¹.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents

The submitted Neighbourhood Plan contains policies and proposals which apply to the designated Witchford Neighbourhood Area. The submitted Plan is accompanied by a Basic Conditions Statement, Consultation Statement, a SEA Determination Statement and a suite of other evidence documents providing assessment of local issues.

The suite of documents appears complete and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy, guidance and legislation².

¹ Paras. 6(a) & (b) of Sch. 4B.

² Paras. 6(c) & (d) of Sch. 4B

Planning permission and excluded development

The submitted Neighbourhood Plan sets out proposed planning policies which apply to the Witchford Neighbourhood Area only. The submitted Neighbourhood Plan does not directly grant planning permission. If the plan is made, development proposals will continue to be subject to the planning application process.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not provide for the granting of planning permission for any development that is excluded development³.

In conclusion, the Council is satisfied that the submitted Witchford Neighbourhood Plan complies with the statutory requirements. The Council will therefore proceed to publish the plan for a 6 week period from Thursday 17 October to Thursday 28 November 2019, inviting representations during this time.

The Strategic Planning Team will be in contact with Witchford Parish Council in due course to discuss arrangements for the Independent Examination.

Yours Sincerely

Edward Dade
Strategic Planning Officer

³ Para. 6(e) of Sch. 4B