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Dear Sir or Madam

Fareham Local Plan Review Regulation 18 Consultation

Thank you for your email of 7 June 2019 inviting comments on the above consultation document.

As the Government's adviser on the historic environment Historic England is keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages of the planning process. This includes formulation of local development policy and plans, supplementary planning documents, area and site proposals, and the on-going review of policies and plans.

There are many issues and matters in the consultation document that are beyond the remit and concern of Historic England and our comments are, as required, limited to matters relating to the historic environment and heritage assets. We note that as an early stage in the formulation of a local plan the current document may be subject to significant change and consequently we consider it appropriate to limit our comments to more general matters; we will comment more specifically and in detail at later stages in the plan making process as appropriate.

In this respect, you should not take the comments below as the definitive view of Historic England on the matters contained in the plan; they are provided for general guidance in the iterative process of preparing appropriate policies for the historic environment. In particular, it focusses on the objective of the National Planning Policy Framework, inter alia, to set out a positive and clear strategy for the conservation, enjoyment and enhancement of the historic environment (NPPF, Paragraphs 126 and 157); and contain strategic policies to deliver the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment (NPPF, Paragraph 156).

A positive strategy in the terms of NPPF paragraphs 9 and 126 is not a passive exercise but requires a plan for the maintenance and use of heritage assets and for the delivery of



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development including within their setting that will afford appropriate protection for the asset(s) and make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness.

We note the Council's intention to potentially allocate additional sites further to those included in the adopted Local Plan. As regards site allocations, whatever the potential sources of land for development, Historic England expects the selection of sites to be allocated for housing (or any development) to be based on, inter alia, full and proper consideration of the potential impacts of development on the historic environment; in particular on heritage assets and their setting, and the need to conserve and enhance those assets.

We have prepared specific advice on The Historic Environment and Site Allocations in Local Plans, <http://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans/>. Advice on the setting of heritage assets is given in Historic England's Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 3: The Setting of Heritage Assets (<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/gpa3-setting-of-heritage-assets/>). We will comment later in the plan-making process on individual site allocations as their location and extent becomes clearer, having regard to this advice.

Further, the local plan needs to assess whether or not it should identify any areas where certain types of development might need to be limited or would be inappropriate due to the impact that they might have upon the historic environment (NPPF, Paragraph 157). This might include, for example, tall buildings within identified view corridors.

Historic England would strongly advise that the Council's own conservation staff are closely involved throughout the preparation of the Local Plan, as they are often best placed to advise on local historic environment issues and priorities, sources of data and, consideration of the options relating to the historic environment, in particular the requirement to set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment (NPPF para 185).

These comments are based on the information provided by you at this time and for the avoidance of doubt does not reflect our obligation to advise you on, and potentially object to, any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from this or later versions of the plan and which may, in our view, have adverse effects on the historic environment.

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