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Subject: RE: Regulation 16 Consultation for Tavistock Neighbourhood Plan

Attachments: Environment-toolkit-080219-1521 (1).pdf

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the recent consultation in respect of the Tavistock Neighbourhood Plan.

We take a risk-based approach to responding to Neighbourhood Plan (NP) consultations. The NP does not propose allocations/policies within areas at risk of flooding and it is outside of our Focus Areas. Therefore, we will not be providing any bespoke advice in respect of this NP.

However, it remains important that parish councils and neighbourhood forums are provided with the best available evidence to shape the future of the places in which people live and work. We therefore attach the guide 'Neighbourhood Planning for the environment' which has been prepared jointly by Environment Agency, Natural England, Forestry Commission and Historic England. This environmental toolkit focusses on:

- Opportunities to enhance the local environment through neighbourhood plan-making;
- Where to find information about the local environment;
- · Good practice; and,
- A checklist to use whilst developing the plan.

Kind regards

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