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Date:
31 May 2017

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The West Chiltington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Southern Water is the statutory wastewater and sewerage undertaker and water supplier for West Chiltington Parish, and we welcome the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Submission version of the West Chiltington Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

Please find following our response. We look forward to being kept informed of future progress.

Yours sincerely,

~~Charlotte Mayall~~

Charlotte Mayall
Planning Coordinator

Omission of policy- Provision of additional wastewater infrastructure

Southern Water is the statutory water and wastewater undertaker for West Chiltington and thus has a statutory duty to serve new development here.

We are committed to ensuring that the right water and wastewater infrastructure is in the right place at the right time in collaboration with developers, the planning authority and the Parish Council. Although there are no current plans, over the life of the Neighbourhood Plan, it may be that we will need to provide new or improved infrastructure either to serve new development and/or to meet stricter environmental permits.

It is important to have policy provision in the Neighbourhood Plan which seeks to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is in place to meet these requirements.

We could find no policies to provide for new or improved infrastructure to support development. One of the Core Planning Principles contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is to '*proactively drive and support sustainable economic development to deliver the homes, business and industrial units, infrastructure and thriving local places that the country needs*'.

Proposed amendment

Support for essential infrastructure is required at all levels of the planning system. To ensure consistency with the NPPF and facilitate sustainable development, we propose an additional policy as follows:

New and improved utility infrastructure will be encouraged and supported in order to meet the identified needs of the community subject to other policies in the plan