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Dear Mrs Childs

Re: Regulation 14 Consultation Procedures

At the meeting on 9th August 2017 the NP team made it absolutely clear that they had sent an email to WSCC. Evidence of an email being sent is available. However, on further investigation with WSCC it has been discovered that they had closed their planning@ mail box without any general notification to people and therefore did not receive the email.

The conclusion reached by your legal team was that to consult just WSCC at this stage would prejudice other individuals. In our view this is not based upon the Regulations which state that we must consult anyone who may be affected by the proposals which we have done in all other cases. Unless your legal team are able to provide details of where in the legislation it states that all consultees must be consulted at the same time then we would concur with their advice, otherwise it seems reasonable and pragmatic to consult WSCC using the correct address, advertise it on our web site so that others may if they wish comment, but not re-do the whole consultation which we feel adds a burden to all the other statutory agencies who have already responded.

We accept the District Council's suggestion that the housing needs study could be updated and will follow the AECOM process as recommended by HDC.

It was explained at the meeting that we feel the Local Authority response to our Regulation 14 consultation fails to understand the documents that support it. This was acknowledged by you at the meeting. Comments have been made about housing sites that do not take into account the Housing Sites Assessment documents and the rationale behind the selection of sites for review. We demonstrated at the meeting that extensive work has been carried out on reviewing sites using methodology specified by the LPA. In addition, the NP has responded to each point raised on the attached table.

At the meeting you offered continued support with the next stage of our NP as a sort of health check. We understand that the purpose of the Regulation 14 process is to test the draft Plan and then to take the comments received and amend the Plan before the submission at Reg 16. We appreciate and thank you for the support HDC has given WC Parish Council with our NP to date. The Parish Council want to take every opportunity which helps with a timely and successful Regulation 16 and look forward to continued engagement with HDC.

Yours sincerely

Marshall Monks
Chairman West Chiltington Parish Council