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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Ref: Cassington Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Thank you for inviting Historic England to comment on the Regulation 16 Submission version of this Neighbourhood Plan.

We do not consider it necessary for Historic England to provide detailed comments at this time. We would refer you if appropriate to any previous comments submitted at Regulation 14 stage, and for any further information to our detailed advice on successfully incorporating historic environment considerations into a neighbourhood plan, which can be found here: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>.

We would be grateful if you would notify us on e-seast@HistoricEngland.org.uk if and when the Neighbourhood Plan is made by the council. To avoid any doubt, this letter does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on or, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise as a result of the proposed plan, where we consider these would have an adverse effect on the historic environment.

Please do contact me, either via email or the number above, if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Lloyd Sweet, Robert <Robert.LloydSweet@HistoricEngland.org.uk>

Sent: 18 January 2022 17:05

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Subject: Re: Cassington Parish Council Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the pre-submission version of the Cassington Neighbourhood Plan. Historic England is the government's advisor on planning for the historic environment including advising on the conservation of heritage assets and champion good design in historic places. As such, our review of the plan is focused on these areas and silence on other areas should not be treated as agreement or consent.

I am happy to confirm that we do not have any objections to raise and, as such, our comments are limited to areas where we feel policies could be strengthened or clarified.

Policy CAS6: Locally Listed Buildings.

We recommend removing the word 'unnecessary' from Bullet point B. of this policy as the necessity of any harm will be dependent on the justification required by the policy. replacement with 'unavoidable' would better satisfy the requirement to avoid or minimise conflict between the conservation of the heritage asset and any aspect of the proposal required by the NPPF. Otherwise we are happy to support the community's role in identifying the features of the environment they consider merit consideration as heritage assets through the neighbourhood plan.

We note in particular the identification of dry-stone walls as locally distinct features of character with a heritage significance which compares with the identification of boundary features of locally distinct materials in neighbourhood plans in other parts of the country.

Design Code. We are pleased to see the use of the Conservation Area Appraisal as a solid foundation for the Design Code and the level of locally specific detail the code provides. We suggest amending the final sentence of the first paragraph on Page 28 to read:

"Beyond these considerations, there remain other design matters where the Code does not specify an approach. In these areas the existing pallets of materials, detailing form and layout may provide evidence of the most appropriate design response. Nevertheless, attention should always be given to the wider District design guidance and the need to achieve a high quality of design." At present the final sentence could be seen is a hostage to fortune.

We hope these comments are of assistance but would be pleased to answer any queries relating to them.

Yours faithfully

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