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WEST OXFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

To:

The Clerks of Town and Parish Councils
The Chair/Clerk of Parish Meetings

Your Ref :
Our Ref :
Date : 28 August 2020

Dear Recipient

Salt Cross Garden Village Draft Area Action Plan (AAP)

You will be aware that land to the north of the A40 near Eynsham is allocated for development in the West Oxfordshire Local Plan in the form of a new garden village. Known as 'Salt Cross,' the garden village will be led by a new Area Action Plan (AAP).

The District Council has now prepared a final draft version of the AAP which it proposes to submit to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The AAP establishes a vision for Salt Cross, supported by a series of core objectives and policies which will be used to guide future development proposals as they come forward.

Before the AAP can be submitted, it must be published for a statutory period of public consultation which is running for 8-weeks from **Friday 28th August 2020 until Friday 23rd October 2020**.

The draft AAP and a range of supporting documents have therefore been published on the Council's website at www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage

Paper and electronic copies will shortly be made available in the following libraries which have re-opened following the Covid-19 crisis:

- Carterton Library - 6 Alvescot Road, Carterton, OX18 3JH
- Chipping Norton Library - Goddards Lane, Chipping Norton, OX7 5NP
- Eynsham Library - 30 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS
- Witney Library - Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6JH
- Woodstock Library - The Oxfordshire Museum, Fletcher's House, Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SN

For further information on library opening times please visit:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/reopening-libraries>

Should more libraries re-open during the 8-week consultation period, paper copies will be made available in those locations accordingly.

We would very much welcome your comments on the draft AAP and these can be made in writing, or by way of electronic communications.

The options for responding are set out below.

- Online by registering at <http://planningconsultation.westoxon.gov.uk>
- By completing and returning the AAP standard response form which can be downloaded at www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage
- By sending an email to planning.policy@westoxon.gov.uk
- By writing to Planning Policy Team, West Oxfordshire District Council, Elmfield, New Yatt Road, Witney, OX28 1PB

As the consultation relates to the submission draft AAP, comments should be focused on three main issues; whether the AAP is 'legally compliant', whether it is 'sound' and whether the Council has complied with its statutory duty to co-operate. Further information is set out in a guidance note which is available to download at www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage

Any representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- the submission of the AAP for independent examination under section 20 of the Act,
- the publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the AAP under section 20 of the Act; and
- The adoption of the AAP.

All representations received will be made publicly available and will also be made available to the Planning Inspectorate and to the person appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the examination.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please feel free to contact me on the number above.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hargraves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Hargraves
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