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From: info <info@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk>
Sent: 29 September 2020 16:30
To: Neighbourhood Planning
Subject: RE: Preston Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 16 Consultation now open, until 2nd November

Thank you for getting in touch regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust welcomes the inclusion of policies for wildlife within NDPs and these are a critical way by which local people can take action to support nature's recovery.

We receive a lot of requests to review and contribute to NDP's. As a charity, we have limited resources and have a large workload looking after our nature reserves and trying to reverse countywide declines in biodiversity. Sadly, this means that we rarely have capacity to review draft Neighbourhood Development Plans or respond to consultation requests.

The best way to engage our expertise and knowledge is before the plan has been written. You can do this by engaging the Gloucestershire Centre for Environment Records (GCER), which is part of the Wildlife Trust and offers a wildlife advice service for Neighbourhood Development plans. As the Wildlife Trust is a charity, we do have to charge to cover our costs, but at an early stage we can help you to better understand local wildlife and what policies can help to protect and restore it.

The Trust has not been able to review your plan so I cannot submit a comment to the consultation. However, our advice would always be to include policies that refer to protecting and restoring local ecological networks as defined by the Gloucestershire Nature Recovery Network and insisting that all development deliver a net gain for biodiversity.

Kind regards,

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From: Neighbourhood Planning <Neighbourhood.Planning@cotswold.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 September 2020 10:09
Subject: Preston Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 16 Consultation now open, until 2nd November

To whom it may concern

Preston Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan covering the whole of its parish area. The Plan sets out a vision for the future and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally. This plan has been submitted to Cotswold District Council, and is subject to a six week consultation, prior to being considered by an independent examiner. The examiner will consider the plan and its supporting evidence, and review the representations made. Should the examiner find that the plan meets with the Basic Conditions, it will proceed to referendum next year. Should more than 50% of votes cast support the plan, it will be made.

The Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Cotswold District Council's website:

www.cotswold.gov.uk/preston

As the Council offices and other public buildings have restricted access due to Covid-19 Coronavirus, if you require a hard copy, please contact the Council and a hard copy can be provided at cost: £5 for the Neighbourhood Development Plan, £15 for the Plan and all the published supporting evidence.

There are a number of ways to make your comments:

- Complete the form attached from the website and email it to:
neighbourhood.planning@cotswold.gov.uk
- Print the form and post it to: Neighbourhood Planning, Cotswold District Council, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX.
- We will accept other comments in writing (including electronic, such as e-mail), provided that a name and address is supplied. We cannot accept anonymous comments.

All comments must be received by 17:00 on 2nd November 2020.

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