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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Re: Cleobury Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation**

Thank you for referring the Cleobury Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan for our consideration. We have previously provided comment on the Regulation 14 iteration and associated SEA Screening Assessment.

We note the preferred site allocations for Residential, Employment Land and Cemetery Expansion and their associated policies.

Based upon the Flood Map for Planning the proposed site allocations would appear to be outside of areas at high risk of fluvial flooding. We would not therefore offer bespoke comment on flood risk at this time.

It should be noted however, that the Flood Map for Planning offers an indicative view of fluvial flood risk only. We note the presence of 'ordinary watercourses' within the plan area which are unmodelled due to the scale and nature of the stream and receiving catchment (less than 3km<sup>2</sup>).

In direct consultation with the Town Council and their appointed Planning Consultant our concerns with regard to the cemetery extension (Regulation 14 response dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022) have been addressed. We welcome the change to the proposal to limit the use of the expansion site to memorial walls and burials of cremated remains only, with policy wording clearly prohibiting the burial of human remains. This is in support of the protection of controlled waters.

We note and welcome the inclusion of Policies CM6 & CM7 Environmental Principles and Bio-diversity Net Gain which seek to protect and improve the natural environment.

It is noted that Policy CM8 Water Infrastructure requires development proposals to demonstrate that there is sufficient capacity within the water infrastructure.

Yours faithfully

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