

## **Kings Somborne Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Regulation 16 Consultation Response Form**

Please return your completed response form to Test Valley Borough Council via either:

- E-mail: [Neighbourhoodplanning@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:Neighbourhoodplanning@testvalley.gov.uk) **or**
- Post: Planning Policy, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ.

**The consultation starts on Monday 23 January and ends at Noon on Tuesday 7 March 2023**

**Please review the Data Protection section, and sign and date at the end of this response form.**

#### **Guidance Note:**

This response form has two parts:

#### **Part A – Contact Details and Future Notification**

Please provide your personal contact details. If an agent is appointed to represent you, then they would need to provide their full contact details in addition to your Title, Name and Organisation (if applicable). This information is required to enable the Independent Examiner to contact you for further information if required during the examination of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Consultees can request to be notified once Test Valley Borough Council has decided to 'make' the Kings Somborne Neighbourhood Plan, following the Independent Examination and referendum. This decision is the final statutory stage in adopting a Neighbourhood Plan. Please indicate whether or not you wish to be notified.

#### **Part B – Your representation(s)**

If you are responding using this form, please use a separate Part B form for each different part of the Plan that you respond to (for example, one form per document or per policy).

Please use the table to set out which document and which part of that document your comments relate to. If your comment is on a specific element please set this out in the table. Your comments should then be written in the box – please state if you have included any attachments as part of your comments.

## **Part A – Contact Details and Future Notification**

### **Contact Details**

	<b>1. Personal Details</b> (or Client Details if applicable)**	<b>2. Agent's Details</b> (if applicable)
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\*Please note: these sections must be completed.

\*\*If an agent is appointed, please provide the client's Title, Name and Organisation.

### **Future Notification**

Do you wish to be notified of Test Valley Borough Council's decision to 'make' the Kings Somborne Neighbourhood Plan? (Please tick):

**Yes:**

**No:**

## **Part B – Representation**

Please use a separate Part B form for each document/paragraph/policy that you are making representations about.

<b>To which document does this representation relate?</b>		
(please <b>tick only one document per Response Form</b> and indicate the section / policy number / paragraph number to which your comments relate to)		
<b>Consultation Document</b>	<b>Tick</b>	<b>Section/ Policy/ Paragraph</b>
Kings Somborne Neighbourhood Plan	✓	<b>KS/E5</b>
Basic Conditions Statement		
Consultation Statement		
Designated Area Map		

**Please write your comments in this box:** *(Continue on next page and attach an additional page at the back of your response if required)*

Southern Water is the statutory water supplier and wastewater undertaker for the parish of Kings Somborne. With reference to criterion 4 of this policy, as the statutory undertaker we cannot currently refuse new connections to our network for either surface water or foul drainage. We strongly recommend therefore that policies are in place to ensure surface water and wastewater drainage systems are kept separate. Page 16 of the Regulation 15 Consultation Statement makes reference to this, however we feel that this could be made more explicit in the policy.

We support the changes that were made to criterion 4 since the last consultation, but in order to reflect the above with greater clarity, would recommend the following amendment (new text underlined);

- 4) New development which increases the flow of wastewater into the sewerage system must be accompanied by a detailed drainage strategy for fully separated systems of foul sewerage and surface water disposal and must not be occupied until the accepted detailed plans for foul and surface water drainage plans are fully constructed.*

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<b>Consultation Document</b>	<b>Tick</b>	<b>Section/ Policy/ Paragraph</b>
Kings Somborne Neighbourhood Plan	✓	<b>KS/E9</b>
Basic Conditions Statement		
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Southern Water supports the intentions of part 1 of this policy to protect the rivers and their habitats. As the water supplier and wastewater infrastructure provider for the parish, we feel that the policy as currently worded however, could constrain future infrastructure improvements or expansion of existing facilities. This is because if upgrades are required, there would be limited options with regard to location, as the infrastructure would need to connect into existing networks. The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) recognises this scenario and states that 'it will be important to recognise that water and wastewater infrastructure sometimes has particular locational needs (and often consists of engineering works rather than new buildings) which mean otherwise protected areas may exceptionally have to be considered'. In addition, paragraph 180 of the NPPF states that developments within or in proximity to SSSIs should not normally be permitted unless the benefits of development outweigh its impact. Harm to biodiversity should also be refused unless it can either be mitigated or compensated.

We recommend the following amendment to this policy's wording, so that it aligns with the requirements of the NPPF (new text underlined);

- 1) *Development proposals that would adversely affect the following features of the of the Somborne Steam, Park Stream, River Test and the River Test SSSI will not be supported unless it it is for essential utilities infrastructure and the benefits clearly outweigh any harm, and any adverse impacts can be adequately mitigated or compensated.*

## **Data Protection**

**Data Protection:** The comments you submit will be used to inform the Neighbourhood Plan process and will be held for the lifetime of the Neighbourhood Plan. Please note that your comments will **not** be treated as confidential and will be made available for public inspection. However, contact details will not be made public and will not be passed to external parties, apart from the Examiner, without permission. For further information on how we use your personal data please visit <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/gdpr>

**Please tick the box to confirm you are happy for your comments to be used in this way**

Signed ... *C Mayall* ..... Date ..... 1 March 2023.....