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**Sent:** 11 October 2018 17:40  
**To:** Mitcheldean Parish Council  
**Subject:** FW: Regulation 14 Public Consultation Notice - Mitcheldean NDP

Dear Madam

Thank you for consulting Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) on the above matter. I have the following officer comments to make.

### **Transport Comments**

This is a sound proposed NDP which both reflects the transport priorities and issues within the Parish, and aligns with the Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan and its Connecting Places Strategy for the Forest of Dean.

### **Ecology (Biodiversity) Comments**

#### SEA/HRA Screening advice for the Plan

Looking at biodiversity the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the draft consultation version of the NDP appears unlikely. The District Council and Natural England should be able to give a definitive view on these matters if not already.

#### The Plan Content

Paragraphs 4.2, 4.3 and 5.4 should refer to the revised NPPF published in 2018.

We can see that the Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records (GCER) has been contacted. The relevant biodiversity constraints have been well identified and appear to have been taken account of in formulating the draft NDP. You may wish to additionally know that the whole parish, excepting the built up area of the village in the centre, has been identified as the Mitcheldean Woods Strategic Nature Area within the Gloucestershire Nature Map which can be seen at <http://gloucestershirenature.org.uk/actionplan/imap.php>.

The policies support the conservation and enhancement of local biodiversity which is welcomed (B1, B2, AC2, E3 & E4). Green space, landscape character, ecological networks (wildlife corridors) and SuDS are being given high value. Proposed Policy E4 (Biodiversity) is detailed however it could be clearer and could be improved as suggested below:

**Wherever practical and feasible, development proposals should include measures to enhance biodiversity as part of landscaping and building design. Proposals should include enhancements such as sustainable drainage systems, re-naturalising watercourses, woodland planting, roosting opportunities for bats, the installation of bird nest boxes and the use of native species in the landscape planting. In order to protect and enhance ~~preserve and enhance~~ biodiversity within the parish with particular regard to ~~the rarer and notable~~ priority species (such as horseshoe bats and dormice), ~~and to ensure plus important~~ habitats, wildlife corridors and commuting ~~/foraging/core sustenance zones~~ or foraging areas ~~protected and enhanced~~, the following policies apply:-**

- 1 The NDP seeks to protect ancient hedgerows and to preserve and enhance ~~wildlife corridors~~ ecological networks with the addition of native planting.
- 2 The NDP supports the retention of agricultural farmland within the ~~in the~~ environmentally sensitive and zones/protective Protection zones this is in addition to the retention and the protection of priority habitats in the landscape.
- 3 Dark skies are to be preserved in the Protection Zones and all new or altered lighting must not significantly adversely affect bat habitats, roosts or flyways within the parish wherever they found. ~~be bat sensitive and ecologically approved.~~
- 4 Applications for new developments of multiple dwellings should follow the principles of and ideally be certified by the “Building with Nature” Scheme\*. (~~ref: Glos Wildlife Trust~~).
- 5 The reintroduction and preservation of Traditional Orchards ~~would~~ is ~~be~~ supported where appropriate.
- 6 New development, of any kind, (with the exception of appropriately designed extensions on existing dwellings,) is not supported in the Protection Zones, unless there is an evidenced based long term agricultural or rural need and there is no significant adverse impact on wildlife ~~or~~ including designated sites, priority habitats, or priority species.

\* <https://www.buildingwithnature.org.uk/>

If you would like to discuss any of the points raised above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

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**From:** Mitcheldean Parish Council [mailto:clerk@mitcheldeancouncil.co.uk]  
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## ***Regulation 14 Public Consultation Notice***

***In accordance with Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Part 5, 14(a)-(c) notice is hereby given that a formal pre-submission public consultation on the Draft Mitcheldean Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) will start at 8am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018 for a period of 8 weeks ending at 12 am on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018.***

***Mitcheldean Neighbourhood Development Plan has been developed to help deliver the local community's requirements and aspirations for the Plan Period up to 2026. The NDP has been created by listening to the views of the residents of the parish.***

***Mitcheldean Parish Council invites comments on the draft NDP. All responses received will be considered by the steering Group and the Parish Council to inform a revised version of the NDP. The revised version of the NDP will then be submitted to the Forest of Dean District Council, as the local planning authority, for examination by an independent examiner.***

***The draft NDP may be viewed online at  
[www.mitcheldeancouncil.co.uk/ndp.html](http://www.mitcheldeancouncil.co.uk/ndp.html)***

***Paper copies may be viewed at Mitcheldean Library, and Mitcheldean Town Hall.***

***Comments can be e mailed to the Parish Clerk at  
[clerk@mitcheldeancouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@mitcheldeancouncil.co.uk)***

***or by post to The Clerk, Mitcheldean Town Hall, 17 High St, Mitcheldean, Gos,***

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***All comments must be received by 12am on Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2018.***

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