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Dear Susan,

RE: Draft North Warwickshire Local Plan – Additional Documents

Thank you for providing Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) the opportunity to comment on the following documents:

- Planning Obligations for Sport, Recreation and Open Space (SPD);
- Provision of Facilities for Waste and Recycling for New Developments and Property Conversions (SPD); and
- Caldecote Proposed Conservation Area.

Planning Obligations for Sport, Recreation and Open Space (SPD) –

Page 22 of the SPD states, *“in some cases, the nearest current or potential new facility may be across the local authority boundary, outside of the Borough. In this case the Borough Council may consider cross-boundary co-operation, perhaps offering s106 funding towards the relevant facility, or by finding another way to fairly share the infrastructure burden between the two authorities.*

It is also recognised that facilities within North Warwickshire may meet the potential needs of developments outside of the Borough’s boundary. In this case, the Council may consider receiving s106 funding towards a facility or alternatively find other ways to fairly share the infrastructure burden. However, this would also be dependent upon a formal policy agreement between the authorities.”

As an authority with a shared boundary, HBBC would support the proposal for joint working with North Warwickshire Borough Council to fairly share the infrastructure burden between the two authorities for Sport, Recreation and Open Space, subject to further agreements.

Provision of Facilities for Waste and Recycling for New Developments and Property Conversions (SPD) –

HBBC have no specific comments to make on this document.

Caldecote Proposed Conservation Area –

HBBC’s only comment at this stage would be in regards to the extent of the area covered by the conservation area designation. As noted in section 2.1, *“Caldecote is the easternmost settlement and parish within North*

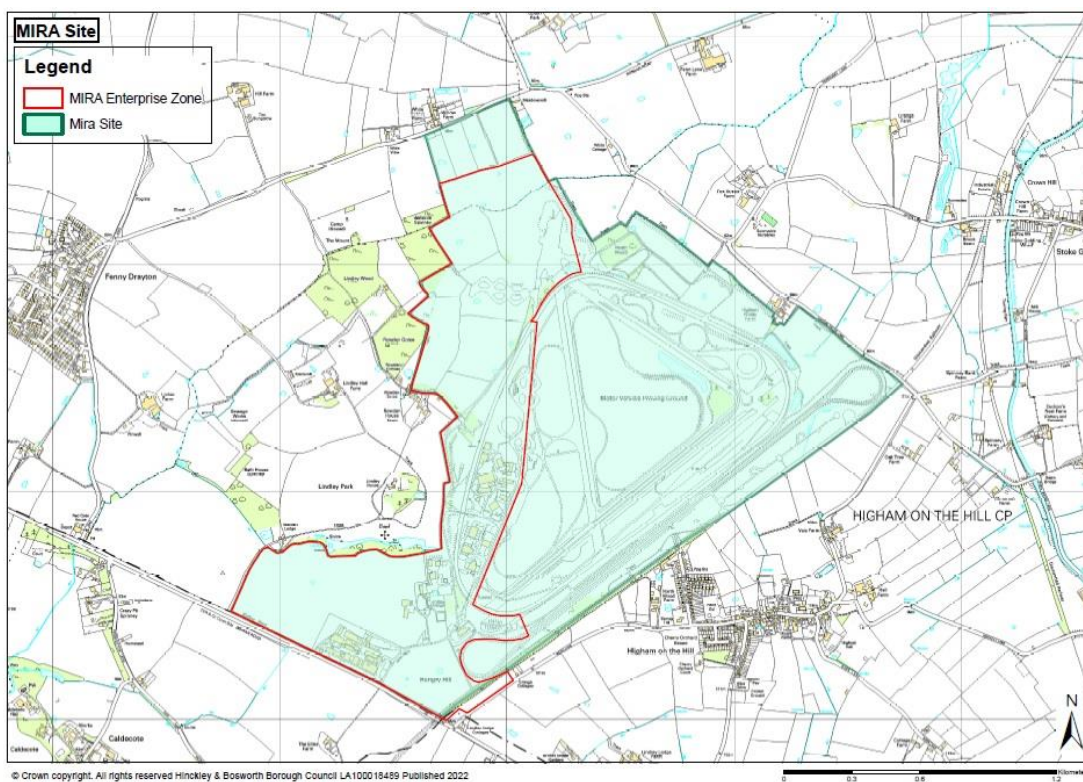
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Warwickshire Borough. The hamlet is approximately 850m from Warwickshire's boundary with Leicestershire at Watling Street (the A5) to the north northeast."

HBBC supports in principle the proposed Caldecote Conservation Area; however, given the close proximity of MIRA to Caldecote, HBBC would be concerned if any changes to the final boundary location of the proposed conservation area (and namely the setting) would have any potential to undermine the national designation of MIRA as an Enterprise Zone. MIRA was awarded Enterprise Zone status in August 2011 by the UK government, with many benefits, including removing barriers for growth, alongside business rates discounts, unrivalled locality, simplified planning and access to a large skilled workforce.

Therefore, critical to HBBC is that any implications particularly in terms of planning restrictions in close proximity to MIRA are congruent with its aims and that the long term objectives for MIRA would be supported, and as such not undermined by any planning restrictions associated with the proposed Conservation Area's setting. HBBC would seek assurance of this given the boundary of the proposed conservation area is unconfirmed at this stage, especially given the wider Parish does transcend to the A5 trunk road immediately adjacent to MIRA. For your information, the boundary of the MIRA Enterprise Zone immediately abuts the southern extent of the A5 Watling Street, which is the main access for MIRA's facilities (See Figure 1 below).



We look forward to continue working with North Warwickshire Borough Council in the development of planning documents, our respective local plans and on wider cross boundary planning issues.

Yours sincerely,

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