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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to thank you for the submission of the Regulation 15 version of the Desford Neighbourhood Development Plan Review proposal under Regulation 15 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 submitted to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council in May 2026.

The Desford Neighbourhood Plan was formally 'Made' by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council in May 2021, covering the designated area of Desford parish. Desford Parish Council (as the Qualifying Body) commenced work on the Desford Neighbourhood Plan Review following this given updates in national, local and neighbourhood circumstances. Review proposals were subject to public consultation under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, as amended, from 29th September to 7th November 2025.

The confirmation of acceptance of Regulation 15 Submission and proceeding to Regulation 16 Submission Consultation is as follows.

### **Requirements**

Desford Parish Council is a Qualifying Body, as prescribed by Section 61F of the Localism Act 2011, acting on behalf of Desford parish. The Desford Neighbourhood Development Plan is the only such document relevant to the designated plan area and is therefore not considered a repeat proposal for the purposes of Schedule 10, paragraph 5 of the Localism Act 2011. The Desford Neighbourhood Development Plan Review proposal does not include any development that would be defined as 'excluded development' as prescribed by Schedule 9, Section 61k of the Localism Act.

## Submitted Documents

The submission of the Desford Neighbourhood Development Plan Review to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council included the following items:

- a) The Desford Neighbourhood Development Plan Neighbourhood Plan Review (Submission version), including a map of the Designated Neighbourhood Area identifying the area to which the plan relates (page 5);
- b) The Consultation Statement;
- c) The Basic Conditions Statement;
- d) The SEA Screening Statement, dated July 2023, and an SEA Environmental Report, dated April 2024;
- e) The Statement of Modifications; and
- f) Other related supporting documents and evidence base documents.

In addition, the Council has also received the following to support the submission;

- Minutes of the Desford Parish Council meeting on 21 January 2026 which approved the submission documents and resolved to proceed to Regulation 15 submission; and
- A cover letter from the Chair, Cllr Alastair Winner, informing HBBC of the Parish Council's wish to proceed.

The above documents are considered to adequately fulfil the submission requirements under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and Schedule 4b of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as inserted into Schedule 10 of the Localism Act 2011.

## Next steps

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council are satisfied that the Qualifying Body of Desford Parish Council has satisfied the relevant regulatory requirements to advance the Desford Neighbourhood Development Plan Review to the Publicity and Consultation Stage (Regulation 16) and subsequent submission of the Desford Neighbourhood Development Plan Review for Examination.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council will undertake the Regulation 16 Publicity consultation stage (dates to be determined shortly) and will invite representations from all those previously consulted through the pre-submission consultation stage (Regulation 14) and any others as prescribed by regulation.

During and post-consultation Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council will host the plan document, the relevant SEA related documents, the Basic Conditions Statement, the Consultation Statement, the Statement of Modifications, and the minutes of the 21 January 2026 Parish Council meeting on the HBBC website. All other submission documents and all other relevant documents will be required to be published

on the Desford Parish Council's website, to allow Hinckley & Bosworth to provide a link for consultees to view all of the relevant documentation.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council will appoint a neighbourhood plan Examiner during the consultation in preparation for the Examination commencing.

Further consultation related information will follow this correspondence once the consultation arrangements have been finalised with IT, website and communications colleagues.

This letter will be hosted on Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's dedicated [Desford Neighbourhood Plan Review web page](#).

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Shields', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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