

Pirton Neighbourhood Plan

At last, given the vagaries of the NHDC IT system, we were able to access all of the responses to the NHDC "Regulation 16" consultation on our Neighbourhood Plan. Our sincere thanks – and delight – that so many in the community took the time to write to the NHDC with their support for the Neighbourhood Plan and its draft policies.

We were always going to be interested in what "objectors" had to say. Most of the objections have come as little surprise to us. What is perhaps a little humbling is that most "objectors" also made constructive suggestions for how we could improve the Plan. Bearing in mind that it is now nearly 8 months since we submitted the Plan to the NHDC for the Reg. 16 consultation, it is not a surprise that the law and its interpretation has moved on, so we have new things to think about.

We have taken advice, and spoken at length with the NHDC. Now we'll decide how to advise the Parish Council which is the "Qualifying Body" i.e. the final decision maker, on whether any further changes should be made, or whether we go forward for Examination.

We have had very positive discussions with the NHDC over the appointment of an appropriate Examiner, so that side of things is also moving ahead well.

It is proving to be such a long process. Thank you for staying with us!

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