Legal Compliance Assessment of Membury Neighbourhood Plan submission to meet Regulation 15& paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B TCPA

EDDC Protocol	Officer Assessment of legal compliance
STEP 9- Submission to the Council and assessment for Soundness	
At this stage in the work the plan is formally submitted to the Council	

9a - The draft NF is submitted to the Council and assessed for legal compliance (Regulation 15& paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B TCPA 90)
This stage is not specifically concerned with details of plan wording or policy or sites. But is a legal compliance

checking

exercise.

The Plan
Producers
will be
responsible
for
submitting
the plan to
the Council.

We may consult Legal Services at this stage of work.

Legal Services may need to explain to/discuss with the Plan Producer and determine what actions would meet the requirements of the Regulations and legislation. We will check whether the plan is legally compliant, in that it meets the requirements of Sections 38A, 38B & 38C TCPA 90, Regulations 14 & 15 and Schedule 4B TCPA 90.

We will check:

- That the Plan Producer is authorised to act
- Whether the draft NP is a 'repeat' proposal.
- Whether there is another NP already in place in respect of the NA
- that the regulations have been complied with including the minimum 6 week pre-submission Consultation

We will check that the draft plan submitted includes:

- 1. a map or statement identifying the area to which the plan relates.
- the consultation statement which contains details of those consulted (how they were consulted, summarises the main issues and concerns raised and how these have been considered, and where relevant addressed in the proposed NP)
- 3. the proposed NP,
- 4. a statement explaining how the NP meets the 'basic conditions' (being the requirements of para 8 schedule 4B TCPA 90)
- 5. Either an environmental report prepared in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 12 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (a); or a statement of reasons for the determination of why the plan proposal is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

The NP was submitted on Friday 26 January, 2018 by Membury Parish Council.

The Plan Producer is Membury Parish Council
The draft NP is not a repeat proposal

There is not another NP already in place in respect of the NA

The NP was appropriately advertised for at least 6 weeks in accordance with Regulation 14 (as set out in the consultation

- 1. The submission includes a map and a statement identifying the area to which it relates (Page 64 of the Neighbourhood Plan)
- 2. The consultation statement covers the requirements.
- 3. It includes the proposed NP

statement)

4. A Basic Conditions Statement accompanies the submission.

I understand a Neighbourhood Plan will be considered to have met the Basic Conditions if:

- having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan,
- the making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
- the making of the neighbourhood development plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained

	If the opinion of the Policy Team, having consulted with Legal Services, is that the relevant legal tests have not been met we will firstly inform the Plan Producers and seek to resolve any outstanding matters as far as we are capable of so doing.	in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area), the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood development plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood development plan 5. A screening process was carried out by the local planning authority to determine whether a Strategic Environment Assessment or Habitat Regulations Assessment would be required in support of the plan. It was considered that SEA would be required and the SEA report has been submitted alongside the plan. HRA was deemed not to be required, the screening report has been submitted alongside the plan. Therefore, basic conditions concerning Habitats and Environmental Impact Assessment as described in Schedules 2 and 3 of the Regulations have been accounted for. The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and comply with the Human Rights Act 1998.
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