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Dear Madam/Sir

Localism Act 2011 – Strategic Planning Comments

Lockington-Hemington Submission Draft (Regulation 16) Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for consulting Derbyshire County Council (DCC) on the Lockington-Hemington Submission Draft (Regulation 16) Neighbourhood Plan. The comments below are DCC's Officers' technical comments with regard to the cross-boundary Rights of Way aspects of the Plan.

Officer Comments

5 The Natural, Historic (the 'Contents' page says 'Historic' but the title in the body text (page 23) is 'Historical') **and Social Environment**

Policy ENV 10 Footpaths and Other Walking Routes

DCC welcomes the support for the existing footpath network and the creation of new footpaths as stated in the policy.

Plans are attached showing the DCC paths that border with the parish. To the west, a proposed footpath Shardlow and Great Wilne FP10 would cross the border to link to a path in Lockington-Hemington. To the east of the border, there are several paths that run to the north of the River Trent, just beyond the parish boundary as it runs through the river. These include Sawley FP 17 along the river, joining to Sawley FPs 15, 18, 19 and 20.

DCC would suggest that reference to these links should be included in the Plan to facilitate cross-boundary movement and active travel.

For information, DCC's general advice around public footpaths to be affected by any proposed works is as follows:

• The footpaths must remain open, unobstructed and on their legal alignment.

• There should be no disturbance to the path surface without prior authorisation from the Rights of Way Section.

Consideration should be given to the safety of members of the public using the path during the works. A temporary closure of paths will be permitted on application to DCC where the path(s) remain unaffected on completion of the development.
There should be no encroachment of the path, and no fencing should be installed without consulting the Rights of Way Section.

I should be grateful if you would notify DCC when a decision is taken by the District Council on whether or not to 'make' the plan (i.e., if it is adopted as Council Policy under Regulation 19).

Please contact me if you wish to discuss the comments further.

Yours faithfully

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