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BY E-MAIL

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Dear Mr Barton,

Re: Verney Fields Stonehouse: Proposal to designate as Local Green Space in the draft Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your letter of 24 June 2016 regarding the proposal to designate your client's site as Local Green Space in the draft Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan. The letter was considered by Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group at its last meeting on 30th June 2016.

While developing the draft Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan, Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group decided that the Plan would not include any site allocations. This decision was based on information outlined on page 44 of the draft Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan which is currently out to a six week public consultation (<http://www.stonehousetowncouncil.com/the-council/stonehouse-neighbourhood-plan-consultation-draft/>) which ends on 12 August 2016.

Consultation responses to the draft Neighbourhood Plan and the evidence provided regarding the proposal to designate Local Green Space will be considered as the draft Plan continues through the Neighbourhood Planning process. A submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan will be prepared after the current consultation period. This is submitted to Stroud District Council who then arrange a further public consultation period followed by an independent examination to check the Plan meets basic conditions and can proceed to referendum.

Stonehouse Town Council are supporting the development of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Stonehouse. Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group, although its members include Town Councillors, is an independent group which has developed the draft Plan. Your letter of 24 June 2016 will be also shared with Stonehouse Town Council for their response.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Russell
Committee Clerk (Regeneration and Environment)
Stonehouse Town Council

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