Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan Reg 16 consultation responses

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I write to offer my comments and my wife's on the latest version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Having read the documentation it appears to us that the current consultation exercise is limited to whether the current draft complies with National and Local Planning Law, Policy and Procedures. Clearly a difficult task for lay people to undertake.

We have responded to all consultation requests and there is little point in repeating points made in earlier consultations, partly because the earlier points are deemed to be outside the scope of the current consultation but mainly because little attention appears to be taken of any of the points made by residents.

Our points on the Regulation 14 Consultation are included in the documentation on the consultation process by respondent 9. Over twelve pages of residents' comments are included and these resulted in two changes to the draft Neighbourhood Plan. One of the two changes was also requested by Milton Keynes City Council. No feedback has been offered on the individual points we raised and overall. It seems that the consultation exercise consists of requests for comments, consideration of the comments, with little resulting change and, importantly, no feedback. This may be because the Parish Council have been advised by ONeill Homer to carry out the process in this way and this is how the exercise is carried out throughout the country.

Like any residents of the parish we were surprised to learn that ONeill Homer were acting on behalf of the landowners for site 11, the only potential development site included in the Neighbourhood Plan. This appears to be a conflict of interest ".

Despite our disappointment with the consultation process and the proposed potential development, we would like to thank the Parish Council and their team of volunteers for the work they have undertaken on a complex and lengthy