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**Sent:** 13 September 2021 15:45  
**To:** NBC Planning Policy  
**Subject:** RE: Great Houghton Parish Council Draft Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16 Consultation  
**Attachments:** AN.2012.114000.OT-01.PO1-L01.pdf

**Categories:** Amanda

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank for for consulting us on Regulation 16 Consultation of the Great Houghton Parish Council Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Please find attached a copy of the Environment Agency's response to the consultation we received from Great Houghton Parish Council.

Having reviewed the plan it may be that I have missed the part of the plan which states that all future development must be located within the village curtilage which is in Flood Zone 1.

If this has not been stated in the plan we recommend the inclusion of relevant policies to cover the management of flood risk as the boundary does extend into areas of flood zones 2 and 3 of the River Nene.

The Great Houghton neighbourhood plan mentions the SPA (section 3.1) but this is also the Northampton Washlands which is an Environment Agency operated Flood Storage Reservoir. The Washlands has designated flood defences surrounding it. The storage area and flood defences fall under the Reservoir's Act (1975). This should be referenced in the plan for completeness.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Kind regards,

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Great Houghton Parish Council

**Our ref:** AN/2012/114000/OT-01/PO1-L01  
**Your ref:** Regulation 14 Consultation

**Date:** 16 April 2021

Dear Mike

### **Great Houghton Neighbourhood Development Plan - Regulation 14 Consultation**

Thank you for consulting us on the Great Houghton Neighbourhood Development Plan under Regulation 14.

Based on a review of environmental constraints for which we are a statutory consultee, we find that there are areas of fluvial flood risk and watercourses within the neighbourhood plan area. In particular, we note that the boundary does extend into areas of flood zones 2 and 3 of the River Nene, River Nene Navigation and Hardingstone Dyke.

On the basis that future development is steered away from the sensitive aspects of the environment highlighted which from reading the Neighbourhood Plan is the case, we do not consider there to be potential significant environmental effects relating to these environmental constraints.

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We have looked to see if there are any Environment Agency projects within the plan boundary and confirm at present there are none.

Your plan includes areas within the boundary village of Great Houghton which are located on Principal Aquifer. This should be considered within your plan when development is proposed here. The relevance of the designation and the potential implication upon development proposals should be considered with reference to our Groundwater Protection guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/groundwater-protection>

### **Flood Risk Activity Permit**

**Environment Agency**

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Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely

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