Lazonby Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation



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Dear Rebecca,

Re: Lazonby Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.

Thank you for consulting Historic England about your pre submission Neighbourhood Plan, it does not appear to have changed since we commented on the SEA and Draft Plan to Rachael Armstrong at Eden Council in April. As you move forward we recommend that you work on your evidence base and policies to preserve and enhance Lazonby's heritage, also to ensure that your policies are picked out clearly from the general text to make the plan easier to read and understand.

Historic England remains disappointed by Section 6 (entitled "Design and Conservation"), the section still contains no reference or policy relating to the Lazonby Conservation Area or its Grade II designated heritage assets, the significance or condition of the assets, their setting or future management.

Eden Council has recently appointed a Conservation Officer (Paula Smith) who may be able to support you during the final stages of your Neighbourhood Plan. National Planning Practice Guidance is clear that where it is relevant, Neighbourhood Plans need to include enough information about local heritage to guide planning decisions and to put broader strategic heritage policies from your local authority led local plan into action at a neighbourhood scale. If appropriate this should include enough information about local non-designated heritage assets including sites of archaeological interest to guide decisions.

Further information and guidance on how heritage can best be incorporated into Neighbourhood Plans has been produced by Historic England. This signposts a number of other documents which your community might find useful in helping to identify what it is





about your area which makes it distinctive and how you might go about ensuring that the character of Lazonby is retained. These can be found at:-

http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/insprove-yourneighbourhood/

And:

https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/gpa3-setting-of-heritage-assets/

We commend your Neighbourhood Plan Forum for aspiring to produce a Design Guide to sit alongside the plan and to link this document by way of Policy D3. We are aware of other Forum who have taken this approach, for example the St Anne's Neighbourhood Plan in Fylde-see: http://www.fyide.gov.uk/council-planning-policy-local-plan-/neighbourhood-planning/st-annes-sea-town-council-neighbourhood-plan/

You may also be interested to see a proposed Design Guide SPD currently out to public consultation in Copeland, here the guidance will inform new development and change in all of the districts Conservation Areas: see:

http://www.copeland.gov.uk/content/conservationareadesignguide-

Finally, your draft Design Guide has a bibliography that could usefully be supplemented by reference to Historic England's web site. Your reference to English Heritage documents is no longer appropriate since our organisation was restructured and split. The following links may be particularly helpful:

https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/your-home/

https://historicongland.org.uk/advico/caring-for-heritage/rural-heritage/farm-buildings/

Section 9 in your draft plan refers to energy efficiency and Micro-energy production; the following web links would be helpful to the owners of older premises:

https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/technical-advice/energy-efficiency-and-historicbuildings/

https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/your-home/saving-energy/generating-energy/

If you have any queries about the information set out above, or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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