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Dear Mr Hase

## **Ashbourne Draft Neighbourhood Plan**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the latest iteration of the Ashbourne Neighbourhood Plan. The Environment Agency previously provided comments back in December 2017 which I have repeated below.

### **Environment Agency Comments**

We note that there are no proposed allocations within the flood zones generated from the Henmore Brook. Therefore we would have no detailed comments to make, though have the following general comments to make.

We would recommend that the Neighbourhood Plan should consider any future development that is to be situated in the flood zones situated within the neighbourhood plan area, to ensure that it accords with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and Policy PD8: Flood Risk Management and Water Quality within the recently adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan which steers development away from areas at risk of flooding.

We regard to policy EMP1 – Ashbourne Airfield we would note that part of the Derbyshire Dales Adopted Local Plan Policy DS8 for the site highlights the requirements for key environmental considerations at this site and we would highlight that neighbourhood plans policy should work in conjunction with Policy DS8.

### **Additional Comments**

Since the original consultation the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has strengthened the requirements for developments to provide biodiversity net gain. The neighbourhood plan may wish to make mentions of this within it to ensure future developments within the neighbourhood plan area provide biodiversity net gain in line with the requirements of the NPPF.

Yours sincerely

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