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Dear Mr Bills

Neighbourhood Plan for Great Glen,

Thank you for consulting Historic England about your Neighbourhood Plan.

Your Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of designated heritage assets including the Church of St Cuthbert and Stretton Hall. It will be important that the strategy you put together for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the importance of those historic assets. This will assist in ensuring they are enjoyed by future generations of the area and make sure it is in line with national planning policy.

We do not have any detailed comments to make on the plan at this stage, but we refer you to our advice letter sent in response to the SEA Screening consultation, which I have attached. We draw your particular attention to our advice concerning the reserve site allocation.

The historic buildings conservation officer at Harborough District Council is the best placed person to assist you in the development of your Neighbourhood Plan. They can help you to consider how the strategy might address the area's heritage assets.

We would also recommend that you speak to the staff at Leicestershire County Council, who look after the Historic Environment Record and give advice on archaeological matters. They should be able to provide details of not only any designated heritage assets but also locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway (www.heritagegateway.org.uk <<http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk>>). It may also be useful to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society, local history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan.

Your local authority might also be able to provide you with general support in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan. National Planning Practice Guidance is clear that where it is relevant, Neighbourhood Plans need to include enough information



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about local heritage to guide planning decisions and to put broader strategic heritage policies from the local authority's 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 the area is retained. These can be found at:-

<<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>>

If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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