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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the submission version of the Upper Clatford Neighbourhood plan. Historic England is the government's advisor on planning for the historic environment, including advising on the conservation and enhancement of heritage assets and champion good design in historic places. As such we will comment only on those areas that fall within our remit and silence on other matters should not be treated as agreement or consent. We hope the following comments are of assistance to the examiner.

Having reviewed the plan I am happy to confirm that Historic England have no objections to any elements of it.

We are keen to express our support for several policies, notably UC6 and UC7, which we feel add local nuance and understanding to the Local Plan Development Control Policies concerning character and the character or appearance of the conservation area that is desirable to preserve or enhance. Whilst it is the Local Planning Authority's duty to identify those features of the conservation area that are desirable to preserve or enhance, they have opportunity to contribute to the development of this policy and it is a requirement of Planning Practice Guidance that, "where relevant neighbourhood plans need to include enough information about local heritage to guide decisions and put broader strategic heritage policies into action at a neighbourhood scale" (NPPG: Historic Environment, Paragraph 5). The policy has been developed using the evidence base of the Council's adopted Conservation Area Appraisal and in making the plan and policy the Local Planning Authority would be giving effect to their statutory duty under Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

We are also pleased to express our support for Policies UC8, 9, 10 and 11.

We note the protection of the plan area's watercress industry heritage as a particularly locally distinctive element of the plan.

We hope these comments are of assistance to the examiner, but would be pleased to provide further information or answer any queries that may arise from them.

Yours faithfully

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