Braintree Publication of Draft Local Plan, Section 2.
District Development
Causeway House
Braintree

19. 7. 2017

## **Dear Sirs**

The Friends of the Flitchway have noted that the proposed development of housing, roads, schools and other ancillary buildings submitted to BDC for consideration by Acorn Holdings named as Brook Green, West Braintree has not been included in the Draft Local Plan for the District of Braintree.

We the FFW have also noted that the planning application for outline consent has not been withdrawn by the developers from the Braintree Council application list of outstanding hearings for consideration.

We the Friends of the Flitchway group wish to advise the Council that all our previous objections to the Brook Green proposal remain valid and to be given due consideration by the Council Planning Committee when a hearing is agreed by the parties concerned.

To reference BDC's Strategic Environmental Assessment, Non Technical Summary as recently published.

Objective 6 and 10 of the document relate to conserving and enhancing historic environments and the conservation and enhancement of biological and geological diversity of the environment. Section 1: 96 of Objective 6 refers to developments that could lead to the loss or fragmentation of undesignated wildlife habitats as being an undesirable planning outcome. These provisions in our view enhance our case that the Flitchway Country Park should be protected from encroachment by the housing development referred to in this submission.

Further evidence published by BDC containing the colour key chart of designations for areas included in the Draft Local Plan. The Flitchway Country Park would be included under a number of designations listed in the chart as worthy of protection from development; the following designations would apply to the FFW.

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Designation.

Informal Recreation, Visually Important Space, Structural Landscape, (Railway Industrial Structure). Local Wildlife Site; Local Nature Reserve, status applied for, Essex County Council. Local Greenspace, Green Buffer, Suitable Accessible Natural Greenspace. Historic Park; status applied for, Historic England Listing, Local Heritage Asset, status applied for, Braintree District Council.

The Flitchway would qualify under all of the above designations for protection from harmful development.

For the reasons given in this response to Draft Local Plan and the FFW group's previous objections to the housing proposal named as Brook Green, West Braintree. We the FFW are of the opinion that the named development should not be granted planning consent by Braintree District Council when a date is set for a planning hearing on this proposal.

Written on behalf of the conservation charity Friends of the Flitchway, Rayne, Essex.

Yours Faithfully

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PS The FFW has made this submission in accordance with the guidance notes issued by BDC for responses to the Draft Local Plan, 2017, Section 2, Braintree District.

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Dear Mr & Mrs Adair

## Publication Draft Local Plan Consultation.

Thank you for your comments, which have been noted. These have been confirmed as processed (Valid).

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## www.braintree.gov.uk/consultLP

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The Consultation period ends 5pm 28th July 2017, after this time representations received will be collated and reported to the Planning Inspectorate.

Yours sincerely

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