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Dear Ms Vann

**re: Neighbourhood Plan for Shearsby**

Thank you for consulting Historic England about your Neighbourhood Plan.

The area covered by your Neighbourhood Plan encompasses Shearsby Conservation Area and includes a number of designated heritage assets including the Church of St Mary Magdalen, listed at grade II\*. In line with national planning policy, it will be important that the strategy for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets so that they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area.

We consider that the planning and conservation team at Harborough District Council are best placed to assist you in the development of your Neighbourhood Plan and, in particular, how the strategy might address the area's heritage assets. Consequently, we do not consider that there is a need for Historic England to be involved in the development of your plan.

If you have not already done so, we would recommend that you speak to the staff at Leicestershire County Council (archaeology) who look after the Historic Environment Record. 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 or local historic groups in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan.

Historic England has produced a number of documents which your community might find helpful 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.helm.org.uk/place-and-placemaking/communities/neighbourhood-planning/>



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You may also find the advice in "Planning for the Environment at the Neighbourhood Level" useful. This has been produced by Historic England, Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission. As well as giving ideas on how you might improve your local environment, it also contains some useful further sources of information. This can be downloaded from:

[http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/LIT\\_6524\\_7da381.pdf](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/LIT_6524_7da381.pdf)

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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