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Dear Mr Slater,

Bentley Neighbourhood Plan Further Comments

Thank you for your further comments document.

The Council's view is that the Bentley Neighbourhood Plan does not seek to allocate housing or address the housing need that was published in the indicative housing figures guidance document. As a result, paragraph 14 of the NPPF is irrelevant - the NP would *not* benefit from those protective measures, as it does not seek to allocate or address the housing need.

The Council does not have any particular concerns with the policy wording of policy BEN1 as the emerging Local Plan will be looking at potential allocations in Bentley (and elsewhere) to meet the needs of the LPA, as set out in the new NPPF. The Council, however, does have concerns regarding the statements in the justifying text to BEN1, particularly paragraphs 4.13 and 4.14.

If you, as the Examiner, consider that Policy BEN1 as drafted, would not meet the basic conditions, then we would support a revision to the Plan period.

Please let us know if you have any further comments.

Kind Regards,
The Planning Policy Team