## Summary of representations submitted to the examiner of the Leekfrith Neighbourhood Plan

The Submission Version of the Neighbourhood Plan was subject to a Regulation 16 period of publication between 2 August 2019 and 23 September 2019. A total of 5 representations were submitted during the period of publication.

Consultee	Summary comment
Coal Authority	As you will be aware the Neighbourhood Plan area lies within the current defined coalfield. According to the Coal Authority Development High Risk Area Plans, there are recorded risks from past coal mining activity in the area including; mine entries and likely historic unrecorded underground coal workings at shallow depth. However, the only area identified for development within the plan is not within the area where our records indicate that coal mining legacy features at shallow depth are present.
	On this basis we have no specific comments to make on the Neighbourhood Plan as proposed.
Environment Agency	The only development proposal found within the neighbourhood plan is the proposed redevelopment of the Upper Hulme Mill. The site is situated in flood zone 1 so therefore the Environment Agency has no comments to make from a fluvial flood risk perspective. The redevelopment of the Upper Hulme Mill proposes to demolish certain sections of the site. It is unclear from the neighbourhood plan whether the previous use of the site would have been contaminative or not and the neighbourhood plan group must consider whether the development would require contamination and ground condition surveys to be undertaken, and therefore the requirement added to Policy 1, to ensure development could be brought forward where remediation is required. The Upper Hulme Mill sits over an ordinary watercourse and we would recommend that the neighbourhood plan group contact the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) to see if they have any comments to make on this proposed redevelopment.
Historic England	No adverse comments to make upon the plan which we feel takes a suitably proportionate approach to the main historic environment issues pertaining to Leekfrith. We are pleased that our suggestions at the Regulation 14 stage have been accommodated in this iteration of the Plan and can confirm that our other Regulation 14 comments remain entirely relevant. That is: 'We commend the identification of the Upper Hulme Mill site in Policy 1 as a site for future development. Historic England strongly supports the retention and sympathetic conversion of the historic buildings at the mill site
Highways England	The Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have implications for the continued safe operation and functionality of the Strategic Road Network and state support for the sustainable development principles contained within the Plan
Natural England	Natural England offer general advice but do not have any specific comments on the Neighbourhood Plan. They have not checked the agricultural land classification of the proposed allocations but advise that any allocations on best and most versatile land are justified in line with paragraph 112 of the March 2012 version of the Framework.