

Mr Don Sturgeon  
Working Group  
Chairman  
Sent Via Email

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Dear Mr Sturgeon,

### **Eco-towns consultation**

I wanted to write to you to acknowledge receipt of the consultation responses that you delivered to our offices a few weeks ago on behalf of villagers in Elsenham and Henham.

Unfortunately it was not possible for us to acknowledge each response individually, but I did want to provide you with assurance that they were received by our team and registered as part of our current consultation.

I note that the Save our Village website provides information about how to take part in the consultation, but have included a link to our website for reference. As you know the consultation closes on 30 April, so would be grateful if you could encourage any further responses to be submitted by then.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingsupply/ecotowns/>

Following consideration of the consultation responses along with the findings of the assessment work, we expect to publish the final PPS and list of locations with potential to be an eco-town later this year. The draft Eco-towns Planning Policy Statement (PPS) sets the toughest standards ever required for new developments in the UK and only locations that demonstrate that they have the potential to meet these will be included. Any location which is identified as having potential will still need to submit a planning application which will be for local authorities to determine through the planning process.

I would be grateful if you could share this letter with local villagers that submitted responses to you.

Yours sincerely

**HENRY CLEARY**  
**Deputy Director**