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Dear Mr Cooper

**Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan (SAMDEV) – Pre Submission
Draft**

Thank you for consulting me on this. I have read the documentation with interest and consider the policies to be legally compliant and sound. I would like to take the opportunity to provide the following Officer comments:

1. I welcome references to cross boundary issues and support the statements in relation to the Duty to Co-operate. I am pleased to note that the SAMDEV identifies sufficient land to meet the requirements of your adopted Core Strategy and also includes additional provision for the purposes of resilience and flexibility during the plan period.
2. I note that some development is allocated in close proximity to Herefordshire's county boundary, particularly at Bucknell. However I am content that your policies will mitigate the impact of any potential cross boundary issues.
3. I welcome the protection given to the River Clun SAC, part of which lies within Herefordshire and note that the publication of your Nutrient Management Plan is imminent.
4. I support the approach to increase recycling and environmental industries through the implementation of policy MD4 and which will reduce the amount of waste exported to neighbouring authorities.
5. In relation to policy MD12, I support the inclusion of cross boundary issues in its composition.

I look forward to continuing to cooperate with you in relation to on-going cross boundary issues.

Yours sincerely

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