

## **APPENDIX 2: Summary of Consultation Responses**

### Neighbourhood Forum

#### **Supporting comments**

- Would support the forming of a community body to promote the interest of the community and safeguard the local area
- The Forum would promote improvement of social, economic and environmental wellbeing
- If potential membership is and remains as stated in the constitution, the proposed Forum is appropriate
- Will provide a voice for local people with regards to local development
- Appropriate and desirable

#### **Objections**

- The submitted documents do not indicate whether a Neighbourhood Development Plan is the intention of the Forum
- A Neighbourhood Forum, as defined on the Localism Act, is not the correct mechanism for promoting a vibrant town centre or safeguarding a community
- The interim Chairman and Vice-Chairman live outside of the proposed area
- Concern that the proposed Forum is aimed at filling the void created by a non-existent Parish or Town Council in Rickmansworth.
- Membership not representative of the community
- Elected individuals and Council employees should deal with planning decisions, not a community group
- Forum is not inclusive to all Rickmansworth community
- Proposed Forum would contribute to unnecessary bureaucracy
- Existing local government arrangements work effectively
- Elected Councillors represent the community therefore Forum is not needed
- Existing planning process is open and robust, a Neighbourhood Forum is unnecessary
- The area would not benefit from having such an organisation similar to that of a Parish Council
- Rickmansworth is a thriving community and there is no need for a Forum
- Politically motivated and undemocratic
- Does not benefit all residents of Rickmansworth
- The Council is already very open and democratic
- Lack of publicity for inaugural meetings

### Neighbourhood Area

#### **Supporting comments**

- Proposed area is correct and suitable
- Area is appropriate on the assumption that it is equivalent to a Parish Council
- Appropriate and desirable

## **Objections**

- More explanation needed to justify position of boundary
- The proposed boundary fails to include residences of some main users of Rickmansworth Town Centre
- Proposed area does not promote inclusivity
- Disconnected areas are included, whereas some main residential areas close to the Town Centre have been excluded
- Area has been drawn according to political boundaries rather than for the purposes of town planning
- Localities associated with the Cedars Estate and Rickmansworth Town Centre are excluded