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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Philip

**PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS_ NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN PART 1.
DUTY TO COOPERATE**

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the proposed main modifications to the North Dorset Local Plan. Your consultation were received on 24 July 2015.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England has no further concerns relating to the proposed modifications and is supportive of the proposed changes to Policy 16 Blandford.

Natural England endorses the revised findings of the comprehensive Habitats Regulation Assessment completed by Footprint Ecology. Natural England also has no further comment on the revision to the Sustainability Appraisal.

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact [REDACTED]. For any new consultations or issues, please contact consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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