Date: 15 April 2024

Our ref: 438318

Oliver Rendle

BY EMAIL ONLY



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Dear Mr Rendle,

Planning Consultation: Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your consultation on the above Neighbourhood Plan.

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.

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

It is Natural England's advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that significant effects on Habitats Sites are unlikely.

The Habitats Regulations Assessment concludes that your authority is able to ascertain that the proposal will not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any of the sites in question. Having considered the assessment, and the measures proposed to mitigate for any adverse effects, it is the advice of Natural England that we concur with the conclusion of the HRA, that the Neighbourhood Plan can be screened out for further assessment.

Please contact me if you have any queries relating to this advice.

Yours sincerely

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