

Direct line: 29 June 2021

The National Trust

Spatial Planning **Dorse Council** County Hall Colliton Park Dorchester DT1 1XJ

Dear Community Planning Team,

Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan – Submission Consultation

Thank you for your letter dated 18th June 2021 regarding notification of submission of consultation for Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan.

We were notified by Charmouth Parish Council on the 27th May 2021 of proposal for inclusion of National Trust (NT) land within the submitted plan as 'LGS2 National Trust Field, top of Old Lyme Hill (Ordinance Survey Reference: SY356933)'. I have copied in the Charmouth Parish Council, as we have not yet responded to their letter of the 27th May.

We have no objection to National Trust land indicated as LGS2, being included within the Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan. However, it is important to point out that National Trust does not own the full extent of the land that has been included under LGS2 (please see attached map with NT ownership indicated in green and proposed area of LGS2 in blue).

Further to the above, it is also important to note that all of the land within NT ownership included within LGS2 is designated a Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The presence of these designations gives legal protection from development under the Countryside Act and European Habitat Regulations. Whilst we do not restrict public access to the land in this location, due to the importance of the SSSI and SAC we would not want to encourage additional footfall in this area.

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Yours sincerely



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