

**Christchurch and East Dorset Partnership Core Strategy Examination
Statement of Common Ground**

**MATTER: Policy WMC4 Stone Lane New Neighbourhood, Wimborne
(Nature Conservation)**

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

**Between the Local Planning Authority, Natural England, Dorset Wildlife Trust
and Environment Theme Action Group**

September 2013

The Local Planning Authority (East Dorset District Council), Natural England, Dorset Wildlife Trust and the Environment Theme Action Group confirm that they agree the following:

1. New Residential Development

The Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy (the Plan) identifies land at Stone Lane Industrial Estate, Wimborne, for redevelopment for housing to provide about 90 homes.

The site lies adjacent to the River Allen, The River Allen is a chalk stream, which is a UK priority habitat and supports UK Biodiversity Action Plan/protected species, and is also a Strategic Nature Area, and where there is a need to protect and enhance its biodiversity.

The parties have therefore agreed to suggest the following additional wording to Policy WMC4 (which will be consistent with WMC5 to the north) as a Minor Amendment to the Core Strategy:

‘A Sustainable Drainage Scheme must be agreed with the Council and Environment Agency with the aim of preventing flooding problems for neighbouring properties and on the River Allen as well as protecting and enhancing nature conservation quality.’

This Statement has been agreed by the aforementioned parties.

Dated: 4th September 2013