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North Dorchester Garden Communities.

Dear Ms Jordan,

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you. Natural England welcomes the active lead being taken by West Dorset District Council in achieving a comprehensive and high quality design for the North Dorchester Development.

The North of Dorchester development is considered by Natural England as an appropriate location for the long term future growth of the town to support the local economy and meet the areas housing need. The proposals also provide an outstanding opportunity for enhancing wildlife interests, while providing new public access to high quality areas of natural greenspace. However, in order to secure these benefits it will be crucial for such a significant expansion of the town to be planned appropriately.

We feel the garden communities bid will help to ensure a well-designed comprehensive development that is locally led. It will be essential that the development strikes the appropriate balance between the provision of significant additional housing through the creation of a new community whilst respecting the wildlife and heritage interests of the area and its landscape setting.

I would therefore like to offer my support to West Dorset District Council in its efforts to secure the future of Dorchester through significant high quality growth to the north of the town and I support them in this bid.

Yours sincerely

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