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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

**Dear Mr Rendle,**

**Planning consultation: Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan Habitats Regulation Assessment**

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. Thank you for your consultation dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.

**No Objection**

Natural England note and support the need for Policy CBNP18 to make specific reference to the need for new residential dwellings within the Neighbourhood Area to make a financial contribution to the delivery of the Chesil and The Fleet Interim Recreational Mitigation Strategy, in line with Dorset Council Guidance. This further clarifies the ecological mitigation requirements in relation to the development of these sites and is most welcome.

The Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) finds that the Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan will not result in an adverse effect upon the integrity of a European Site. Natural England agree with this conclusion and hold No Objection to the HRA.

Yours sincerely,

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