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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 3:07 PM
To: Steve Carnaby
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Subject: RE: Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Plan - Examiner Supplementary Question

Dear Steve,

Regarding the latest letter from the examiner (dated 8 April), I can confirm that Dorset Council agreed with the response that the parish council sent on 10 April.

Furthermore, Dorset Council contacted Natural England last week, asking for a response specially on the HRA report, with a request that it would be helpful if this could be responded to as a priority. I am pleased to say that we received a response today – please see attached. This states that Natural England agree with the conclusions of the HRA, which is that the plan will not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any of the sites in question and that the NP can be screened out for further assessment in this regard.

Please could the attached letter be made available to the examiner.

Kind regards,

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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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