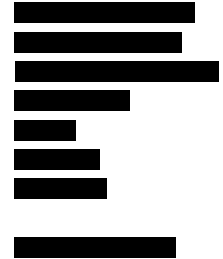


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Edward Gerry
North Dorset District Council

BY EMAIL ONLY



Dear Ed,

Planning consultation: Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 26 April 2018 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

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.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Town and country Planning (General Development Procedure Order) 1995, Article 10
The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, regulation 63
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Section 28 (G) and (I)

Natural England have no objection to the Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan and wish to make the below specific comments.

Natural England welcome the inclusion of a policy on local wildlife corridors and protected species and have the below recommendations for this policy and the site allocation policies;

- Amend text to show the updated name of "Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan". This better indicates the requirement of development to enhance the natural environment, in line with NPPF paragraphs 7, 109 and 118.
- The Dorset Biodiversity Protocol is recommended for all sites over 0.1ha or where there is likely adverse impact to biodiversity and as such we suggest the policy contain wording to state that plots over 0.1ha will be required to complete a BMEP

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Emily Greaves on [REDACTED]. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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