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Your ref: Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16 consultation



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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Reese

Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan 2019 - 2036 - Regulation 16 consultation

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 21 September 2020

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.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

Policies CNP2 and CNP7

We support these policies which seek to protect the local green spaces.

Policy CNP3/Site allocation at Montevideo House

Based on the information previously provided we advised (in June 2019) that a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the plan is not required. Since that date further evidence has come to light which has led to the development, with your Authority, of an interim strategy for mitigation of impacts on Chesil and the Fleet. In light of the information regarding the site allocation it seems unlikely that it would increase residential occupation of the site, as any new dwellings would replace residential park homes. On that basis we continue to advise that an HRA of the plan is not required but the plan may like to refer to the emerging strategy.

Policies CNP4 and CNP8

We welcome these policies and in particular welcome recognition of the importance of the area as functionally linked habitat for the Crookhill Brick Pits SAC/SSSI.

Policies CNP9, CNP10 and CNP12

We support these policies in respect of the Heritage Coast, AONB and biodiversity enhancement.

For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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