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Dear Mr Cardnell

Planning consultation: Wimborne St Giles 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.

Thank you for your consultation on the HRA for the above Neighbourhood Plan

Natural England advise that in accordance with the HRA dated July 2024 the modifications proposed as follows should be made to the Plan document in order for the plan to be fully compliant with the requirements of the Habitats Regulations 2017 as amended.

New Forest SPA /SAC and Ramsar

This text should be added to either policy 9 or 12:

'Site developers should be aware that net new housing (including windfall) within the 13.8km catchment of New Forest SAC/SPA will require a separate report to inform HRA, for submission to the local planning authority. Depending on the details, mitigation for recreational pressure impacts may also be required in line with the emerging New Forest Mitigation Strategy.'

Natural England also advise that the recently adopted Purbeck Local Plan includes additional policy reference to tourist accommodation and equestrian-related developments

Dorset Heathlands SAC, SPA and Ramsar

This text should be added to either policy 9 or 12:

*"Site developers should be aware that net new windfall housing **or other uses such as tourist accommodation and equestrian-related development** within the **400m to 5 km** catchment of Dorset Heaths SAC/Dorset Heathlands SPA will require a separate report to inform HRA, for submission to the local planning authority In line with the Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework 2020- 2025: Supplementary Planning Document. Depending on the details, mitigation for recreational pressure impacts may also be required"*

This will bring the policy into accordance with the recently adopted Local Plan policy E8.

Yours sincerely

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