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Your ref: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan



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Dear Mr Silverman

Consultation: Hertsmere Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 03 August 2015 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.

Natural England is generally supportive of the Hertsmere Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan.

Natural England also supports the conclusions of the Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) and concurs with your council's conclusion that, due to the distances to the nearest European sites and the lack of impact pathways, no separate HRA is required.

Please find enclosed response forms in support of eleven of the Policies (SADM 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 28 & 38); plus a further response form identifying a minor error in Appendix A.

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 Gordon Wyatt on 01480 810356. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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