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To: Neighbourhood Planning
Subject: RE: Extension request: Charlton Neighbourhood Plan - SEA / HRA Screening and additional Reg 16 Consultation

Our ref: 336645

Your ref: Charlton Neighbourhood Plan - SEA / HRA Screening and additional Reg 16 Consultation

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the HRA of the Charlton Neighbourhood Plan Appropriate Assessment.

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 notes that your authority, as competent authority, has undertaken an appropriate assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with regulation 63 of the Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). Natural England is a statutory consultee on the appropriate assessment stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process.

Your appropriate assessment concludes that your authority is able to ascertain that the plan will not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any of the sites in question. We have considered the assessment, and the proposed additional policy and changes to the plan text suggested to mitigate for adverse effects that could occur as a result of the proposed development within the plan area and the associated increase in nutrients entering the Solent designated sites. Provided the proposed changes are made to the plan Natural England advises that we concur with the assessment conclusions.

Nutrient neutrality

Natural England can confirm the calculation provided as part of the Appropriate Assessment has followed the most up to date methodology for developments as set out in Natural England's June 2020 Nutrient Neutrality guidance note. We support the inclusion of the policy to ensure that the housing allocation within the neighbourhood plan is nutrient neutral and advise that further detail of mitigation will be required at the detailed planning stage.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this email please contact me

Kind Regards

Liz