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Dear Richard

Planning consultation: Notice of Proposed Modifications to the Fareham Borough Local Plan Part 2: The Development Sites & Policies Plan
Location: Fareham Borough Council

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 16 February 2015 which was received by Natural England on the same day.

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.

Amendments to Paragraph 6.19-6.20: Stubbington Bypass

The land in the vicinity of the proposed Stubbington Bypass has the potential to function as supporting habitat to the nearby Solent Special Protection Areas (SPAs), namely Solent and Southampton Water SPA and Portsmouth Harbour SPA. Any loss of SPA functional habitat is likely to have a significant effect on the aforementioned SPAs. We therefore advise that this paragraph is amended to include:

The scheme will need to give careful consideration to the potential impacts on the Solent SPAs through avoiding or mitigating for any loss, disturbance or fragmentation of SPA supporting habitat. Appropriate winter surveys will be required to establish the importance of those sites alongside ongoing liaison with Natural England.

Housing Site H20: Corner of Station Road and A27, Portchester

Under 'information required', we advise that contributions towards the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership should be listed in order to avoid a likely significant effect on the Solent SPAs.

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 Francesca Barker on 0300 060 0873. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

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