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Dear Richard

**Planning consultation:** Notice of Proposed Modifications to the Fareham Borough Local Plan Part 3: The Welborne Plan; Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment for the Welborne Plan Modifications

**Location:** Fareham Borough Council

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 26 January 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.

**The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended)**

We have reviewed the above documents and have the following comment to make.

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The reference "*sufficient Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs) must be delivered prior to each phase of the residential development*" has been removed from under each of the separate text sub-sections for each phase, and instead has been included under phase 1 only. This amendment is quite confusing.

The delivery of sufficient SANG prior to occupation is necessary to mitigate for recreational disturbance impacts of the nearby coastal Special Protection Areas SPAs: Portsmouth Harbour, Chichester and Langstone Harbours, and Solent and Southampton Water SPAs. Therefore we advise, for clarity, that this reference should be positioned in the Local Plan in such a way that it is clear that it covers all the phases, and not only referred to in phase 1.

E.g. move the following paragraph in 10.6e (under phase 1) to 10.6a to capture all the phases: *Sufficient SANGS will need to be delivered in each phase prior to residential development, to support the avoidance or mitigation of potential damage to sensitive sites. Similarly, complementary green infrastructure, including open space and playing fields will need to be delivered in each phase to serve the growing community.*

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](mailto: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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