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Good morning,

Please find attached Natural England's response to the above consultation.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have queries. For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact myself at naomi.dixon@naturalengland.org.uk. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondence to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Kind regards,
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Dear Forward Planning Team,

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 10 January 2022.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body, and a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning. 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. Our remit includes protected sites and landscapes, biodiversity, geodiversity, soils, protected species, landscape character, green infrastructure and access to and enjoyment of nature.

Tiverton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Regulation 16

We note and welcome the changes made to the Tiverton NDP following the regulation 14 consultation. The NDP shows a clear commitment to protecting and enhancing the natural environment. We particularly welcome those policies and statements which focus on green infrastructure, biodiversity and habitat creation, championing a Tiverton that works for both people and the natural environment.

With regard to this consultation version, we have a suggestion for a minor amendment to Policy T9. Whilst we welcome the inclusion of protective wording for Tidcombe Lane Fen SSSI, we would recommend that this is amended from 'preventing' surface water runoff, to wording that ensures that all drainage proposals are able to demonstrate that they will have no adverse impact on the SSSI.

Tiverton Neighbourhood Development Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

As detailed in our initial response to the SEA screening dated 17 May 2021, we advise that there is currently not enough information provided within the SEA Screening report to conclude that the Tiverton NDP is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment.

The information provided in Appendix 2 concludes for each policy that "no likely significant effects are identified in relation to the SEA criteria", however, the assessment against the SEA criteria (Schedule 1 in the SEA Regs1) has not been provided. In particular, Natural England would wish to see that the value and vulnerability, with respect to specific nature and landscape designations, of the area have been taken into account in reaching the screening conclusion.

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 Naomi-Beth Dixon at naomi.dixon@naturalengland.org.uk. For any new consultations, or to provide

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