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Dear Mr Fox,

Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan, South Oxon District, draft version for Public Consultation

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 10/05/2017

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 a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made..

We note that policy SP3 'Contingency Sites' identifies WHE22 for conversion from light industrial to housing. It should be noted that site WHE22 is adjacent to and may potentially include part of the Littleworth Brick Pits SSSI, which is designated for its geological interest. It is appreciated that paragraph 8.26 makes a commitment to protect the SSSI, but we advise that the need to protect the SSSI is also related to the allocation at WHE22.

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact Rebecca Micklem on 020822 57686. For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: 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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