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Dear Valerie

Thank you for consulting Natural England on this Neighbourhood Plan (NP). My brief comments are as follows:

- We note that the plan does not allocate land for housing, on the basis of need and current consents.
- We welcome
- Policy EM2 with its links to the Local Plan
- Policy EM3
- Policy CDP2 which seems to imply that development will be in or adjoining (or possibly well related to) existing settlements. If so, perhaps this should be explicit.
- Policy DS1 the first bullet point indicates the need for development to "integrate into the existing surroundings ". This is likely to be in terms of urban form, landscape and local habitat networks. If so, these words could be worked into the policy.
- Policy DS5 could make reference to other on-site habitats (where they exist) and components in the network such a ditches, hedges etc.

Due to the current pressure of consultations on land-use proposals, plans and appeals, I have not been able to spend the time I would have wished to review and comment on your Neighbourhood Plan. Nevertheless, I hope you find these comments helpful.

If there are issues I have not covered, please let me know and I will respond as quickly as possible.

If discussion would be helpful, please give me a call.

If you wish to comment on the service provided by Natural England, please use the appended form.

Yours sincerely

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