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**To:** Neighbourhood Planning  
**Subject:** RE: Publication of the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review 2019-2037

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on your Neighbourhood Plan Review. We are a statutory consultee in the planning process providing advice to Local Authorities and developers on pre-application enquiries, planning applications, appeals and strategic plans.

We aim to reduce flood risk, while protecting and enhancing the water environment. We have the following comments to make:

SB2 – As per our comments on the Regulation 14, we are pleased to see specific reference to the policy requirement m. for at least 10% biodiversity net gain. We support the inclusion of specific reference to the need for a comprehensive drainage masterplan in policy requirement p. with regard a sustainable drainage. We support the inclusion of the need for phasing of development to take into account the time needed for any necessary improvements to sewerage networks and treatment capacity to be implement. We would continue to recommend continued dialogue between Southern Water and CDC in this regard.

SB13 – We are supportive of this policy.

SB14 – We are supportive of this policy.

SB22 – As per our comments on the Regulation 14 we are pleased to see the expansion of point III. requiring development to take opportunities to reduce flood risk where possible. We are supportive of this policy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details shown below should you have any queries regarding the above information

Kind regards

Sophie

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- Green growth and a sustainable future

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