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Dear Neighbourhood Planning team,

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the West Wittering Neighbourhood Plan. 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. Together with Natural England, English Heritage and Forestry Commission we have published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans. This is available at:

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/LIT_6524_7da381.pdf

We aim to reduce flood risk, while protecting and enhancing the water environment. We have had to focus our detailed engagement to those areas where the environmental risks are greatest.

We have only two minor comments in relation to the Plan as set out below:

- In paragraph 4.24, there should be inclusion of a reference to the forthcoming Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS). LNRS will be important planning tools to identify existing and potential habitat for wildlife, as well as setting out local priorities for enhancing biodiversity.
- Policy WW11 (Biodiversity, Geodiversity and Mitigating the Impacts of Climate Change) should ideally reference the mitigation hierarchy – i.e. avoid harm to biodiversity, if this cannot be done, adequately mitigate, or, as a last resort, compensate. This is set out in paragraph 180(a) of the National Planning Policy Framework.

We trust the above is helpful. We will continue to work with partners to influence the Development Plan Documents in your area.

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

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