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Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for consulting us on the above Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan confirms that there will be no development coming forward as part of this plan. Based on the information currently available, the modified Neighbourhood Plan raises no environmental concerns for us. We do have a few minor comments as set out below:

1. We are supportive of the wildlife corridor running the length of the Lumley Stream and Ham Brook and applaud the ambition to protect these chalk streams which are of great biodiversity value (Policy SB13). Where possible, restoration should also be targeted. The CaBA Chalk Stream Restoration Group launched a Chalk Stream Strategy in 2021 and an implementation plan in 2022. These can be accessed [here](#) and may provide helpful information/guidance. Please note the Environment Agency is not responsible for the content of any external websites.
2. In paragraph 5.67, there is reference to Natural England's guidance on nitrate neutrality (version 5 June 2020). A summary guide ([NE776](#)) was published in June 2022 so this reference is likely to need updating.

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

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Kind regards,*

Anna

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