Thank you for your consultation on the above which was received by Natural England on 07 November 2019.

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 has no specific comment to make on the plan. The following information may be useful to refer to as the plan progresses.

Natural England, together with the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Forestry Commission has published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans and development proposals. This contains useful information to refer to when implementing the plan and policies. This is available at: https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/Environment-toolkit-080219-1521.pdf.

We have reviewed the Addendum Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment screening report and are in agreement with the conclusions. It is our advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that, in so far as our strategic environmental interests are concerned (including but not limited to statutory designated sites, landscapes and protected species,
geology and soils) are concerned, that there are unlikely to be significant environmental effects from the proposed plan.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Q5. Do you wish to be notified of the Council’s decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulation 2012 whether to accept the Examiners’ recommendation? (please tick)

Yes, please notify me of the Council’s decision