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Dear Sir or Madam

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Thank you for your letter dated 16/12/2016 notifying Natural England of the above consultation.

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 is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

We note that there are two sites proposed for development by the Neighbourhood Plan (in addition to the strategic sites allocated by the Local Plan). We do not have data to indicate any ecological sensitivities on these sites, however site 2 is adjacent to Radley Gravel Pits Local Wildlife Site (LWS), we advise that the plan is clear that any significant impacts of development on the LWS should be avoided or mitigated.

We advise that Sugworth Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is included on Map 9, which identifies protected areas. Sugworth SSSI is designated for its geological interest, and its location and citation is available on the [Magic](#) website.

Natural England encourages proposals to help improve people's access to the natural environment, we therefore welcome the aim of policy CA.7 to create an Area of Quiet Recreation and Nature Conservation in the Radley Lakes area. Additionally, we advise that consideration is given to the Thames Path National Trail, including minimising impacts from development and provision of opportunities to improve access. The National Trails website www.nationaltrail.co.uk provides information.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact Rebecca Micklem on 020822 57686. For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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