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Dear Steve

Planning consultation: Torbay Plan Habitat Regulation Assessment

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.

Further to the Examination in Public (EIP) and the discussions between Natural England and Torbay Council, providing that:

- policies ER1, ER2, W5 and SS7 are amended as agreed as per your email dated 21/11/14 12.26 pm and my subsequent email of the same date sent 14.24 pm,
- Policy NC1 is amended as per your email dated 29/10/14 sent 14.31pm

Natural England withdraws its objections to the Plan.

Natural England also had a concern regarding whether Neighbourhood Plans would be able to deliver all development due to the restrictions placed on Neighbourhood Plans by Schedule 2 of the Neighbourhood Plans Regulations 2012. This concern is now removed given the undertaking that the Authority has committed to a site allocations DPD, as stated at the EIP, if Neighbourhood Plans don't or can't deliver the spatial distribution of development. I am unsure which policy this will be included in.

Natural England now has no outstanding objection to the Plan policies and considers the Plan legally sound in respect of the Habitat Regulations Assessment.

We look forward to receiving the revised Habitat Regulations Appropriate Assessment as discussed and the modifications to the Plan in due course. 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.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Laura Horner on 0777 589 2929. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

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.

Yours sincerely



