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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Sir/Madam,

Drayton Neighbourhood Plan revised Pre-Submission Consultation.

Many thanks for the above consultation. 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 made an number of comments in our response to the earlier iteration of the plan (letter dated 14th February 2014). Following the changes to the plan, we have the following additional comments to make:

We note that the South of High Street site abuts a public right of way. Development on this site should maintain as far as practicable the rural nature of these routes, and we advise the plan wording is amended accordingly.

Similarly the North of Barrow Road abuts two public rights of way. Development on this site should maintain as far as practicable the rural nature of these routes, and we advise the plan wording is amended accordingly.

We welcome the section on Enhancing the Parish's Natural Environment and Biodiversity, although greater clarity around how these policies will be delivered would be welcome.

If, as you develop your plan, you consider that it will significantly impact on designated nature conservation sites or protected species or has other significant impacts on the natural environment then you should consult Natural England again.

For any correspondence or queries relating to this consultation only, please contact me on 07990 773630. For any new consultations or issues, please contact 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

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