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**Subject:** RE: SCCFRM1247 Amended notification-Puriton Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 consultation)

Hi,

Thank you for inviting the LLFA to provide comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Puriton Parish.

The Plan recognises the sensitivities to flood risk and the existing flood defence systems within the Parish. It is important that any proposals account for this fully and are designed with an understanding of the specific flood risk aspects for each site- this may include a review of the detailed flood risk and flood defence information from the Environment Agency or details of surface water flooding from the LLFA. We appreciate that any development will be subject to planning policies both from Sedgemoor and under NPPF but we also believe this is an opportunity to highlight this and promote best practice and an aspirational approach to including SuDS and other flood risk management measures at all scales of development.

We welcome the consideration of flood risk and drainage within the plan and suggest that it may even be appropriate to strengthen this in some areas.

The policy BNE2: Flood Risk addresses flood risk aspects directly and appropriately. There could be an opportunity to be even more aspirational in this section and seek for a positive contribution to managing flood risk and enhancing local flood risk management strategies.

Policy HTA1: Improving Transport, Accessibility and Connectivity could also include a suggestion to consider the incorporation of suitable SuDS into schemes to provide wider benefits to biodiversity and amenity value as well as enhanced management of surface water runoff.

Policy HTA2: Public Access Around the Parish could also include a suggestion to consider the incorporation of suitable SuDS into schemes (particularly green infrastructure and local green spaces) to provide wider benefits to biodiversity and amenity value as well as enhanced management of surface water runoff.

Policy LFA1: Maintaining and Enhancing Community Facilities, Amenities and Access could also include a suggestion to consider the incorporation of suitable SuDS into schemes where appropriate to provide wider benefits to biodiversity and amenity value as well as enhanced management of surface water runoff.

Policy BNE1: High Quality and Sustainable Design could also include an element of design to consider the incorporation of suitable SuDS into schemes with an aspiration to provide wider benefits to biodiversity and amenity value as well as enhanced management of surface water runoff.

Policy BNE5: Green Space could also include a suggestion to consider the incorporation of suitable SuDS into schemes to provide a positive contribution to flood risk management whilst also delivering wider benefits to biodiversity and amenity value. There would be real opportunities in this policy to include such measures from an early stage.

We trust that these comments are helpful and would be happy to discuss anything further in this respect.

Kind regards

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