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Dear Ms Diaz

Planning consultation: Puriton Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 consultation)

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 24 October 2022 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in our response – this was due to an administrative error. We offer the following comments, which we hope will still be helpful.

Having reviewed the consultation documents, we are satisfied that the Puriton Neighbourhood Plan appears to be a well-researched and generally positive document that reflects local aspirations for the area, accords with other relevant policies, and overall, we would expect it to provide a positive framework for guiding future development within the Parish.

While there are no nationally or internationally designated sites within the plan area, we very much welcome the importance given to the protection of the natural environment within Puriton Parish – this is well reflected through the Neighbourhood Plan, and specifically in Policies BNE3, BNE4 and BNE5 (and accompanying maps) relating to *locally valued landscapes and views; areas of biodiversity, geodiversity and habitats, and local green space*, which should help to ensure these important assets are protected as part of future development.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter please contact me on xxx. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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