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Dear Ms Lowe,

### **Welford-on-Avon Neighbourhood Plan Submission Draft**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

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 welcomes the Submission Draft Plan and generally approves of its content.

We strongly approve of the intention to conserve Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), such as Welford Field, as expressed in 'Objective 1' but would like to have seen this expressed in policy (HE2 notwithstanding).

Further, Natural England sees neighbourhood planning and development as an opportunity not only to conserve but also to enhance designated sites (such as SSSIs) and existing green spaces, provide green corridors to link existing green space and plan positively for new green infrastructure. We would approve of any amendment to policy wording that reflected this.

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 Jamie Melvin on 0300 060 2497. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto: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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