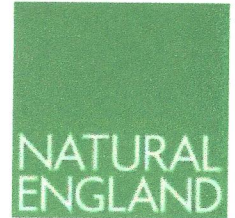


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Dear [Redacted]

**Planning consultation:** Stoke Golding Draft Neighbourhood Plan - screening assessment.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 17 July 2020 which was received by Natural England on 21 July 2020

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 report '*Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report*' (July 2020) for the Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan.

The screening opinion concludes that there is the potential for significant effects on the Kendall's Meadow Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) located to the north of the Neighbourhood Area. The current allocated housing sites lie within the Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) of Kendall's Meadow SSSI.

IRZs are a GIS tool developed by Natural England to make a rapid initial assessment of the potential risks posed by development proposals to protected sites, including SSSIs. They define zones around each site which reflect the particular sensitivities of the features for which it is notified and indicate the types of development proposal which could potentially have adverse impacts.

Natural England advises that the SSSI is particularly sensitive to residential dwellings of 100 or more dwellings outside of existing settlements.

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 [Redacted]. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [Redacted].

Yours sincerely

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