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Dear Mr Hale,

Modbury Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 re-submission consultation

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 12th July 2022.

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 does not have any specific comments on the re-submission Regulation 16 draft of the Modbury Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

Natural England notes that a revised Strategic Environmental Assessment screening of the resubmission version of the Modbury Neighbourhood Plan has not been undertaken. Notwithstanding, Natural England advises that in the absence of any site allocations within the Plan that in so far as our strategic environmental interests (including but not limited to statutory designated sites, landscapes and protected species, geology and soils) are concerned, that there are unlikely to be significant environmental effects from the proposed plan.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

Natural England notes that a revised Habitats Regulations Assessment screening of the re-submission version of the Modbury Neighbourhood Plan has not been undertaken. Notwithstanding, Natural England advises that in the absence of any site allocations within the Plan that it is not likely to result in significant effects on any Habitats sites.

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 <u>only</u> please contact Stephanie Parker-Stephenson on 07799438517, or by email to <u>stephanie.parker-stephenson@naturalengland.org.uk</u>. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to <u>consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

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