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Dear Ms Morton

**Winchester District Local Plan Part 1, Joint Core Strategy (JCS)- proposed final modifications**

Thank you for your letter dated 12 November 2012 inviting Natural England's comments on the proposed final modifications to the Winchester District Local Plan Part 1- Joint Core Strategy.

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 is pleased to note modifications to policies MTRA2, MTRA3, CP5, CP12, and paragraph 7.56 to add references to the need to consider internationally designated sites as well as national and local sites. We also welcome the addition to paragraph 7.29 which provides for a strategic approach to the management of air quality in the district. We have no further comments to make on the proposed final modifications to the plan.

The comments we have made in this response (and those previously to the Winchester JCS/HRA) are based on the information provided by you, and for the avoidance of doubt does not affect our obligation to advise on, and potentially object to any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from this or later versions of the plan or programme which is the subject of this consultation, and which may have adverse effects on the environment.

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 Sarah Armstrong-Stacey on 0300 060 2734. 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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