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Subject: RE: New Milton Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Suna,

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the New Milton Pre-submission Neighbourhood plan.

We have reviewed the plan and would like to make the following comments:

Vision & Objectives

We note that some of the proposed development sites are Greenfield sites and that the draft polices seek to ensure recreational pressure on the New Forest is mitigated, and indeed policy NM9 seeks to establish a green network for this very reason. However, there is no reference to the natural environment within your objectives and vision. The provision, protection and enhancement of our natural environment can provide many benefits, including managing surface water, increased biodiversity, varied amenity space, positive impacts on health and wellbeing amongst other benefits.

Your vision and objectives could be strengthened further to include the value of the natural environment to the local community for reasons mentioned above.

Our comments below refer to the Danes stream, and Becton Bunny which are designated main rivers. We have recently responded to NFDC emerging Local Plan site specific policies and we hope that NFDC will recognise the opportunities to enhance parts of the Danes Stream and Becton Bunny, through their emerging polices. In addition we have asked that NFDC look at the potential of securing developers contributions either through CIL or S106 to enable habitat restoration/enhancement on these two rivers which will not only have a positive impact on local wildlife but could also help to alleviate flood risk.

We hope that NFDC will consider our comments and include them in the emerging plan, however this NP has the scope to be more specific (and not repeat national and local policy) we would ask that you consider incorporating habitat enhancement, flood risk management and look to seek developers contributions to help deliver your vision and objectives.

Policy NM3 Land at Brockhills Lane

There are two arms of the Danes Stream (a designated main river) which runs along and through the site. We would advise that the policy includes reference to ensuring that there is 8m buffer zone either side of the river. Danes Stream is a known sea trout migratory route and spawning stream and also has eel present. Danes Stream is also thought to have a small population of water vole, any master planning will need to pay careful consideration to the location of any footpaths, lighting and the removal of trees should be discouraged as they offer shade and protection to water dependent species.

Flood Risk Activity Permit

Please note that this development may require an Environmental Permit or an exemption from an Environmental Permit from the Environment Agency. Any works located in, over, under or within 8 metres of a main river or 16m or a tidal defence, is likely to require a Flood Risk Activity Permit from the Environment Agency.

The need for an environmental permit is separate to the need for planning permission. The granting of planning permission does not necessarily lead to the granting of an environmental permit.

Further details and guidance are available on the GOV.UK website: www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits

There is the opportunity to explore with you habitat enhancement either on site or downstream and the possibility of removing culverts and addition of a lake/pond feature in north east corner of site to encourage great crested newts. We would welcome further discussion around this so it can be worked into the policy and master plan.

Policy NM4 Land South of Gore Road

Although we have no environmental concerns with this site there are opportunities to undertake habitat restoration/improvement works on the Becton Bunny downstream of the site. We would advise that this could be referenced in policy NM9, which could be widened to include this and other enhance opportunities.

Policy NM5 Land at Caird Avenue

The Danes Stream (a designated main river) runs through part of the site. We would advise that the policy includes reference to ensuring that there is 8m buffer zone either side of the river. Danes Stream is a known sea trout migratory and spawning stream and also has eel present. Danes Stream is also thought to have a small population of water vole any master planning will need to pay careful consideration will need to be given to the location of any footpaths, lighting and we would advise that there should be no removal of trees.

Danes Stream – at least an 8m buffer zone to be incorporated in any plans to include footpaths, lighting and no removal of trees etc. Danes Stream is a known sea trout migratory route and spawning stream and also has eel present.

Policy NM9 The 'Greenway' Network

In addition to adding the text to this policy which seeks habitat creation and enhancement (as mentioned above), there is potential to enhance Becton Bunny at Long Meadow which would also provide additional flood capacity. There are opportunities to open up culverts along route and carry out habitat enhancements to existing water features on both Danes Stream and Becton Bunny which could be explored further and included as part of the policy wording.

For Danes Stream there needs to be an 8m buffer which should include lighting, no removal of trees and footpaths.

Policy NM11 Barton-on-sea

There is opportunity to enhance Becton Bunny through Long Meadow which would also provide additional flood capacity. General habitat improvement along Becton Bunny.

Policy NM16 Design Quality

The emerging NFDC LP policy for Development Standards is seeking new development to have a higher water use efficiency standard of a maximum of 110 litres per person per day. However, Southern water have an ambitious target to reduce average consumption to 100 litres per person per day. We would advise that this policy is ambitious and not only seeks to address energy efficiency but also water efficiency in line with SW target which will ensure more water is available for homes, business and the environment.

We hope you have found these comments useful and we look forward to continued dialogue and the next iteration of the plan.

Many thanks,

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Attn: Planning

Please find attached our Final Pre-Submission Plan for the New Milton Neighbourhood Plan.

Our Neighbourhood Plan website will be updated later today as we start our Consultation period: www.newmiltonplan.org.uk

Best wishes

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