

## **Astwood and Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses**

**Natural England**

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Operations Delivery**

Thank you for your consultation request on the above dated and received by Natural England on 8th April, 2021.

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 a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.