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Dear Sir or Madam

Itchingfield Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 16)

Thank you for your consultation request on the above dated and received by Natural England on 17th December 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 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 offers the following advice regarding the Itchingfield Neighbourhood Plan:

Where neighbourhood plan policies have the potential to impact the Arun Valley Special Protection area (SPA), Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Ramsar site, we advise consideration of Natural England's advice on the overarching local plan, which has been provided to the local authority. This concerns an emerging issue relating to water quality and water quantity in the Arun Valley designated sites, and Natural England are in the process of discussing this issue with your local authority.

For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully


Consultations Team