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Dear Heather Carlisle

Planning consultation: Outline - 1st phase of urban extension comprising 350 homes & other works

Location: Land at Three Elms, North East Quarter, To the north east of Huntington and bounded, by Three Elms Road and Roman Road, Hereford HR4 7RA

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 30 August 2024 which was received by Natural England on 30 August 2024.

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.

Insufficient information provided

There is insufficient information to enable Natural England to provide a substantive response to this consultation as required under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. Please provide the information listed below and re-consult Natural England. Please note that you are required to provide a further 21 day consultation period, once this information is received by Natural England, for us to respond.

European/International Sites

Natural England notes that the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) has not been produced by your authority, but by the applicant. As the competent authority, it is your responsibility to produce the HRA and be accountable for its conclusions. This also applies to a HRA which is adopted by the competent authority but produced by someone else. Once your council has reviewed the Applicant's HRA, they should either confirm to Natural England that they are satisfied with it and that the Council will adopt it or they should provide their own HRA and consult Natural England if appropriate (See guidance on when to consult the Statutory Nature Conservation Body- [Habitats regulations assessments: protecting a European site - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/habitats-regulations-assessments-protecting-a-european-site)).

Please note that we are not seeking further information on other aspects of the natural environment, although we may make comments on other issues in our final response.

On receipt of the information requested, we will aim to provide a full response within 21 days of receipt. Please be aware that if the information requested is not supplied, Natural England may need to consider objecting to the proposal on the basis of potential harm to the above designated site.

Should the developer wish to explore options for avoiding or mitigating effects on the natural environment with Natural England, we recommend that they use our [Discretionary Advice Service](#).

Please send further correspondence, marked for my attention, to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk quoting our reference [Click here to enter text](#).

Yours sincerely

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