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Dear Sir/Madam,

South Gloucestershire Local Plan: Policies, Sites and Places Plan - Habitat Regulations Assessment

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment on this consultation.

I can confirm that we concur with the conclusion of the 2016 HRA Addendum Update (para 5.1), namely that:

“the June 2016 PSP Plan and submitted version of the PSP Plan contains no additional housing allocations, and is therefore not considered to create potential for potential for further recreational pressure on the Severn Estuary N2K site either alone or in-combination with impacts identified in surrounding authorities HRAs”

Notwithstanding this conclusion, Natural England is concerned about the emerging evidence around recreational disturbance to birds on the Severn Estuary SPA, and we thus welcome the statement in the Addendum (para 5.2) that

“The potential for impacts on the Severn Estuary SPA/SAC/Ramsar site arising from recreational pressure, will need to be re-examined in the New Local Plan”

For any correspondence or queries relating to this consultation only, please contact Charles Routh on 07990 773630 or by email at charles.routh@naturalengland.org.uk. For all other correspondence, please email consultations@naturalengland.org.uk, or if it is not possible to consult by email, please send to the above address.

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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