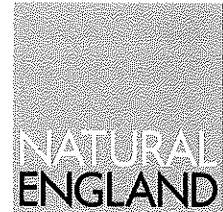


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Dear Kim

Planning consultation: : Gosport Draft Charging Schedule September 2014 (Regulation 16)

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 19 September 2014 which was received by Natural England on the same day.

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 not a service provider, nor do we have detailed knowledge of infrastructure requirements of the area concerned. However, we note that the National Planning Policy Framework Para 114 states "Local planning authorities should set out a strategic approach in their Local Plans, planning positively for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure". We view CIL as playing an important role in delivering such a strategic approach.

We welcome the commitment by Gosport Borough Council to deliver mitigation as agreed by the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership. As it is intended to collect the financial contributions via direct payments to the Borough Council, it is our understanding that the mitigation contributions currently fall outside of the CIL.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Simon Thompson on
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Yours sincerely

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