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Subject: FAO Mr John Diver REF: 2018/3692/P

Dear Mr Diver

Application Ref: 2018/3692/P
Our Ref: 256394

Natural England has **no comments** to make on this application.

Natural England has not assessed this application for impacts on protected species. Natural England has published [Standing Advice](#) which you can use to assess impacts on protected species or you may wish to consult your own ecology services for advice.

Natural England and the Forestry Commission have also published standing advice on [ancient woodland and veteran trees](#) which you can use to assess any impacts on ancient woodland.

The lack of comment from Natural England does not imply that there are no impacts on the natural environment, but only that the application is not likely to result in significant impacts on statutory designated nature conservation sites or landscapes. It is for the local planning authority to determine whether or not this application is consistent with national and local policies on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may be able to provide information and advice on the environmental value of this site and the impacts of the proposal to assist the decision making process. We advise LPAs to obtain specialist ecological or other environmental advice when determining the environmental impacts of development.

The proposed development is within an area that Natural England considers could benefit from enhanced green infrastructure (GI) provision. Multi-functional green infrastructure can perform a range of functions including improved flood risk management, provision of accessible green space, climate change adaptation and biodiversity enhancement. Natural England would encourage the incorporation of GI into this development.

We recommend referring to our SSSI Impact Risk Zones (available on [Magic](#) and as a downloadable [dataset](#)) prior to consultation with Natural England. Further guidance on when to consult Natural England on planning and development proposals is available online at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice>.

Yours sincerely

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Natural England offers two chargeable services: the [Discretionary Advice Service](#), which provides pre-application and post-consent advice on planning / licensing proposals to developers and consultants; and the [Pre-submission Screening Service](#) for European Protected Species mitigation licence applications. These services help applicants take appropriate account of environmental considerations at an early stage of project development; reduce uncertainty; the risk of delay and added cost at a later stage while securing good results for the natural environment.

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