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Dear Mr Twamley

Planning consultation: Membury Neighbourhood Plan Submission

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 06 February 2018

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 welcomes the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. We welcome the revisions made to reflect our response to publication of the pre-submission plan (our letter of 21 September 2017) and in particular reference to the need to 'avoid' adverse impact on landscape and biodiversity in policy NE1 and reference to 'landscape' in policy HP1.

As the Neighbourhood Plan area contains a geological Site of Special Scientific Interest (Furley Chalk Pit) it is suggested that policy NE1(1)(a) also makes reference to geodiversity.

We note that the Neighbourhood Plan does not contain allocations for development.

We have no further comments to make.

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 Carol Reeder on [REDACTED] For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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