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Dear Forward Planning Team

Planning consultation: Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Plan submission consultation.

Thank you for consulting Natural England.

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 broadly satisfied with the Plan and accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

We note however that the Neighbourhood Plan may come forward ahead of the City of York Local Plan and includes reference to allocations and policies from the Local Plan which have not yet been adopted.

As such, should changes be made to the Local Plan, there is a risk that the Neighbourhood Plan may no longer be in conformity with the Plan. We therefore recommend that this potential is acknowledged in the Neighbourhood Plan and that measures to ensure that the Plan is reviewed and any conflicts resolved in this circumstance are proposed.

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 please contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] or on [REDACTED]. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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