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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Barber,

Warwick Local Plan – Sites for Gypsies and Travellers

Thank you for your email regarding the above, dated 17 June 2013 and received by Natural England on the same date.

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 this consultation on Sites for Gypsies and Travellers.

We support the suggested policy criteria related to avoiding adverse impacts on important features of the natural and historic environment and the landscape (7.3).

With regard to the sites for consideration and comment (section 9), please note that Natural England has not undertaken a comprehensive review of the sites listed for consideration. If require Natural England to check the sites against our system, please supply a list of grid references to allow us to undertake this exercise efficiently.

We advise the LPA to consider impacts and opportunities regarding statutory and non-statutory nature conservation sites, Priority habitats and species, geodiversity, landscape sensitivity and green infrastructure values.

Information about natural environment interests is available free of charge through nature on the map: <http://www.natureonthemap.naturalengland.org.uk/>. We also recommend that you contact your Local Records Centre.

We welcome the inclusion of the Sites for Gypsies and Travellers as a part of the Interim Final Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Hayley Fleming on 0300 060 1594 or email hayley.fleming@naturalengland.org.uk.

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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