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Dear Sir/Madam,

Gypsies and Travellers Preferred Options Consultation Land at Stratford Road, Warwick

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 31st October 2014 which was received by email 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.

The proposed allocation of land at Stratford Road, Warwick does not appear likely to impact on any designated site or landscape in such a way that might give rise to an objection and we do not therefore see the need to amend the comments we made during the previous consultation period.

We do however note the proximity of this allocation to the River Avon which, according to our records, is designated as a Local Site (contrary to the impression given by the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum). We commend the inclusion of provisions that 'development will need to ensure that there are no negative effects on the River Avon' and encourage the Local Planning Authority to consider possible opportunities to enhance the designated feature.

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 Jamie Melvin on 2497. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@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 faithfully,

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