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**From:** Potter, Jack [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 March 2020 13:20  
**To:** Philip Reese; Planning Policy NDDC  
**Subject:** Milton Abbas Neighbourhood Plan - Reg 16 consultation 20March20

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the Milton Abbas Neighbourhood Plan.

Natural England support the policies to protect valued green infrastructure within and around the urban setting of the village.

Natural England acknowledge that the SEA has adequately assessed the allocation sites with reference to the need to provide mitigation for likely impacts to internationally designated wildlife sites under the Habitat Regulations 2017, such compliance with the Poole Harbour Nitrate Supplementary Planning Document and the need to consider Greater Horseshoe Bat foraging zones from Bryanston Site of Special Scientific Interest. However, this is not reflected in the identified policies and does not mutually support the policies at a former district local plan level.

Whilst the international and nationally designated sites were assessed and ruled out in the SEA. Sites of Nature Conservation Interest are present within the neighbourhood boundary, have not been identified in the SEA or reflected in the plan and have the potential to be directly or indirectly adversely impacted by windfall development coming forward within the plan period. Furthermore, it is recognised that the allocation sites have received a plan appropriate level of survey however, should windfall development come forward, there is no environmental policy to assess applications against at a local level. The parish council may wish to specify encouraging the use of the Dorset Biodiversity Protocol to take account of SNCI's and biodiversity if a development triggers certain thresholds.

In conclusion, Natural England agree with the assessment process informing the NP but do not believe that the environmental assessments have adequately fed through to policy to support the North Dorset Local Plan nor is it in line with National Planning Policy Framework to be silent on environmental considerations.

Kind Regards,

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**From:** Philip Reese [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2020 17:37  
**To:** Potter, Jack [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Milton Abbas Neighbourhood Plan - Reg 16 consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Milton Abbas Parish Council has submitted a **Neighbourhood Plan for Milton Abbas**. Dorset Council is now required to publicise and invite representations on the plan. In addition, we are required to notify you directly as a consultation body referred to in the plan's consultation statement that the plan has been received.

The proposed plan can be viewed online at [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/milton-abbas-neighbourhood-plan](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/milton-abbas-neighbourhood-plan)  
A hard copy can be viewed at [South Walks House, Dorchester](#), and from St James Church, Milton Abbas.

Comment forms are available from the above locations or on request from the Planning Policy Team. These must be returned by **Friday 13 March 2020**.

Comments may include a request to be notified of the local planning authority's decision under Regulation 19 in relation to the neighbourhood plan. All comments will be made publicly available.

Please see the attached PDF for the formal letter informing you of the consultation.

Regards,

**Philip Reese**  
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