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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning consultation: Submission draft Crawley Local Plan (Regulation 19)

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 20 January 2020 which was received by Natural England on 20 January 2020

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 has reviewed the Crawley Local Plan Regulation 19 and accompanying appendices together with the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Sustainability Appraisal (SA). Please note that we have not provided comments on all policies but those that are within our remit. Natural England has no comment to make on the policies not covered in this response.

We are pleased to see the inclusion of many of our previous comments included within the draft submission. In particular comments relating to Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Net Gain. We support the inclusion of the inclusion of a *“Proposals involving the creation of dwellings will be required to at least meet the Building Regulations optional requirement for tighter water efficiency, and should, where feasible, achieve a more advanced target of 100 litres/person/day. A tighter target of 80 litres/person/day should be met for significant, strategic scale developments.”* within Policy SDC3 Tackling Water Stress.

We agree with the findings in the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment.

We have no further comments in relation to this submission.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on Sophie.brown@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

Sophie Brown

