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F.A.O. of the Planning Policy team

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the partial review of the North West Leicestershire Local Plan by your email of 20th November 2019.

Natural England does not have any comments on the revised wording of Policy S1 – Future housing and economic development needs. Our main concern for future housing and economic growth scenarios is that the policy approach would ensure no adverse impact on any designated nature conservation sites or protected landscapes. We would also highlight the importance of Biodiversity Net Gain and suggest that this should be given full consideration within the Substantive Review. We agree with the conclusion of the accompanying Habitat Regulations Assessment that the Partial Review would not affect any European Sites. We have no comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Report.

If you need to discuss the plan further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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