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Dear Ms Tinsley

Planning Consultation: Solihull Local Development Plan - Gypsy & Traveller Site Allocations **Development Plan Submission Draft** 

Thank you for your consultation on the above document which was received by Natural England on 05 April 2013

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 is generally satisfied that the document has given full consideration to the natural environment. In particular we welcome the provision in policies GTS 2, 3 and 5 which include provision for the protection of Local Wildlife Sites which are in close proximity to the proposed Gypsy & Traveller Sites.

We also welcome the provision in the table of Site Assessment Criteria and Detailed Considerations (Appendix 1) that any unacceptable impact on landscape, nature conservation sites, ecology, biodiversity and the historic environment should be mitigated.

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 Roslyn Deeming on 0300 060 1524. 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 sincerely

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