

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Neighbourhood Plan which has now been submitted for Examination.

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.

We have already commented on the Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Draft Neighbourhood Plan in response to a consultation from Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Parish Council. Natural England does not consider that the plan will have any likely significant effects on any internationally or nationally designated nature conservation sites and welcomes the broad thrust of the plan and some of the specific policy proposals. It is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and set within the context of the Melton Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft. We particularly welcome the section on biodiversity including the commitment to protect Wymondham Rough and Cribbs Meadow Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) from the impacts of development.

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 me on 02080261940. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Kind regards

Sean Mahoney (Lead Adviser)

Sustainable Development

East Midlands Area Team

**Natural England**

Apex Court  
City Link  
Nottingham  
NG2 4LA

[www.gov.uk/natural-england](http://www.gov.uk/natural-england)