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13th July 2016

Dear Mrs Arnold,

Consultation on Proposed Modifications to the West Somerset Local Plan to 2032

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the main modifications and additional modifications to the West Somerset Local Plan 2032. We have screened the Proposed Modification Documents for modifications relating to green infrastructure (including ecological networks), biodiversity and landscape character.

We are in support of the following main modifications;

MM22 – We agree that habitat must be assessed as replaceable before an attempt to replace it is made.

MM23 – We support the use of green infrastructure to protect and enhance heritage assets of the area. A well planned and protected green infrastructure network can provide many benefits in addition to the recreational and environmental benefits green infrastructure is often associated with.

MM26 – We support this additional policy which will protect the landscape character of the Quantock Hills AONB.

We are in support of the following additional modification;

AM16 – Stream and river corridors are excellent examples of green infrastructure which can provide connections for wildlife and people.

Although not included in this consultation we would like to take this opportunity to positively support Policy NH4: Green Infrastructure and Policy NH3: Nature Conservation and the Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity. In particular we would like to commend the commitment that “the Local Planning Process will be used to protect, enhance and restore the ecological network within West Somerset.”

Yours Sincerely,

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